

North American M A R T Y R S Catholic School

Dear Parents,

As we approach conferences sometimes there is high anxiety. I usually only share this with parents who need it, but I think it's appropriate to share it now. Recently, my parents' sump pump went out while they were at their other home in Minnesota. Needless to say they had a bit of a mess in their basement and there was much clean up to do. Everyone has boxes of "stuff" in their basement and my parents are no different. My mom had all my childhood memories in a box and we went through it. In the box were my many report cards. I saw, for the first time, my report cards from the perspective of an educator. What many of you would never guess or know is that in 10th grade I was diagnosed with a learning disability. There is a misconception of what a learning disability is. But the reality is, in looking at my report cards, if your child had mine, I would have referred me on in about third grade. At least for initial reporting. My first grade teacher told my mom I was brilliant. But by third grade, I had received my first of many D's in my grade school career. It was disheartening for my parents who were almost straight A students to see their daughter struggle. I would struggle to read on a daily basis and no one did anything to help. People didn't know what they know now. It wasn't until high school my parents heard of a learning disability and by that time I was so far behind it was a mess.

Some of your children struggle. Some struggle and you didn't and some struggle and you did too. We work with kids like this all the time and want to help you. Students who are getting D's and F's sometimes are getting them for a reason. We will help you navigate the world of education, but trust me when I say children with a learning disability are not stupid. They learn differently. Typically, they have high IQs but their grades don't show it. Please know that when we say your child is struggling in school, sometimes that's just because we make them learn in the box of a classroom. As we prepare for conferences, some of you are going to see your child struggling. We will work to help you figure out the reasons why and there is nothing to worry about. Your child WILL learn and God will work with them no matter what. The process is sometimes long and painful to watch, but I assure you, we will do everything in our power to bring the dignity of the student back and help them through any learning struggles they may have. God bless you and know that I love your children enough to work through these things. We got this! Conferences will be great!

Sr. Janelle

Important Dates:

- **September 14 1:30 Dismissal (There is extended care) Jean Day (wear uniform tops/martyrs t-shirt) Please bring .50 cents for the Mission**
- **September 19 Health Screening**
- **September 20 Noon Dismissal. No lunch and No Extended Care.**
- **September 20 Parent Teacher Conferences 1:30-8pm**
- **September 21 No School**
- **Deadline for the Dillon Scholarship is Friday September 21.**
- **Chess Club Night Saturday, September 22 7-10pm. \$3 for pizza**
- **Picture Retakes September 26th; TTH Preschool pictures September 27**

Volleyball Games:

- ⇒ 7th Grade Gray vs St. Joseph Maroon 7
Monday Sept 17 @ 6:45pm at St. Peters
- ⇒ 7th Grade Burgundy vs Parkview Christian 7
Monday Sept 17 @ 5:45 pm at NAM
- ⇒ 8th Grade Gray vs Cathedral 8 Monday Sept 17 @ 6:45 at NAM
- ⇒ 8th Grade Burgundy vs Blessed Sacrament White Monday Sept. 17 @ 7:45 at NAM
- ⇒ 7th Grade Gray vs St. Joseph White 7
Tuesday Sept 18 @ 6:45 at St. Joseph
- ⇒ 7th Grade Burgundy vs Cathedral 7 Tuesday Sept 18 @ 6 at Cathedral
- ⇒ 8th Grade Burgundy vs Cathedral 8 Tues Sept 18 @ 7 at Cathedral
- ⇒ 8th Grade Gray vs Blessed Sacrament Red Tuesday Sept 18 @ 7 at Blessed Sacrament

Join Fr. Declan Gibson for Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist and Eucharistic Reflections at North American Martyrs Church. This meets the Dynamic Catholics requirement for school parents. Sign in each night.

Monday, **September 17th** & Tuesday, **September 18th**

7:00 pm—Confessions following both evening talks



It is time to sign up for your parent/teacher conference to be held on Thursday, September 20, from 1:30 to 8 pm. We ask that all parents sign up to visit with their child's homeroom teacher (half day preschool is optional).

Please put your child's first and last name in the sign in slot – thank you! And remember that we dismiss at noon on September 20, and no school on September 21.

Links for signup:

Preschool: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a49aead22a64-preschool>

Pre-K: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a49aead22a64-prek>

K-3: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a49aead22a64-conferences>

4-6: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a49aead22a64-conferences1>

7-8: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a49aead22a64-junior1>

Specials/Resource/Title: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a49aead22a64-specialresource>

Also, if you can provide food for teachers on conference day: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4CADAD28A75-teacher>



Book fair open to students during school hours and to parents during Parent-Teacher Conferences September 20th.

Shop online Sept. 12-25 at

www.scholastic.com/bf/northamericanmartyrsschool

Pumpkin Run :

Registration is now open!! The event is Saturday October 6 at Seacrest Park.



GIFT LOTTERY TICKETS

Win \$1,000, \$500 or \$250

We are asking each family to sell, or purchase, two lottery tickets. Tickets are \$25 each and you do not need to be present to win.

GIFT proceeds will benefit the school and church. Return the ticket and money by October 26 in the Sunday collection or to the church or school office. Additional tickets are also available in church and school offices.