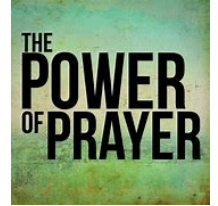


North American M A R Y R S Catholic School

It seems our Catholic Faith is under attack. Right now the city of Lincoln has a gender issue going on in legislation which is a bit disheartening as we plead for religious freedom in our country. I guess this shouldn't be a surprise as it has been from the moment of its inception when they crucified Christ, but there is so much we really need to be praying for today.



Our Blessed Mother is one of our best defenses against war and terror. She has, many times in our history, appeared to our world warning us about wars and asking us to pray for peace through her intercession. It can be really hard not to get discouraged when it comes to this. As we watch Russia infiltrate Ukraine and the threat of China on Taiwan, I am once again reminded of how lucky we are in our Catholic faith to have our Blessed Mother as a central figure. We are often told that we are a misogynistic faith where I want to say so often; we are anything but misogynistic. We want women to be held in such high esteem that the mother of God is a woman, and she is revered most highly through our faith. Most faiths don't have such a relationship with her as their mother, most don't ask for her intercession as we are encouraged, and we have many dogmatic teachings that involve her inherent dignity (mother of God, Ever Virgin, Immaculate Conception) and her connection to the divine. To me, we hold this woman (and all women) in great dignity and KNOW they have power to intercede for us in Jesus name. Let's storm her in prayer and ask her intercession as we pray for guidance in how to handle the situations where world peace and religious freedom is threatened at this time.

God bless you,

Sr. Janelle Buettner

Important Dates

- *Monday, February 28—March 4: ITBS Testing
- *Tuesday, March 1: Preschool Preview 6:00pm NAM Church
- *Wednesday, March 2: Ash Wednesday
- *Friday, March 11: End of Quarter
- *Monday, March 14: No School/Teacher Work Day/Pius Retreat Day
- *Tuesday, March 15: No School/Teacher Work Day
- *Wednesday, March 16: First Confessions; 6:00pm
- *Friday, April 1: Bishop Day No School

Is your child artistic? Do they love to draw or design? NAM is holding a logo contest for an up-coming reading challenge. If your child would like to try their hand at designing the new logo all they need to do is take the below name/words and create an amazing logo! They can either draw it by hand or design it using a computer program. **All entries are due February 28th** and can be submitted to the school office or emailed to Erin at erin-trummer@cdolinc.net *READ: Read, Enjoy, and Discover Challenge*



The website is now accepting orders for Martyrs gear. Closing date for orders: February 27. All orders will be shipped directly to the school and given to the students.

https://stores.inksoft.com/north_american_martyrs/shop/home

The **North American Martyrs Spring Band Concert** will take place on Wednesday, March 4th, at Pius X High School. The rehearsal will be on Tuesday, May 3rd, also at Pius X. The exact times are currently be worked out with Pius dependent upon availability of the gym, but both the performance and the rehearsal will be early evening. The times will be announced soon. If you foresee conflicts, please notify Mr. Murphy.



The state of Nebraska is receiving one billion dollars in federal American Rescue Plan dollars. A proposal of \$60 million for low-income children to recover COVID learning losses has been presented by Governor Ricketts: Education Recovery Accounts (ERA). This money is available to low-income children who apply regardless of school type – public, nonpublic, homeschool.

This program provides \$2000 per year per child in 2023, 2024, and 2025. The money can be used by parents for whatever educational use is best for their child: Tutoring, curriculum, home school materials, tuition for private schooling, and more.

The goal of the program is to empower parents as the first educators of their children by giving them access to funds and options to use those funds.

On Monday, February 28th at 1:30pm the Appropriations Committee of the Nebraska Legislature will hold a hearing on ERAs in the Capital building (the official name is Legislative Bill 1240). We can assist parents, educators, and students who would like to testify by telling their story of why this support would be a game-changer. We need advocates so that these funds get to families and kids most in need.

For those unable to testify but interested in contributing, please [go to this link and submit your written support for LB1240](#) **prior to noon Friday, February 25th.**

NAM Spring Concerts

Kindergarten—2nd Grade: Monday, April 25

3rd—5th Grade: Tuesday, April 26

Time: 6:00pm More info to come!

Reminder to complete the 2022-23 FACTS Grant & Aid application. This must be done by all families attending NAM 2022-23. The deadline is March 15, 2022.



Celebrating
President's Day
Kindergarten Style!



Preschool Preview

When: March 1, 2022

Time: 6:00pm

Where: NAM Church

Call the school office or email lori-wordekemper@cdolinc.net to register your child for the preview.

Share the word about our preschool programs (full time & part time) with your family and friends!