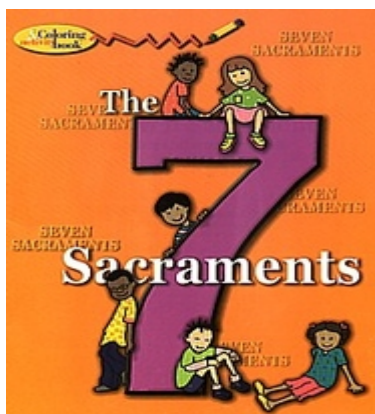


North American Martyrs School

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From our Principal

The life and ministry of the diocesan **priest** are primarily in the parish family.

- ▶ In **Baptism**, he brings new members into God's family.
- ▶ In **Confirmation** classes he prepares young people and adults to receive the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ In the sacrament of the **Holy Eucharist**, he gathers God's family for divine worship and instructs them with the Word of God. He then feeds them His life—giving His Body and Blood and after that he sends them forth to bring Christ to the world.
- ▶ In **Penance** he brings people back to God's family by reconciliation.
- ▶ In **Marriage** he prepares couples to be living symbols of Christ's love for His bride, the Church.
- ▶ In the **Anointing of the Sick** he brings people the comfort of God and the confident hope of eternal life.
- ▶ In the sacrament of **Holy Orders** he becomes the priest who is empowered to administer the sacraments.

Every day pray for our priests, Father Connor and Father Snitily, and thank them for their presence among us.

WATCH FOR THESE UPCOMING DATES

- Thursday February 25 - Progress Reports Sent Home (2-8 grades)
- Saturday, February 27 - Chess Club Fun Night 7-10pm in the Parish Hall
- Monday - Friday, March 1-5 - CTBS Testing Grades 3-7
- Wednesday, March 3 - First Penance 6:00pm
- Tuesday, March 9th - Night out at Wendy's, 5-8:00pm
- Thursday, March 11 - Girls Basketball party 6-6:45 in the Parish Hall
- Sunday, March 21 - Barnes & Noble Book Fair

Chess Club Fun Night



is scheduled for **Saturday, February 27** from 7-10pm in the Parish Hall. We will have Pizza, popcorn and pop for \$3.00 per person. We will show a video, **The First Valentine**. This is a dramatization of the story of the third century martyr named Valentine and his Christian friends. The story illustrates the message of loving others as Jesus has loved us.



CTBS TESTING

for grades 3-7 will take place the week of March 1-5. These standardized tests are helpful in identifying areas of strength or weakness in various subjects. Please do whatever you can to have your child at school on testing days. A good breakfast will help students do their best. Thank you to the PTO for providing nutritious snacks for the classes that week.

First Penance: Our 2nd grade students will be receiving the Sacrament of First Penance on **Wednesday, March 3**.

Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for this special time in their life.



Our next **Night Out** is **Tuesday, March 9th** at Wendy's, 6825 No. 27th St., from 5-8:00pm. Plan ahead and purchase your Scrip.



PRAYER PARTNERS: The First Penance/First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes of 2010 would like to extend a parish wide invitation to each Adult member of North American Martyrs Church to become part of our prayer partner endeavor.

Prayer partners are a wonderful way for parishioners to become involved in the life of a child who is preparing to receive the sacraments. Signing up to be a prayer partner is a great way to reach out and offer support to those who are preparing to meet Jesus in these special sacraments. Your prayers are a great example of faith not only in Jesus, but in our parish and our young people as well.

Your family can sign up to be a *prayer partner* for one or more of the student in our sacrament classes. You will find the names and pictures of each child posted in the hallway between the narthex and the parish hall. Simply choose a child to pray for and sign your name on his/her form.

Please prayerfully consider keeping one or more of these children in your daily prayers. Stop by and sign your name to a form or two.

Thank you for your prayers and God Bless You!



After School Archery Club

The North American Martyrs Archery Club will start on **Wednesday March 3rd**, from **3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** Cost is \$15.00 and is open to all in the 4th thru 8th grades. This year's goal is to have an elementary team of 16-24 in grades 4-6 and a Jr. High team of 16-24 in grades 7-8 to represent NAM in the State Tournament on March 20th. Archery permission forms are available on the website or in the school office. For further information, you may call Jim Tubbs at 435-1159.

Pius X Cheerleading Tryouts: An informational meeting will be held in the Pius X commons at 6:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, March 9** for all girls and parents who would like information about the 2010 cheerleading team and tryouts. If you have any questions or are unable to attend, please contact the head coach, Jess Largis, at jessica.largis@piusx.net. The tryout process will begin Monday, April 12.



The PE Classes has been busy participating in the **Presidential Physical Fitness Award** testing which is now taking place during PE Classes for grades 1-8. Check out the web site <http://www.presidentschallengen.org/> where you can log on and keep track of your own physical fitness goals online.

Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR

**Sunday, March 21
10 a.m.—9 p.m.
Barnes & Noble
51st and O Street**

A percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchases will benefit our school/organization.



Please help us out by sending a box or two of Kleenex to the school office. We are in short supply. Thank you for your generosity!



Please help our crossing guards do their jobs by driving extra carefully at the intersections where they are located. They help to direct traffic for the safety of our students. Thank you all for your help.

CHESS CLUB NEWS



Spring Semester Update of NAM Chess Club: We now have 63 students in the NAM Chess Club (down ten from Fall).

The Pawns (Monday, 3rd – 5th graders) have been studying: how the pieces move, how the game works, Pawn Promotion, En Passant, Checkmate, Stalemate, Castling, Value of Pieces, Chess Notation. In addition we are studying Tactics for the mid game: Forks, Pins, Skewers, Discovered attacks, Traps. We have also studied some basic opening moves and the endgame. We will now begin studying the topics below.

The Knights (Wednesday, 6-8th graders) have been studying higher level Tactical thinking: En Prise (pieces given for free), Material Advantage, Attackers vs. Defenders, After a Pin: Piling on, Pinned pieces don't protect, Escaping from Pins, Skewers, Discovery, Double Check, Undermining, Trapping. We are now moving into More Checkmate Thinking and Endgame Thinking.

Ask your children to demonstrate the moves and tactics they have learned in Chess Club. We will continue to have our Chess Club Fun Nights (anyone is welcome), Summer Camp and hopefully schedule chess games vs. other schools.

Girls Basketball Schedule



Monday, March 1

<u>Time</u>	<u>North American Martyrs Team</u>	<u>Versus</u>	<u>Gym Location</u>
5:45	6th Grade NAM Gray	St. James	NAM
6:45	7th Grade NAM Gray	Lincoln Christian	NAM

Tuesday, March 2

6:45	7th Grade NAM Burgundy	Cathedral	Cathedral
7:45	8th Grade NAM	Cathedral Green	Cathedral

Thursday, March 4

5:45	6th Grade NAM Burgundy	Blessed Sacrament	St. Patrick
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