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# ONE VOICE

## School Newsletter

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### NOTRE DAME FACULTY PREPARING THROUGH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Built into the Peoria Notre Dame high school 2009-2010 schedule is a Professional Development Period for the teachers' benefit. The primary goal of the professional development is to prepare the PND teachers to teach in a 65-minute classroom and utilize technology in a 1:1 environment. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday are designated for the teaching staff to receive instruction and information primarily to prepare them to teach in an extended time period. The proposed and soon to be implemented 65 minute trimester schedule will promote a variety of instructional methods teachers will be expected to utilize when delivering class content to students. Much of the in-service has been the conveyance of research-based pedagogies that other successful high schools have been utilizing for several years. Those methods will offer Peoria Notre Dame High School students unique learning opportunities.

All teachers were given specific readings (books) over the 2008 and 2009 summer breaks. These books have been reviewed and the ideas offered in the readings have been thoroughly discussed with our teachers encouraged to imbed some of these techniques and ideas in their classrooms this school year. *The Element, The Game of School, Who Moved My Cheese,* and *The Game of School* are just a few of the books discussed within the professional development period. Other methods and pedagogies can be found on the following website: <http://sites.google.com/a/pndhs.org/pryors-educational-logic183/>. This website will provide a broader picture of the areas discussed, as well as the teachers' progress in specific areas. In addition, there are the *how to's* that teachers are expected to utilize in their delivery methods as we enter into a trimester schedule for the 2010-2011 school year. This website also serves as a resource page, providing specific lesson plans, websites of other successful teachers, and a wealth of information that will guide our teachers.

PND teachers are also being given the opportunity to visit other schools with extended class periods, trimester schedules, and 1:1 laptop programs. If a teacher wishes to visit, the arrangements are made by the Mike Pryor, Assistant Principal of Academics, and a contact person at the school is notified. So far the visits have been productive.

With what is being offered to the teaching staff during this school year, the next school year should be exciting and productive.

### CHARTING THE FUTURE FOR PEORIA NOTRE DAME

As the parent of a Peoria Notre Dame student, you recognize the value of a Catholic education. You have made sacrifices to send your child to Notre Dame because you believe in our mission: To provide a quality education that also teaches the Catholic faith, leading students to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

"Catholic school students learn how to love and support and encourage one another's faith," says Monsignor William Watson, President of Peoria Notre Dame. "Our graduates go into the world and the workforce with a sense of justice, understanding the difference between right and wrong, and recognizing the need to reach out to those who are struggling."

#### Entering a new era

As you've learned in recent communications and parent meetings, exciting times are ahead as we enter a new era for Catholic education in Peoria. Soon we'll begin implementing a number of cutting-edge ideas that are based on best-of-class studies of successful high schools and colleges around the country.

In 2010-2011, we'll implement the new trimester schedule for our school day and school year. This new schedule will allow us to offer more electives and additional Advanced Placement courses. We'll also implement a number of technology

improvements as we prepare for 1:1 computing, where each student has his or her own laptop.

#### Keeping Notre Dame affordable

We see a bright future for Peoria Notre Dame. We envision a school that is better than or equal to the finest schools in the nation. But above all, we want to keep Peoria Notre Dame affordable. We want to provide an exceptional, faith-filled educational environment that is available to every child who has a desire to attend by keeping tuition low.

will do everything in our power to continue this trend," says Beth Salmon, Finance Director. "We've analyzed schools across the country, and our tuition is definitely on the lower end. Our goal is to keep it affordable for as many families as possible. That is our overriding philosophy."

#### Offering financial assistance

Unfortunately, the economic situation that has impacted our nation and our community has also affected the families of Peoria Notre Dame. More students than ever are in need of financial aid. Assistance for students

## "Catholic school students learn how to love and support and encourage one another's faith"

Tuition covers just 60 percent of the total cost of educating a student at Notre Dame. The Peoria area parishes provide \$756,000 each year toward tuition, and the school relies on other sources to help offset the difference. The amount Peoria Notre Dame receives from the parishes and other funding sources has not increased since the early 1990s; as a result, the gap between tuition and the cost to educate each student is growing.

"Our tuition is among the lowest in the nation, and we

totaled over \$260,000 last year, and is expected to top \$300,000 for the current school year.

A number of financial support programs are available to qualifying students. Need-based scholarships are funded by various organizations, including the Peoria Notre Dame High School Foundation, several endowed funds, the recent Rooted in Faith diocesan campaign, a general scholarship fund, the annual auction, the

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"Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire"

— William Butler Yeats



DATES TO REMEMBER

**December 5**  
Santa Breakfast • 9:00 A.M.

**December 16-18**  
First Semester Finals

**December 21- January 3**  
Christmas Break  
No School

**January 15**  
School Improvement Day  
No School

**January 18**  
Martin Luther King Day  
No School

**February 1-7**  
Catholic Schools Week

**February 7**  
Irish Open House &  
Pancake Breakfast  
8:00 A.M.



More on events at this icon on  
[www.peorianotredame.com](http://www.peorianotredame.com)

A WORD FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL



Dear Peoria Notre Dame Families,

Thank you for your active participation during our parent meetings regarding the transition to the trimester schedule and the implementation of the 1:1 program. A recurring question has been, "What are we doing internally as a staff to prepare for this shift?" To answer that question, we'd like to share some information regarding the "behind the scenes" efforts that have gone into preparing for the trimester shift.

Two years we began preparations for these changes. In the summer of 2009, we installed a wireless network with the intention of adding more access points to provide the necessary density required to support a 1:1 network. During the 2008-2009 school year, the position of Director of Instructional Technology was added with the deliberate focus on integrating technology into the lesson planning of our teachers. Too often professional development in schools consists of a one-size-fits-all, three-hour workshop that does not meet the adult learning needs of teachers. Our philosophy from the beginning has been to customize the support needed to meet the individual learning needs of our staff.

Additionally over the previous two years, we have reformed our technology curriculum to provide a broader focus with our

required Intermediate Technology Applications course. Besides mastering the basics of MS Office, our students learn how to use creative technologies. Building websites, constructing podcasts, and utilizing powerful two-way communication via blogs and wikis are all part of this foundational course. The skills learned in this class provide the necessary base to allow creative, collaborative projects during a student's sophomore, junior, and senior year. With the implementation of the 1:1 program, this course will move to the freshmen year.

Moving from a 45 minute to a 65 minute class will allow our teachers more freedom regarding instructional choices. To prepare for this change, we've adjusted teaching loads from six to five periods to allow a Professional Development Period during the day. Two to three times a week our teachers collaborate, working toward integrating teaching styles that are better-suited to a 65 minute period. With the 2009-2010 change to three assistant principals, Mr. Pryor, our Assistant Principal for Academics, is leading the professional development during the school year. The faculty summer read and fall professional development sessions have focused on teaching with critical thinking and problem-solving as key drivers to instructional quality. Our staff is currently visiting other schools that operate in an extended period model and utilize trimester scheduling. During the spring semester, Mike Pryor will partner with Jennifer Perino, our Director of Instructional Technology, to help prepare our staff for teaching in a 1:1 environment.

Change is, of course, difficult for any organization. Our goal is to be the best high school in downstate Illinois with a focus on helping our graduates be

young men and women who think critically, live humanely, and lead effectively, cognizant of the call of our Faith to be men and women for others. We believe the adaptation of the trimester and the 1:1 will enhance our school and be a large step forward in renewing our commitment to educational excellence.

We'd like to celebrate one of our quiet successes. Schools around the country this fall have felt the effects of swine flu. Absentee rates have sky rocketed above the normal yearly averages as H1N1 works its way through schools. The experts assure us the worst of the worst is now over and the frequency of H1N1 infections will decrease. During the summer, Sue Brady, our School Nurse, and Mrs. Vadis, our Librarian, worked together to help plan Notre Dame's H1N1 readiness plan. The local health department and Regional Office of Education were helpful in providing planning templates. Mrs. Brady and Mrs. Vadis developed a plan with a preventative focus as they partnered with members of our constituency to acquire the needed hand sanitizer and sanitizing products to battle the flu. As part of the plan, our lockers and door handles were cleaned multiple times a day. Our teachers were diligent in cleaning desks more frequently, and our maintenance staff and athletic director escalated their efforts in sanitizing our locker rooms on a daily basis. Collectively, these efforts contributed to keeping our daily absence rate only slightly above our traditional yearly averages. At the peak of H1N1 when many schools were experiencing 20-40% absentee rates, our worst days averaged around 8-9%. This success is due, in large part, to our team efforts led by our school nurse. Great work!

Yours in Christ,

*Charlie A. Roy*

CHARTING THE FUTURE FOR PEORIA NOTRE DAME

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Pastor's Board, and a new student sponsorship program called "Fulfilling a Promise."

One of the most far-reaching tuition assistance programs at Peoria Notre Dame is the Summer Work Program, which allows students to waive a portion of their tuition by working at the school. In the last year, this program has experienced a 50 percent increase in the number of students who participate. Tuition waivers made possible by this program totaled about \$70,000 for the current school year.

"We think it's important that children are participating in helping cover the cost of their education," says Principal Charlie Roy.

Giving back

We are thankful to the many parents, alumni, and friends of Peoria Notre Dame who recognize the value of Catholic education and who have been very generous with their time, talents, and financial support.

Last year, we started a new annual giving program called "Making a Difference." The campaign raised

nearly \$200,000 in its first year—an incredible start and a much-needed boost in our fundraising efforts.

"I am thrilled with the support last year to our new campaign, and I encourage parents to participate at the level most appropriate for them," says Monsignor Watson. "Peoria Notre Dame simply cannot maintain its tuition philosophy without a vibrant and growing annual fund. We need everyone to make Peoria Notre Dame a priority in their charitable giving every year."

Recently, we launched Making a Difference for the second year. And the need is even greater. Our No. 1 goal is to raise enough money to cover the increased need for tuition assistance. Secondly, we face increased costs associated with professional development for our teachers and the technology improvements that are necessary to prepare Peoria Notre Dame for the exciting changes to come.

"We want this exciting new educational experience to be available to everyone," says Roy. "This is not an elitist school. We must keep it affordable."

Dr. Susie Ciccirelli, Executive Assistant to the President, is confident that generous donors will step up to the plate and help bridge the funding gap. "We know parents believe in the value of Catholic education or they wouldn't be sending their children here," she says. "We're asking them to join other generous supporters in continuing to make it possible for everyone to experience Peoria Notre Dame."

Peoria Catholic schools have a 150-year tradition of preparing the leaders of tomorrow. Our alumni have taken their Catholic faith, their academic training, their honor and their pride into their homes and workplaces. They have affected the quality of life of a broader community—Peoria, the state of Illinois, our nation and our world.

"Catholic schools alumni were given a gift of faith-based education," says Monsignor Watson. "They were taught to go into the world and help people find meaning in their own lives and to find the goodness put there by the creative, loving heart of God. We all must join together in helping another generation learn this valuable lesson."

First Semester  
Final Exam Schedule

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2009

8:55 – 9:00 A.M. Announcements/Prayer  
9:00 – 10:00 A.M. First Period Exam  
10:00 – 10:10 A.M. Break  
10:15 – 11:15 A.M. Second Period Exam  
Announcements and dismissal at 11:20 A.M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2009

7:55 – 8:00 A.M. Announcements/Prayer  
8:00 – 9:00 A.M. Third Period Exam  
9:00 – 9:10 A.M. Break  
9:15 – 10:15 A.M. Fourth Period Exam  
10:15 – 10:25 A.M. Break  
10:30 – 11:30 A.M. Fifth/Sixth Period Exam  
Announcements and dismissal at 11:35 A.M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009

8:55 – 9:00 A.M. Announcements/Prayer  
9:00 – 10:00 A.M. Seventh Period Exam  
10:00 – 10:10 A.M. Break  
10:15 – 11:15 A.M. Eighth Period Exam  
Announcements and dismissal at 11:20 A.M.

FALL SPORTS SUCCESSES

*Champions abound at Notre Dame as the fall season for high school sports ends. Our students won four conference championships: Women's Swimming, Women's Cross Country, Men's Cross Country, and Men's Soccer. We were victorious in two Regionals, three Sectionals and one Supersectional. Our Men's Soccer Team finished second in State. The Men's Cross Country Team took fourth place in the state, and our Women's Cross Country Team finished fifth in state.*

*Individually, Jordan Fehl qualified for the State Golf Tournament. Swimmer, Becky Stoughton, won the state crown for both the 200 and the 500 freestyle. Never before in the 146-year history of our school has a single athlete matched Becky's accomplishments.*

*The season stands as a tribute to the athletes, coaches, parents, boosters, and the Irish Nation.*



PEORIA NOTRE DAME HONOR ROLL STUDENTS (cont.)

Morris, Lucas Myrna, Christopher Neaveill, Joseph O'Brien, Elijah Perera, Julie Perisin, Olivia Petta, Jordan Pickner, Albert Pierz, Samuel Price, Katherine Querciagrossa, Jonathon Rice, Meredith Roof, Cassidy Schaumburg, Daniel Schmidt, Joseph Schrader, Virginia Shields, Hannah Tardiff, Christina Thomas, Lindsay Treber, Daniel Wetzel, Christian Wright

SOPHOMORES

Amelia Ackerman, Taylor Braastad, Zachary Bride, Matthew Buck, Alexis Carballido, Allison Couri, Ryan Cushing, Kathryn Dixon, Thomas DuBre-Schloz, Connor Fraser, Tobias Gualandri, Abigail Halliday, Haley Hurst, Molly Kapraun, Michael Kouri, Hannah Lotz, Julie Mayernich, Alec McCowan, John Molchin, Evan Moore, Matthew Murphy, Aliessa Pendleton, Jessica Revallo, Lauren Schaumburg, Brandon Schuely, Eva Silva, Samantha Sommer, Grace Spears, William Spears II, Ashley Stefani, Gabriel Tudor, Kayla Tyler, Sarah Voss, Thomas Whitten, Jessica Wynn, Sarah Zoz

JUNIORS

Allison Armstrong, Alyssa Arnold, Michael Becker, Michael Birkel, ElizabethWin Brost, Kevin Champion, Jessica Cassidy, Savannah Colvis, Jennifer Coughlon, Ian Cummings, Stephanie Goldsby, Joseph Gorman, Allison Gottwald, Jessica Hedge, Clarissa Henby, Kristin Itschner, Dane Johannsen, Kaylee Kircher, Joseph Kouri, Brett Lane, Falynn Lannert, Meredith Lohr, Kimberly Meis, Kaitlyn Minor, Anne O'Neill, Lauren Osmulski, Steven Otten, John Perisin, John Price, Aaron Roberts, Joseph Roder, Mary Rothan, Henry San German, Samuel Sanchez, Kaitlyn Schlink, Jenna Scott, Dominique Shepler, Danielle Shook, Daniel Smith, Jeffrey Smith, Daniel Snodgrass, Malone Sprout, Mark Streid, Sophia Tarantino, Rachel Thompson, Caroline Toner, Michael Unes, Michael Unruh, Kevin Whalen, Benjamin Whetstone, Catalina Zalduendo

SENIORS

Nicole Aeschliman, Taylor Amberg, Ashley Bertino, John Bolden, John Carroll, Catherine Clark, Charles Clark, David Clark Jr., Nicholas Dadds, Kristen Delbo, William Dixon Jr., Hillary Donnelly, Joseph Downard, Daniele Fauser, Derek Fehl, Abigail Ferlmann, Spencer Filzen, Danielle Fleming, Amanda Ford, Brittney Ford, Matthew Foster, Abigail Gibson, Justin Groff, Rosemarie Gualandri, Alexandra Heppner, Thomas Hornstein, Clair Isbell, Christopher Jackson, Anthony Khoury, Jennifer Kouri, Kelsey Mahieu, Michael Mahoney, Markie-Marie Maloof, Hannah Marcott, Morgan McClung, Allie McIntire, Bree McKinney, Benjamin Menke, Zachary Meyer, Patrick O'Brien, Michael O'Neill, Christine Pfohl, Ashley Quinton, John Revallo V, Kevin Rudolph, Patrick Ryan, Anthony Seghetti, Colin Seidel, Elizabeth Sorce, Alice Spears, Michael Spears, Ashley Taylor, Emily Tobin, Ashley Voudrie, Yvonne Walters, Kendra Willman

PEORIA NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKET DRIVE

*Once again, students from Peoria Notre Dame will be collecting canned and dry goods for our annual Christmas Basket Drive. Each year, students collect enough food items to create over 300 food baskets that are donated to local families for the holiday season.*

*The largest collection of food items takes place during the evening basket drives. Peoria Notre Dame families take turns volunteering to host a collection drive at their homes for an evening. Students meet at the family's home and set out into the nearby neighborhoods to collect food items.*

*The food items are brought back to the home and, the next day, transported to school.*

*Student Government is in need of approximately twenty families to host evening basket drives this year. The evening drives will be held from November 16 - December 9, 2009. Weeknight drives are held from 6:30-8:00 P.M. and Sunday afternoon drives are held from 2:00-3:30 P.M.*

*We aim to have an evening basket drive in each parish throughout the Peoria area and surrounding communities. If your family would be willing to host an evening basket drive, or if you would like to make a donation to the cause, please contact Cathy Curtis at [c.curtis@pndhs.org](mailto:c.curtis@pndhs.org) or Katie Madison at [k.madison@pndhs.org](mailto:k.madison@pndhs.org).*

*Thanks for your continued support of Peoria Notre Dame students and their Christian charity.*

CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM

The following students have completed the required 100 hours of Christian service to parishes, communities, and schools. To be included in the following list, students must have completed all necessary blue self-evaluation forms. Students' names will be published only once.

**Class of 2010:**  
152 OF 204 STUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED THE PROGRAM

**Jennifer Azouri:** Independent Project, St. Sharbel Parish; **Charlie Clark:** St. Philomena Parish; **Jennifer Hoffman:** OSF St. Francis Medical Center, St. Mary Parish – Kickapoo; **Clair Isbell:** St. Philomena Parish, TAPS; **Chelsea Kincaid:** St. Philomena Parish, Central Illinois Soccer Academy; **Jenny Kouri:** Holy Family Parish, St. Mark Parish, St. Jude Parish; **Marissa Lentz:** St. Thomas Parish, Glen Oak Zoo; **Tyler Les:** OND Athletic Camps, Tyng Grade School, South Side Mission, Peoria Academy; **Markie Maloof:** Northwoods Community Church; **Wil Mathews:** PND Athletic Camps, St. Jude Parish, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, PND Peer Tutoring; **Danny O'Brien:** OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Jim Carlson Basketball Camp, PALS; **Robert O'Brien:** Tyng Grade School, PND Athletic Camps, PND Independent Project; **Joe Rotherham:** Peoria Park District, Boy Scouts of America, St. Vincent de Paul Parish; **Alice Spears:** St. Philomena Parish, Central Illinois Soccer Academy, Crisis Nursery, Peoria Park District; **Ryan Tank:** Key Club, Sacred Heart Parish; **Brigid Toner:** Independent Project; **Ashley Voudrie:** PND Athletic Camps, St. Mary Parish – Metamora, PND Peer Tutoring; **Eve Walters:** Peoria Heights Public Library, PALS.

**Class of 2011:**  
112 OF 203 STUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED THE PROGRAM

**Michael Auffrey:** East Peoria Park District, St. Monica Parish; **Sarah Bohan:** Neighborhood House, St. Philomena Parish; **Ian Cummings:** St. Mary Parish – Metamora, Snyder Village; **Jameson Duggan:** Habitat for Humanity, Independent Project, Holy Family Parish; **Emily Dvorsky:** St. Philomena Parish, Community of St. John, Easter Seals; **Tyler Emert:** 1, 2, 3, ... You'n'Me Preschool; **Katie Fortner:** 1, 2, 3, ... You'n'Me Preschool, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, PND Athletic Camps, Independent Project; **Joe Fulton:** Sun Foundation, St. Vincent de Paul Parish; **Molly Geraghty:** 1, 2, 3, ... You'n'Me Preschool, St. Thomas Parish, PND Athletic Camps, Jump Start Gymnastics; **Emily Gibson:** 1, 2, 3, ... You'n'Me Preschool, Easter Seals, St. Philomena Parish; **Alex Grawey:** St. Philomena Parish, Swank Day Care, American Red Cross; **Clarissa Henby:** Metamora Area Swim Team, St. Mary Parish – Metamora; **Andrew Heppner:** St. Thomas Parish, Hult Education Center, 1, 2, 3... You'n'Me Preschool; **Courtney Hitpas:** PALS, 1, 2, 3... You'n'Me Preschool; **Kim Meis:** Lakeview Museum; **Cecilia Needham:** St. Philomena Parish, 1, 2, 3, ... You'n'Me Preschool; **J. Mitchell Price:** 1, 2, 3, ... You'n'Me Preschool, Fondulac Nursing

Home, Easter Seals; **Emmy Pruitt:** St. Mark Parish; **Matt Schadt:** Lakeview Museum, Methodist Medical Center; **Kaitlyn Schlink:** PALS, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, PND Athletic Camps; **Conner Schuler:** 1, 2, 3, ... You'n'Me Preschool, St. Philomena Parish, PND Athletic Camps; **Dominique Shepler:** Rogy's Daycare; **Jeffrey Smith:** PND Athletic Camps, Catholic Charities; **Rebecca Stoughton:** Peoria Area Water Wizards, Rosewood Care Center; **Sebastian Von Zerneck:** Sun Foundation, 1, 2, 3, ... You'n'Me Preschool, Peoria Public Library-Lakeview; **Harrison Wright:** 1, 2, 3, ... You'n'Me Preschool, Peoria Academy.

**Class of 2012:**  
68 OF 198 STUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED THE PROGRAM

**Meghan Bendsten:** Little Friends Learning Center; **Zachary Collins:** St. Vincent de Paul Parish; **Ryan Cushing:** Boy Scouts of America; **Guy Dillon:** 1, 2, 3, ... You'n'Me Preschool, PND Athletic Camps; **Molly Dimler:** Pleasant Valley Middle School, Independent Project; **Anthony Dust:** U of I Extension Services, St. Mary Parish – Kickapoo, Peoria Heights Library; **Lauren Krueger:** 1, 2, 3 ... You'n'Me Preschool, Key Club, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, PND Athletic Camps; **Rachel Mankle:** Little Friends Learning Center; **John Fletcher Molchin:** Senior World; **Megan O'Brien:** 1, 2, 3,... You'n'Me Preschool, St. Vincent de Paul Parish; **Kristen**

**O'Bryan:** Independent Project, Community of St. John, Rosewood Care Center; **Mark Pilon:** 1, 2, 3, ... You'n'Me Preschool, Peoria Park District; **Steven Roberts:** St. Mark Parish, Proctor Endowment Home; **Annelise Sanderson:** Holy Family Parish, Methodist Medical Center, Liturgy Musicians; **Andrew Schneider:** St. Philomena Parish, Catholic Charities, BU Soccer Camp; **Ryan Sollberger:** Holy Family Parish, Heart of Illinois Special Recreation Association; **Sarah Zoz:** St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 1, 2, 3, ... You'n'Me Preschool.

**Class of 2013:**  
21 OF 216 STUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED THE PROGRAM

**Sarah Behrens:** Heart of Illinois Special Recreation Association, St. Philomena Parish; **Nick Bell:** Charter Oak School, PND Athletic Camps; **Andrew Burtsfield:** Rogy's Daycare; **Marysue Ciccirelli:** 1, 2, 3, ... You'n'Me Preschool; **Katie Querciagrossa:** Whittier School, Proctor Community Hospital; **Jonathan Rice:** 1, 2, 3, ... You'n'Me Preschool; **Elliot Smith:** Jim Carlson Basketball Camp, PALS; **Hannah Tardiff:** Little Friends Learning Center; **Lorenza Von Zerneck:** Peoria Academy; **Molly Warner:** PALS; **Patrick Wille:** Appletree Academy; **Christian Wright:** Peoria Academy.

**A MESSAGE FROM  
OUR CHAPLAIN**

*Fr. Bredemeyer will offer Notre Dame families a monthly opportunity to deepen their relationship with Jesus through an hour of Eucharistic adoration. This simple gathering will give families the chance to pray together with their students in the presence of Jesus. Benediction will also be celebrated. Mark your calendar for December 14, 2009.*

*Each day the Holy Mass is celebrated at Peoria Notre Dame in the school chapel.*

*This year the Mass times are:  
Monday - Thursday at 7:15 A.M.  
Friday at 2:45 P.M.*

*If there is an all-school Mass celebrated or a class retreat, the regularly scheduled daily Mass is cancelled for that day.*

*Adoration and Confession are offered each Tuesday during Periods Five & Six. Students can sign up in their theology classes or see Mrs. Stenger in her office for a pass.*

## Profesora MacMillan's Spanish Class Celebrates the Day of the Dead

Profe Reyna MacMillan's Spanish students recently celebrated the Day of the Dead. It is an annual event celebrated in Mexico and some countries in Central America. They see it as a time to spend the evening and share a meal with a loved one who has passed away. The celebration begins on October 31 and ends on November 2, but has nothing to do with Halloween. Loved ones offer fruit and sometimes tequila. (Profe MacMillan skipped that tradition.) It is believed that the dead love sugar, so candy is also offered. The living use candles to adorn tombstones.

The students researched deceased Latinos who have made important contributions to the world. They wrote eulogies to share information about their Latinos' lives, and if possible, some contributions and a quote from the individual. Utilizing the stage in the Auditorium, the students shared their information with the class while everyone enjoyed bread, fruit, and candy together in the candlelight.



L-R Lindsey Birk, Amy Andrejasich, Kristen O'Bryan celebrate the Day of the Dead

### THE IRISH SANTA BREAKFAST

Peoria Notre Dame will host Santa Claus at a breakfast held in his honor on Saturday December 5, 2009 beginning at 9:00 am. Parents and children are invited to come by for sausage, pancakes, and tons of Christmas fun. Activities will include face painting, make-and-take Christmas treats, and an opportunity to visit with Santa Himself. The Christmas Wish Princess and two surprise extra-special guests will make this a day to remember.

Adult and teen tickets = \$3.00

Children ages 3 - 12 = \$2.00.

Children 2 and under are free

Mark your calendar for the best Santa breakfast in town.

### PEORIA NOTRE DAME HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

**High Honor Roll**  
*1st Semester – 2nd Grading Period*

**FRESHMEN**

Bailey Barisch, Carol Baumann, Nicholas Bell, Jaimee Bodtke, Gerard Brost, Kate Buckley, Ryan Carballido, Amanda Dahlquist, Jonathon Durbala, Theodore Ehrhart, Isaac Empson, Lucas Fehl, Nathan Folley, Thomas Galbreath, John Harlan, Thomas Hassiepen, Nichole Horning, Grant Inskeep, Kevin Jochman, Luke LaHood, Jensen Lawless, Meagan Legaspi, Austin Maddalozzo, Adam Marcott, Kelly Miller, Mark Miller, Samuel Miller, Almina Rosalem, Kiersten Seidel, Alexandria Shadid, Adam Shaw, Noah Sherman, Jordan Sigulas, Elliott Smith, Dylan Stockman, Molly Tillis, Stephen Tony, Katherine Unes, Lorenzo Von Zerneck, Alexis Voudrie, Julia Vu, Patrick Wille, Nicolas Wilson

**SOPHOMORES**

Amy Andrejasich, Lindsey Birk, Abigail Craft, Molly Dimler, Hannah Dohm, Anthony Dust, Cary Elward, Maria Escorcía, Caitlin Evers, Kelsi Finan, Michael Fitzgerald, Conor Flanagan, Cassandra Frow, Aubrie Gardiner, Hannah Gutzwiller, Daniela Heppner, Elizabeth Horning, Jana Kotysan, Bradley Lazzari, Madeline Mills, Megan O'Brien, Kristen O'Bryan, Monica Pesely, Rebekah Pollard, Annelise Sanderson, Anna Serrano, Haylee Shoemaker, Hannah Simmons, Grace Smart, Regina Smart, Ryan Sollberger, Sheila Stokowski, Alexander Weck, Georgia West, Beau Woodcock

**JUNIORS**

Nathan Bell, Jessica Blair, Michael Bodtke, Ryan Bonick, Marissa Brown, Kate Carroll, Virginia Clark, Nathaniel Conner, Anamaria Cruz, Molly Dahlquist, Alexis DeCeanne, Augustus Demanes, Jameson Duggan, Emily Dvorsky, Bridget Faley, Paul Fortin, Joseph Fulton, Molly Geraghty, Megan Gilbert, Cody Gilfillan, Michael Gray, Michael Hanley, Thomas Hanley, Julie Hendricksen, Haley Highfill, Johnny Ho, William Holzgrafe, Alyssa Inskeep,

Alexandra Ivie, Kathleen Kramer, Dominick Leali, Tadd Maddalozzo, Madisen Manning, Erin McManis, Margaret Mercer, Nicole Miller, Elizabeth Newlin, Emily O'Neill, Austin Penn, Tate Ralph, Mary Redden, Kelly Rice, Connor Schuler, Kaitlin Schuler, Patricia Shadid, Sebastian Von Zerneck, Matthew Warbritton, Hannah Ward, Katie White, Joseph Willi

**SENIORS**

Jonathon Andersh, Colleen Anderson, Laura Behrens, Christopher Berlinger, Elizabeth Bielfeldt, Matthew Birkel, Andrew Boen, Heather Brabec, Matthew Champion, Chancellor Cim, Shannon Coughlon, Clay Elward Jr., Luke Fiddes, Andrew Hassiepen, Derek Heckman, Joseph Heinz, Sean Heinz, Samuel Koury, Lauren Lambrecht, Jared Lyons, Lyonnnette Moise, Casey O'Brien, Joseph O'Brien, Michael Pesely, Anthony Polizzi, Lindsay Roberts, Lauren Schneider, Kelsey Stockert, Ryan Tank, Brigid Toner, Kaylee Wagner, Jessica Yeo

**Regular Honor Roll**

*1st Semester – 2nd Grading Period*

**FRESHMEN**

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