

NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS SCHOOL

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December 3, 2015

Important Dates for your Calendar:

Monday, December 7 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-service

Tuesday, December 8 - NO SCHOOL - Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 10 - Progress Reports sent home

The **Giving Tree** is sponsored by the **5th grade Confirmation class**. If you wish to participate, take an ornament from the tree in the narthex, purchase a gift item (use Scrip if you can), and return the unwrapped gift with the ornament attached, to the church by **Monday, December 14**. Gifts are distributed by CSS to those in need.



“Advent is a time to wait, not quite time to celebrate.”

Mrs. McMichen teaches a song to our preschoolers like this. First of all, it's cute to hear, secondly, it's completely true. Do we take time to have an Advent? I mean, really have an **Advent**? I don't think I understood Advent until I entered the convent. I thought Advent was the time of year the church gave us to shop for gifts and put up decorations and... you know, all that Christmas stuff! I learn so much when I allow myself to have a true Advent. I try to do something, much like Lent, to allow myself to be mindful of the sacrifice God made to become man. Jesus is such a gift and when I allow myself to do something special for the season of Advent, I usually experience God's presence on Christmas Eve so much more powerfully. I challenge you to start today if you haven't started already. Think of something you can do to prepare your heart for Jesus this year. Have a great Advent and remember,

“Advent is a time to WAIT, not quite time to celebrate.”

Sr. Janelle Buettner

The **Christmas Programs** will be at **7 pm** in the church.
Monday, December 14 - last names beginning with **A-L**
Tuesday, December 15 - last names beginning with **M-Z**
Youth Choir members will attend both performances.

Doors will open at **6:40 pm** and students should be in their classrooms at **6:45 pm** wearing **nice clothing**: **No** jeans, jeggings or sleeveless tops; dress length should be to the top of the knee when standing.

Please pray for healing for the family of Chris Hernandez, a NAM parishioner.

The boys basketball pizza party is **Thursday, December 3** in the Parish Hall from **5:45-6:30 pm**.

Chess News!

- 1) The [Nebraska State Class Chess Championship](#) is this **Saturday, December 5**, at UNO. Players will compete in 9 different rating sections to determine the 2015 Nebraska Class Chess Champions! (Note that only NE residents can compete for titles in this event, although players from anywhere can play.) This is for Rooks and Knights who are more serious about competition and improving. This is a great chance to improve your game.
- 2) **NAM Members Only Tourney** is Saturday, December 12 in the Parish Hall. Register at 8:30 am, play begins at 9 am. Concessions and trophies. Round robin format with 4-6 games for everyone. Parents needed to help with tourney and concessions. Play should conclude by 1 pm.

We received a check from empties4cash in the amount of **\$25.95** for recycled ink cartridges! Thank you to Jill Eberhardt for organizing the old cartridges for shipment.

Congratulations to the newest members of the 1,000's club!
In 5th grade Religion: Justin Kerkman, Kara Higgins, Mariah Krings, Emma Codr, Brandon Weigel
In 5th grade Social Studies: Justin Kerkman

We have partnered with **Propelr** to help raise money for our church and school! Using Propelr, a **re-loadable VISA Prepaid Card**, works just like a debit card, but with donation percentages as high as 20% when used at participating merchants!

How **Propelr** works:

- ◆ When you sign up for a card, you can select North American Martyrs and a personalized card will be sent to you in the mail.
- ◆ Then, load funds to your Propelr Card from either your bank account or direct deposit.
- ◆ Finally, simply use Propelr at participating merchants and a portion of the purchase will go to NAM!

Visit propelrcard.com to watch an explanatory video, sign up online, and view the growing list of merchants. At all of the weekend Masses on **December 12th & 13th** we will have the computer lab open and representatives will be here to answer any of your questions and help you sign up!

Email lisa-merrill@cdolinc.net with questions!



Computer Bits and Bytes:

We live in a world surrounded by technology and we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly hinge on understanding how technology works. But only a tiny fraction of us are learning computer science, and less students are studying it than a decade ago.

If you've heard about the **Hour of Code** before, you might know it made history. More than 100 million students have tried it. The **Hour of Code** is a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify code and show that anybody can learn the basics. Anybody can host an Hour of Code anytime, but the grassroots campaign goal is for tens of millions of students to try an Hour of Code during December 7-13, in celebration of Computer Science Education Week. Every student should have the opportunity to learn computer science. It helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any 21st-century career path.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in the Hour of Code in computer classes during the month of December. If you and your child would like to try it at home the website is: www.code.org.



Mrs. Terrell's 1B and Mrs. Kruse's 5B classes get together in pairs once a month. The 5th graders read books to the 1st graders. In November, they had art together and the students helped each other make Thanksgiving turkeys!



Pictured above are some of the 5th grade students with part of the food collected in November for the CSS food drive! Thank you to all who participated in giving back to needy families.