

North American M A R T Y R S Catholic School

WHAT A WEEK! I'm sure you have heard by now about our day yesterday. A shout out to Leah Huber who made this a possibility. Several weeks ago someone in her office called me and asked if we would like to have a bus load of Nebraska football players at North American Martyrs. I immediately said yes and the planning began. I waited to tell the teachers because I wanted so badly to surprise the kids with this. I knew it would be special to them. With the new addition, I was excited to have small assemblies so the football players could talk to them about being good citizens and working hard in life age appropriately. The teachers helped me put together a very special surprise and I can honestly say, of the four and half years as principal, this had to be in the top five favorite days for me. Not because the football players came, I like football, but I don't know celebrity names nor am I big on that, but watching the student's faces as they figured out what the surprise was amazed me and reminded me of the beautiful gift your children are to me. I do not have my own biological children, but I love your children in a very special way. I don't get to surprise them with many amazing things like you are blessed with at Christmas and birthdays and this was my chance. Those children were so excited they couldn't sit still. They had a blast and taught me so much yesterday. Jesus does not have biological children either. BUT I can't imagine the joy he must receive to give us spiritual and material blessings in our world. Watching from above, give Jesus a reason to be proud this Advent Season. I promise you, if I can have as much joy watching your children yesterday, he will have deep love and joy for you if you truly prepare your heart for his coming at Christmas. God bless you and thank you so much for bringing your children to me. I am so blessed.

In the spirit of Advent we would like to help the family of Melissa King who lost their home in the recent fires in California. They were able to evacuate their home safely, but Melissa's mother is undergoing treatment for cancer and they are living in a hotel while they wait for housing. Aaron and Melissa's boys, Ethan and Owen, attend our school. Their relatives in California lost their school and the teachers there are trying to set up a temporary school. Next Friday, December 14, is 1:30 pm dismissal and a jean day. Any donations for jean day will be given to Melissa's family, or you may send donations to the school office. Thank you for your generosity.

~Sr. Janelle

Boys Basketball :

- ⇒ **NAM 8 vs. St. Peter's Maroon 8 is Monday December 10th @ 7:45pm at St. Peter's.**
- ⇒ **NAM 7 vs. Parkview Christian 7 is Tuesday December 11th @ 5:45pm at Blessed Sacra-**



Important Dates:

- **No School on Friday December 7th for Teacher Retreat.**
- **Great Plains Open is on Saturday December 8th.**
- **Page One Meeting Tuesday December 11th from 3:15-4:15pm.**
- **Martyrs Night Out at Runza is Tuesday December 11th.**
- **Friday December 14th is a 1:30pm dismissal and it will also be a Jean Day. Please send donations for the King family who lost their home in the California fire (see above)**

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **A-L Christmas Program is December 17th at 6:30pm.**
- **M-Z Christmas Program is December 18th at 6:30pm.**
- **Noon Dismissal and 2nd quarter ends on Friday December 21st.**

Thunderbolt Wrestling Club starts its season Monday, Dec 10th in the Pius X wrestling room 630pm-730pm for all boys K-8th. It is free for the first 4 practices so come join us or join us in January! We welcome all skill levels. For more information & the schedule go to www.thunderboltwrestling.info or contact Marg Bohy bohyboyzmom@yahoo.com 402-770-4432.

Thursdays with Nicole!

Every Thursday the 7th and 8th graders can meet in the multipurpose room right after school until 4:15pm. There will be snacks, games and more!

Thunderettes are hosting a Winter Dance Camp for ages Pre-School through 6th grade. The camp will be January 12th from 9 am—noon. The kids will learn a complete half-time dance and be able to perform it that afternoon at 4:45pm at the boys basketball game!

Christmas Program Update:

The Christmas Program is quickly approaching! Your students have been working hard on their Christmas music for the past few weeks. Every grade has been working on specific musical concepts, and that will be shown in their singing, playing, and performing. A few reminders for the concert...

1. A-L: Monday, December 17th @ 6:30pm. Doors will unlock at 6:10, but please have students to their classroom by 6:20.
2. M-Z: Tuesday, December 18th @ 6:30pm. Doors will unlock at 6:10, but please have students to their classroom by 6:20.
3. If you get to school before 6:10, please have your students sit with you in the church before doors unlock.
4. Wardrobe: There is no set uniform for the Christmas program. Students may dress in any nice attire. If girls wear a dress or skirt, please make sure it reaches the top of the knee.

Envelopes went home with students for the Christmas gift for teachers and support staff donations. The money donated will be distributed amongst the homeroom teachers, as well as the specials teachers, paraprofessionals, and other support staff. If you choose to donate, please send it to the school office by December 12th. Participation is voluntary and anonymous. No gift is too small or too large. Thank you for your generosity. Sincerely, PTO

The Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Contest, Council level will be held Saturday January 19th from 11:00am to 12:00pm in the Martyr's gym. The gym will open at 10:30am. Registration forms will be available at the school office. Please have them signed by a parent or legal guardian and bring the form to the contest. Blank forms will be available the day of the contest, but it is encouraged to have them completed in advance. Eligible contestants are boys and girls ages 9-14 based upon age as of Jan 1, 2019. Please contact Steve McManus (402) 475-5622 with any questions.

The Martyr's T-shirt store is open now until December 10th. You can shop through this link:

https://stores.inksoft.com/north_american_martyrs



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Thank you for showing us what it means to be a Husker!