

# Parents Association of Notre Dame Academy

## Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, December 6, 2017

- Opening Prayer – Sister Tess Markus
- Opening Remarks from President – Melissa Thompson
  - Christmas gifts presented to faculty/staff – Merry Christmas and Thank You!
- Principal's Report – Linda Hobbs
  - Please make sure you continue to check the school website, your teachers' websites, and please pay close attention to the principal's letter on Fridays (emails may include attachments that need your attention)
  - Dec 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception. NDA invited other Catholic schools to attend mass at Cathedral (Blessed Sacrament and St. Teresa's will join). Mass is at 12:10 PM, all are welcome to join; Father Junker will be celebrant. Mass will be followed by tours of nativities in the south nave, culminating with pizza, cookies, drinks in the undercroft (NDA kids will return to school after tour of nativities). We're in need of volunteers to assist with serving food; anyone able to help, please let Mrs. Hobbs know.
  - Thank you to Kate Welborn and Sandy Koontz, who have worked since beginning of the school year to transfer all the books from the St. Augustine's Campus to the library at the Cathedral Campus!
  - Reminder – when picking up your child at the end of the school day, and the children are out, PLEASE DO NOT pull your car up to the front of the lot by the school for the safety of the students.
  - Christmas parties will take place on Monday Dec 19 – teachers will coordinate with head room moms; more details to come from your teachers
  - [Coupon Program](#) – for you Christmas shoppers, the school office has a variety of coupons, gift cards, and certificates from over 100 merchants. The morning of Dec 15 is the deadline to order from Sandra McNease in order to receive them before Christmas break. There's a list online, but if you have something specific you're not sure about, contact Sandra directly.
  - Dec 20 – last day of school before Christmas
    - Early dismissal at 11 AM; there will be no mass
    - NO after care.
    - Movie day at the Lincoln Theatre – Ferdinand
      - K-7 will walk to theater (preschool and pre-k can attend, but you and your child must meet group at theater)
      - 8<sup>th</sup> graders to see Star Wars (will walk to theater earlier as the movie is longer)
      - Both movies will end at same time, so all kids will walk back to school together
  - No new updates on scholarship program – will be working on school budget at the school board meeting on Dec 12 in order to have tuition rates by January 1 – email to come out once it's in place  
*[Update: email sent to parents on Dec 7]*
  - Advent project – collecting items for Daystar Program (Cairo IL) and Pregnancy Care in Belleville. Information was sent home with the students last week. Collection bins are outside the office. This is a great opportunity for our children to help others in need. Last day for collection is December 15.  
*[Update: list was included as attachment on Friday email sent on Dec 8]*
  - School and classrooms are decorated for the holidays – if you haven't had a chance, next time you're in the school, come see the decorations!

- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Have fun, slow down and enjoy!
- Treasurer's Report – Adriena Beatty
  - Distributed at meeting
- Upcoming Events – Melissa Thompson
  - December 13 – Christmas Concert at McCormick Center – kids need to be there at 6:15
  - December 14-15 Christmas Elves Workshop
    - Need volunteers to set up on Tuesday Dec 12
    - Need items donated for kids to shop for families
  - December 20 – Early Dismissal at 11 AM
  - December 21 – January 2 – Christmas Break
  - January 3 – School Resumes (NOTE: Early Dismissal at 1:45 PM)
- Fundraisers – Melissa Thompson
  - December 19-20 Papa John's
    - 2 checks from Papa John's for \$95
  - Box Tops for Education and Coke Rewards codes (bottle caps/cartons)
    - Check received - \$70
  - Box Tops app – use this when you shop and get \$\$ for NDA!
    - Check coming for around \$250
- Information from the Athletic Directors – Christine Jones
  - Basketball
    - Regular season is finishing up; diocesan games start in January (girls start 1<sup>st</sup> weekend, boys start 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend)
    - 8<sup>th</sup> grade tournament next week (Dec 12, 14 thru 16)
  - Trivia night – January 20
    - Get your table together and your reservations in as they do fill up!
    - 8 people per table
  - Volleyball
    - Need a few more boys to have our own team (currently on the cusp)
    - If you didn't register yet, email Christine Jones
  - Athletic committee – those in the committee have children who are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and will be moving on. We'd love to have some new faces on the committee; looking for volunteers to join and help out. If you're interested, let us know!
- Closing Prayer – Sister Tess Markus

Thank you all for coming!

Thank you to everyone who brought the delicious food and desserts for the potluck!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Next meeting Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7 pm