

# North American M A R Y R S Catholic School



This week, I have watched our community come together to provide love and support to the Murphy family after the sudden death of beloved band director, Karen Murphy. It was an awesome testament to Karen to see so many different groups of people celebrate her life at yesterday's funeral; she inspired so many schools, churches, families and individuals. One such story shared was

penned by the Mom of a special needs child, who found in Karen a safe haven. This precious child gained confidence with Karen's loving encouragement and protection. Upon hearing of Karen's death, this student (who did not handle loss well) began to joyfully insist that Karen was in Heaven as "she deserved it." May we aspire to live such self-less lives! Please continue to keep Karen in your prayers as well as her husband, Mike Murphy, our band director, and her sister-in-law, Shelia Terrell, our 1st grade teacher. God bless you all, Sr. Janelle

## Important dates:

**Friday, Jan 20—**  
1:30 pm Dismissal  
Extended Care until  
5:45 pm  
Jean Day bring \$.50

**Saturday, Jan 21—**  
Knights of Columbus  
Free Throw Contest  
11 am in the gym

**Chess Club Fun Night**  
7-10 pm in Parish Hall

**Sunday, Jan 29-  
Friday Feb 3—**  
Catholic Schools Week

**Tuesday, Jan 31—**  
Science Fair

**Friday, Feb 3—**  
Family Dance 6-8 pm

**Tuesday, Feb 7—**  
Page One Reading Club  
Meeting 3:15 pm

**Kindergarten Preview** will be **Monday, February 6** at **6 pm** in the church. If you plan to enroll your child for kindergarten in 2017 please submit the following information **by Monday, January 23, 2017**: Parents' names, address, email address, phone number, child's name and date of birth. Call the office or email the information to [carol-ruskamp@cdolinc.net](mailto:carol-ruskamp@cdolinc.net). A letter will be sent with more details.

### **Girls' Basketball Schedule:**

*Monday, Jan 23rd at Cathedral*  
6 pm Cathedral 7 vs. **NAM 7**  
7 pm Cathedral 8 vs. **NAM 8**

*Monday, Jan 30th at NAM*  
6pm St. Joseph White 7 vs. **NAM 7**  
7pm St. Joseph 8 vs. **NAM 8**



Please sign up to help with the **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast** that will take place on Wednesday, Feb 1:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a49aead22a64-staff1>

### Chess Club Activities:

**Chess Club Fun Night** this Saturday, Jan 21st 7-10 pm. Please bring \$3 for pizza and pop.

Don't forget Saturday, Feb 4th is the [NAM Scholastic Tournament!](#)

## Congratulations to the calendar lottery winners:

Sunday, January 8, 2017: Phong Nguyen

Monday, January 9, 2017: Zach & Cassie Wemhoff

Tuesday, January 10, 2017: Roland Meirose

Wednesday, January 11, 2017: Miranda Johs

Thursday, January 12, 2017: Kim Cunningham

Friday, January 13, 2017: Matt & Meg Abraham

Saturday, January 14, 2017: Maggie Miratsky

The **Page One Reading Club** meetings are about to begin! The program is open to students in **grades 3-8**. Registration Forms are available in the school office and attached to this email. There will be weekly meetings starting on **Tuesday, February 7** for the **Level I (grades 3-4)**, **Level II (grades 5-6)** and **Level III (grades 7-8)** students. Groups will meet to discuss books from the booklists and to play games. There will also be two city-wide events with students from across Lincoln! There is a **\$10 registration fee**. Keep on reading!



Above: 6th Grade burgundy Honor Roll

## Dynamic Catholic Opportunity!

"Making our Good Marriage Better"

Marriage Encounter Weekend  
in Lincoln, February 10-12  
contact Pat & Janelle Benson

Janelle 308-940-1105

Pat 308-940-0670

Home 308-946-3568

NAM is once again in the running to win our annual Superstar Catholic School contest—Jan. 30 through Feb. 4. The contest is a simple voting contest where the top three Catholic elementary schools and top three Catholic high schools across the listening area receive the following prizes:

- **A LIVE interview on Spirit Catholic Radio's Spirit Mornings show.**
- **FREE prayer cards for every student!**
- **A trophy to be displayed at your school!**
- **A gift card to supply your teachers' lounge with Mystic Monk Coffee.**
- **\$1,000 worth of on-air spots that promote your school and what makes it unique!**
- **Promotion on spiritcatholicradio.com.**

Voting begins Monday, Jan. 30 at [spiritcatholicradio.com](http://spiritcatholicradio.com). Each person can vote only once, so we need everyone's participation!