

Message from the Principal



We begin the Advent season with the joy and promise of our Savior's birth. Each December, people step out of ordinary routines to prepare for the season and consider all their blessings. At Notre Dame, we are doing the same. With only sixteen school days in the month, we too, try to stay grounded with academics, however rejoice in the kick off of our wrestling and basketball seasons as well as take time to enjoy our Christmas Concert. Some clubs too, participate in singing at convalescent homes, Toys for Tots, holiday wrapping along with normal service hour commitments.

Notre Dame will be experiencing some staff changes with the new year. Mrs. Jaclyn Friel will be returning January 2 from maternity leave. We are excited to have her return as our Assistant Principal. She knows most of the students and is familiar with the routines, so I'm certain that she will be able to pick up where she left off in no time. We welcome her back.

Notre Dame High School will also be saying 'Good-bye' to another well-respected and important member of our Administrative staff. On December 14th, Coach Chuck Muller will be leaving us and relocating to Texas. His contributions have been many over the past nine years, however most noted will be how he worked with students to help get them on the right path. He is a man students trusted and appreciated learning from. He will be missed. In his place, Notre Dame has hired Mr. Mike Chando to take over disciplinarian duties. Mr. Chando comes to us with many of the same background skills Coach Muller has and has already been working with us to learn students and routines. We welcome him to our Crusader community.

It is during this time of year especially, I like to reflect on the many blessings God has given me and show my respect and gratitude. Notre Dame is a great place. It is so, because of how we all work together as a community to help, encourage, and support each other. I have realized that in every situation whether big or small, I can rely on many around me to stand tall. This support also helps those who find difficulty. At our school, there are calm days, cloudy days, and sometimes category 4 storms. God has been good in that He is always there to lead us through. I am grateful for all He has given me and that means you. On behalf of all the students, staff, faculty and administration, Merry Christmas and Happy 2018.

Respectfully in Christ,

Mario Lucrezi

Principal

Ring Mass 2017



Father Mark Searles celebrating Mass with our students and their families on November 30th in the ND Chapel.

Congratulations to the following students who received their class ring:

Emma Anmolsingh

Anthony DeMasi

Braeden Farrell

Daniela Mannino

Rachel Miller

Brianna Nuber

Paxton Svanda

Andrea Tocher

Nicole Watts

Theology Department Reflections

Charging

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light. Mt 11:28-30



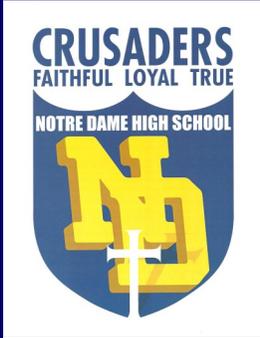
by Tom Kuehne on December 8

Something that I've been noticing lately is how our students are always looking for a place to plug in. Their cell phones, tablets and headphones are all great but they all need to be constantly recharged. A phone with a dead battery doesn't do anyone much good. When we see that our devices are running low on energy we search for a place to plug in, to recharge, to be filled with energy.

Jesus never told a "parable of the cell phone". He never did product placement for Apple products. But it is too easy of a metaphor not to use. How easy it is for us to get rundown during this season. For our batteries to be depleted. To be drained, emptied and longing to be recharged. Jesus did speak to this. He knew how trying to carry our burdens on our own could wear us down. How the obligations towards family and friends could drain our batteries. How living in this world could sap our power and leave us feeling dead.

So the question that arises for us is "how do we plug in?" It is a personal question that only you can answer. But aren't you worth so much more than a device. Look for those ways to recharge. Find the places and prayers that fill you with energy. Take the time to be filled with divine power.

Farewell Coach Muller



Development News



Gala Update

The 2017 Gala Auction is now officially “in the books” and by all accounts we had another tremendous year. Two hundred loyal Crusaders attended this year’s event and although the final numbers are not yet in, we believe we will have raised enough to renovate at least four (4) classrooms. This is a great kick-off to our “Classroom Campaign” and we look to build on the energy from the Gala. The wonderful support from our families at Notre Dame helped us this year with gathering 135+ silent auction items and 11 items for the Live Auction. Thank you to the parent volunteers who spearheaded this committee. Thank you too to the parents who took time on November 13th to help us set up and host the event. It was great to have such a wonderful team to work hand in hand with our faculty and staff volunteers to make this a night to remember! We look forward to our 2018 event with great anticipation and hope each family at ND will consider taking a role in this event. Enjoy some of the great Christmas City photos from the evening.



Development News



Veteran's Day & "Above the Best - Class of 1964-Ed Mullins Memorial Scholarship"

Congratulations to the entire ND community for our wonderful Veteran's Day Mass and Celebration held on November 16. Father Butera celebrated the Mass and welcomed approximately 15 veteran's from our ND community and their family and friends. It was a tremendous way to say "Thank You" during the Thanksgiving season to those who helped to protect the freedoms we all enjoy in our country today. After the Mass we honored Michael Mullins, Class of 1964, with the first "Salute to Veterans" award for his service during the Vietnam war and his family's sacrifice. Michael's twin brother, Edward Patrick Mullins, was killed in action while attempting to rescue fellow service men. He remains Notre Dame's only alumni who was killed during the Vietnam War. In honor of the sacrifice of the Mullins family, the Class of 1964 has awarded a memorial scholarship each year. On November 16, the class members, some traveling from as far away as Oregon, presented the 2017 "Above the Best" scholarship to Christopher Bianchi, a current junior at Notre Dame HS. Please enjoy the photos from Christmas City Studios from our event.



Development News

Career Day Speakers Needed

Reminder to all ND families that on March 20, 2018 we will host “ND Career Day” for our students. We need to secure approximately 60 speakers to share their careers and interests with current ND students. If you or someone you know would be interested in attending, simply complete the form below and return it to the Development Office by Dec. 22.

CAREER DAY SPEAKER REGISTRATION	
Speaker Name	_____
Career/Industry	_____
Employer	_____
Email	_____
Phone	_____



Scholarships for 2017-18 Academic Year

Please watch the ND website beginning in February for information regarding scholarships awarded through the Development Office. Many alumni and benefactors have established scholarships to assist our families with tuition expenses. These offerings are outside of the traditional financial aid awarded by the Finance Office and vary in criteria and application deadlines. Last year, the Development Office awarded approximately \$90,000 in scholarships to Notre Dame students.

Science Expo 2017



The demonstrations included :

- Superabsorbant polymers
- Dry ice
- Indicators and pH
- Flame Tests
- Elephant toothpaste
- Organic smells
- Indicator sponge
- Stop and Go Oxidation
- Gold Pennies
- Seeing the invisible
- Chromatography
- Water marbles
- Signs of a chemical reaction



$$E=MC^2$$

Thank you Science Department

Thank you to the following students who lead the demonstrations for the visiting students on Science Expo Day:

AP Chem

Sara Feil
Charlie Hohl
Milan D'Silva
Jane Kvederas
Katie Soergel
Nadia Holmgaard
Danny Gillespie
Stephanie Salmento
Brianna Maslonka
Kristina Guth

Thank you to the following students who helped with the demonstrations on Science Expo Day:

AP Bio

Liz Lozinger
Jennie Melhem
Arthur Jacob
Clair Nicoletto
Kate MacDonald
Isabella Guet-Cruza

Honors Chem

Kate Costentino
Katie Dicker
Nadia Gonzalez
Chris Omick
Jacob Schaeffer
Abby Wachter
Emma Fox
Eva Frinzi
Ryan Gibki
Ben Gormly
Anna Mills
Emma Ammolsingh
Richard Mueller
Kendall Decker
Katelyn Mercurio



Peer Listener Induction Mass



PEER 2 PEER

**Peer Listener Moderator
Mrs. Kelly Weber
Addresses the Inductees**



Congratulations Newly Inducted Peer Listeners

Tis the Season....



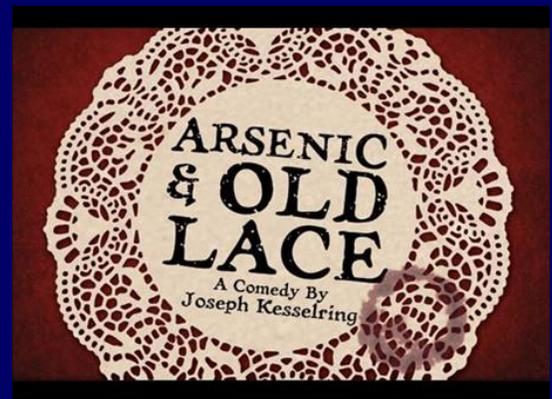
Congratulations to Jim Steiner, our former Assistant Principal and current ND Substitute, on the birth of his 10th grandchild.

Colin Joseph...

Born December 4, 2017

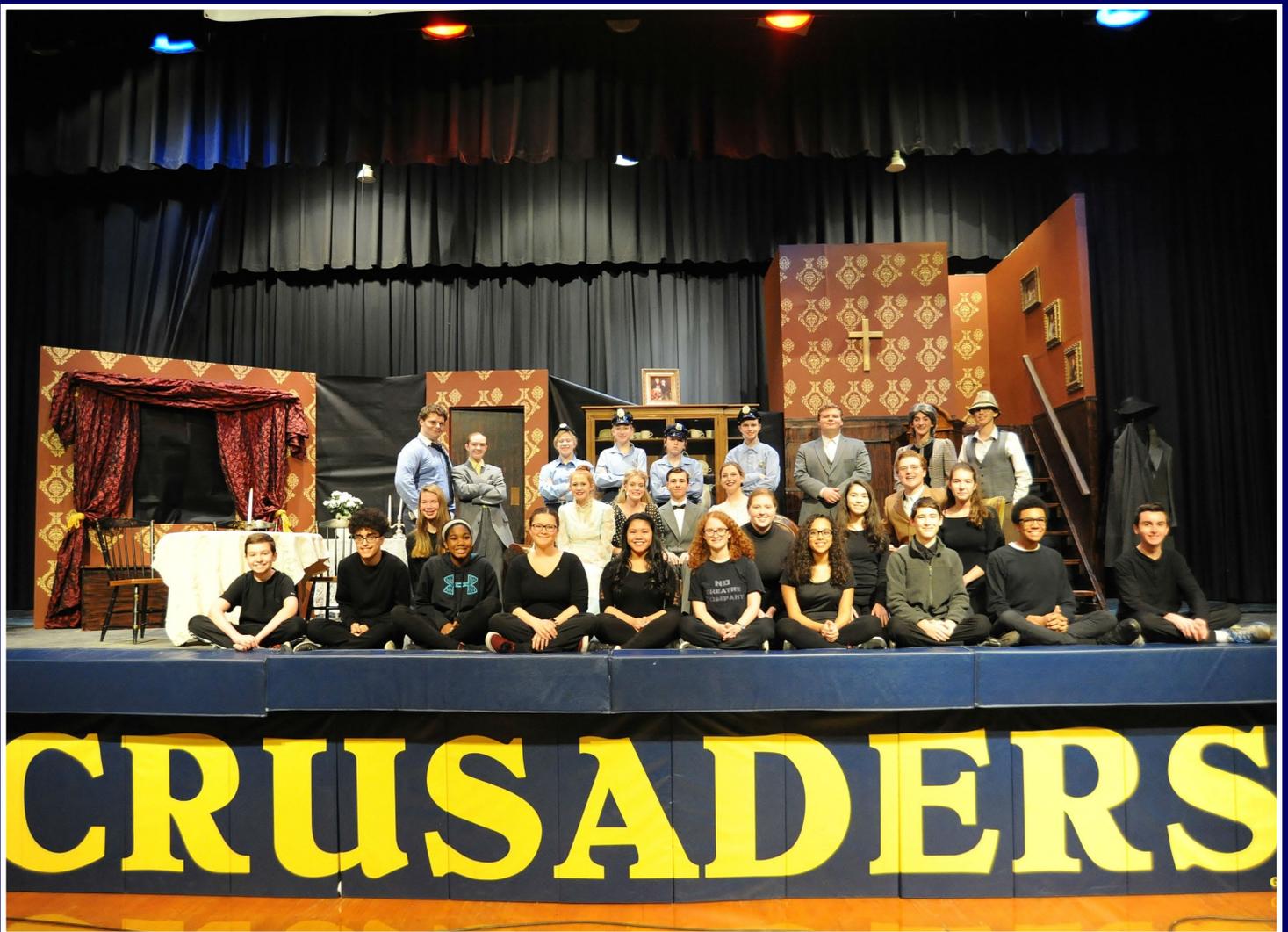
And oh so "cute", as per Pop Pop.

Arsenic and Old Lace



Theatre News

*Just a quick thank you to all cast, crew,
families and friends
for your support and assistance in
making "Arsenic and Old Lace" a
great success!*



Christmas Concert

Notre Dame Music Department Christmas Concert



Friday, December 15, 6:45pm

Toys for Tots



Congratulations to the Class of 2021 for raising over \$1,000 to purchase toys for young boys and girls and for collecting over \$2,000 worth of toys.

Children are God's best creation

They spread
happiness and joy in
every season

Handle them with
love and care



Kairos XLIII

"Being a typically skeptical person, I certainly had reservations going into the Kairos retreat. I was a bit nervous and unconvinced of the impact that many people said it had on them. However, my Kairos experience was a pleasant surprise and positive in almost every aspect. Kairos not only gave me a different outlook on my previously weak faith, but also helped me to discover who I am as a person and develop a greater understanding and sympathy for others. I discovered both positives and negatives about myself while on retreat, and Kairos helped me to celebrate and be thankful to God for the positives and attempt to mend and repair the negatives. I highly recommend the Kairos retreat to anyone who is looking to deepen their faith or even simply learn more about themselves and others. " **Michael Santos, Retreatant Kairos XLIII**

"I had a connection to very few of my classmates before attending Kairos this fall, but my biggest blessing is being able to call many of them my friends now. Being a Kairos leader has been the most rewarding experience of my life. Guiding my classmates to spiritual healing and to a connection with each other and God is something I will always remember and cherish." **Shea Elliott, Student Leader Kairos XLIII**



Yearbooks.....Perfect Christmas Gift

The Notre Dame HS yearbook is a one of a kind publication. It's a limited edition collection of stories and events from the school year and with the holiday season upon us, now is a perfect time to give your son/daughter a special gift!

You can place your order online <http://bit.ly/2AxqXTz>, or by going to sscyearbooks.com and following the instructions. You can also place your order by phone (800-600-9107).

All online orders will be emailed a holiday card that you can present to your child.

The yearbook staff has been working hard putting together a great book - so don't delay, purchase your yearbook today!!



December Students of the Month



Senior
Jacob Henry



Junior
Grace Mulligan



Sophomore
Madison Blessing



Freshman
Robert Spirk



Breakfast with Santa
Sunday, December 10th from 9-12:00

Cost is \$6

Breakfast includes:
pancakes,
French toast sticks,
fruit cups,
sausage, and drinks

Proceeds benefit the Notre Dame Baseball Team

Fundraising News

The 3RD drawing of the 2017-2018 Fundraising Ticket Series “Christmas Bliss” will run from Friday, October 27th with the drawing being held on Thursday, January 4th, 2018 at noon in the Finance Office. Deadline for submitting tickets is Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018.

For your convenience, the main office is open Monday-Friday from 8 am to 3:30 pm to either pick-up or drop off your tickets.

Please ensure that the “Student Name” section is completed so we can apply credit to your fundraising account.

As a reminder, the 2017-2018 Fundraising quota’s are as follows:

- ☆ \$750 per single child family or
- ☆ \$1,000 per multi child family.

Tickets may be purchased all at once, or spread throughout the year. “Christmas Bliss” is a \$10.00 ticket with a chance of winning \$6,400 in total prizes.

For every 10 tickets sold, you receive a free ticket for that drawing and you can write just one check for all the tickets purchased.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL, INC.
S.G.O.C.LIC.#17-00183

CHRISTMAS BLISS
\$10.00

Drawing Date: Thursday, Jan. 4th, 2018
Noon in the Finance Office

\$6,400 in Prizes

#1—\$1,500 #2—\$1,000 #3—\$500
#4—\$250 #5—\$250
#6-20—\$100 #21-32—\$75 #33-42—\$50

Write check payable to Notre Dame High School.
Make tickets available to your family & friends.
Winners list will be posted on ND website.
Winners will be notified by mail.
Prize eligibility not contingent on purchase.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone: _____
Student Name: _____

Additional drawings:

Luck of A Crusader - (01/05/18-03/15/18)

Spring Is In The Air - (03/16/18-05/03/18)

Mark Your Calendars!

Fundraising 50% Plan: Once you have met your fundraising quota for the current school year, we will credit your tuition account 50 cents on every dollar over the quota.

Should you have any questions, please contact Cindy Mackiewicz, Student Fundraising Coordinator, at cmackiewicz@ndcrusaders.org

Guidance News



Senior Reminders Regarding Naviance/Family Connection

Step 1) Submit your Application via the Common App (Commonapp.org), or a regular application directly to the institution online.

Step 2) In your Family Connection account, under *Colleges I'm Applying To*, update the section that asks **Have you Applied** - This is the first step in the transcript request process.

Step 3) On that same page in Family Connection, above your college list, **request transcripts** for the colleges you've submitted your applications.

Be aware of application due dates. Make sure you're requesting your transcripts and other documents in Family Connection with at least 3 school days before your application deadline. It's always a good idea to reach out to the colleges directly through email or phone to clear up any confusion, or to check the status of your application.

As Seniors begin to receive Admissions decisions from colleges, feel free to update the **results** section, found next to each college on your *Colleges I'm Applying To List*. Or, stop in the Guidance Office and let us know the good news.

As a reminder, the website for our Family Connection is:

<http://connection.naviance.com/notredhs>

The email we've been using is the students Notre Dame Email:

(firstname.lastname@student.ndcrusaders.org)

The password is the student's six digit date of birth

(ex., 030199)

Guidance News

Class of 2018 Scholarship Search

Seniors, don't forget to use the Scholarship Search available in your Family Connection account.

Students should know how to access their Family Connection accounts by going to:

<http://connection.naviance.com/notredhs>

If you need a reminder what your login information is, contact the Guidance Office and we can help.

Once you log in, from the home page click the *Colleges tab*. Then, scroll down towards the bottom on the page and you'll see the category *Scholarships and Money*. There you will find local and national scholarships using the *National Scholarship Search hosted by Sallie Mae*. Parents and students will probably want to look at this together as there are a number of questions that pertain to both.

Requesting transcripts

If you need to meet a January 1st college application deadline, please request your transcripts as soon as possible. Waiting until the last minute, could delay receipt of your application materials due to high school and college offices closed for Christmas. *Reminder- if a student needs a teacher letter of recommendation, they must speak to that teacher in person before submitting the request via Naviance.

Admissions Decisions

As seniors begin to hear back from colleges with admissions decisions, please keep your Counselor up to date. We would love to share your good news and congratulate you for your accomplishment!

Northampton Community College announces *Presidential Ambassador Scholarship*

Qualified students might be invited to meet with a selection committee if they:

Rank in the top 20% of their graduating class,

Apply to NCC and submit an official transcript by February 1, 2018,

Submit the Presidential Ambassador Scholarship Application (in Naviance) by 2/1/18

Guidance News

Kaplan to teach SAT Test Prep course after school at Notre Dame

Parents of 10th and 11th graders- I'd like to thank you for your participation in the *SAT Prep survey we sent back in October*. This survey helped us determine that there is an interest in additional SAT prep for our 10th and 11th grade students.

Notre Dame High School has partnered with Kaplan Test Prep to offer a preparation course at a special price available to our families. The SAT class will prepare your child for the March and May 2018 test dates, and will cost \$350. Students must register by Thursday, January 11, 2018.

For registration details and additional information, please view http://bit.ly/nd_sat18 SAT Prep Course

If you have any questions, please email Ryan Allen at rallen@ciu20.org

PSAT Scores Coming back this month

On December 12, 2017, all students who took the PSAT's will be able to access their *PSAT/SAT Suite of Assessment scores with personalized feedback, practice, college planning and career exploration resources*.

Be on the lookout for an email from College Board that week prompting students to create an online College Board account to view this PSAT score report. This one CB account is for everything, including SAT, AP, PSAT/NMSQT, CLEP, and BigFuture activities, so please make sure you provide complete and accurate information. Also, write down your login information so you'll remember it.

Create a College Board Account

Once you create your account and view your PSAT score report you'll be able to see your scores and if you are on track for college readiness, view detailed explanations of skills required to be college ready and send your scores to Khan Academy for personalized practice recommendations.

This is the same account you'll use to sign up for the SAT's when you're ready to take them.

Connect with Khan Academy with College Board

Another important step for students who took the October PSAT is to connect their College Board and Khan Academy accounts. That way, when they get their PSAT/NMSQT scores on December 12, they can log in to Khan Academy and get a personalized SAT practice plan.

Guidance News



Student Assistance Program (SAP)

If you know a student who is struggling with something, and could use some extra help, please remember the SAP Team.

SAP is a team of ND faculty/staff trained to remove barriers to learning, a student might be facing.

Through mobilizing resources both in and out of school, the SAP team works closely with parents and families in a confidential manner to ensure students are getting the help they need.

Members of the SAP Team:

Ryan Allen

Sharon Hillhouse

Kelly Weber

Zach Moyer

Jessica Gold

John Tague

Jackie Friel

CIU 20 Driver Ed Program

On-the-Road Instruction

This training consists of six (6) 1-hour sessions one-on-one with an instructor. Driver training cars are provided by CIU20. A student must have his/her driving permit in order to take part in this instruction, as required by the state.

The On The Road program will take several months to complete. We will attempt to start your child's On-the -Road instruction as soon as possible but please be aware that there may be significant wait period of up to 2 months.

The student will drive with our instructors adapting new aptitudes. Parents are then expected to supplement this instruction with a minimum of 65 hours of instruction, as required by PennDOT, A Classroom Theory course is only required for on-the-road instruction if the student wishes to obtain his/her license through CIU20. They may take the classroom theory course at the same time they are learning with our instructors and practicing with their parents. Upon successful completion of a classroom theory course/ classroom course and our on-the-road instruction and the 65 hours. The student may take the final PennDOT licensing exam with one of our instructors. No student will be eligible for testing with a CIU 20 instructor unless the on the road CIU 20 instructor approves the testing. Students in their senior year of high school, must complete the final end-of-course skills test to obtain one's license by August 20th of the calendar year in which they graduate.

Cost: \$275 for six (6) 1-hour lessons

Pam Bloom

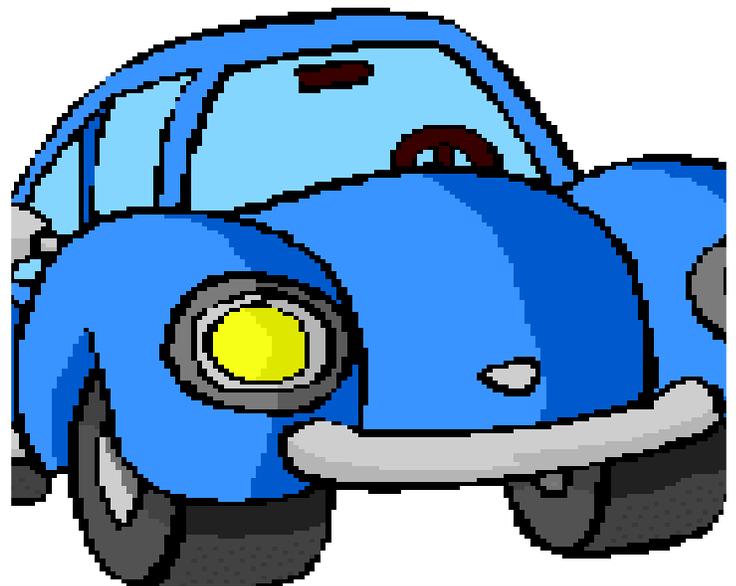
Colonial Intermediate Unit 20

6 Danforth Drive

Easton, PA 18045

610-252-5550

pbloom@ciu20.org



December Calendar of Events

December 8	Peer Listeners Induction Mass 8:15 AM
December 11	Math Bingo for 5th grade Partner Schools 9:00—11:00 AM in the gym
December 12	Stewardship grades 9th/10th
December 13	Penance Service Awards Ceremony in PM (Fall Sports - follow the PM Assembly Schedule) Faculty Meeting 2:30 PM Athletic Booster Club Mtg 7:00 PM
December 14	Minor B ends Stewardship for grades 11th / 12th Sophomore Retreat (1/2 the class)
December 15	Sophomore Retreat (1/2 the class)
December 18	Door Decorating PM Assembly Schedule
December 20	Christmas Caroling at Country Meadows
December 21	Mass at 8:15 AM
December 22	PM Assembly Schedule - Ugly Sweater Contest/Reindeer Games
December 25-January 1	School Closed
January 2	School Reopens
January 4	Mass at 8:15 AM
January 12	Midterm Exams
January 16	Midterm Exams
January 17	Midterm Exams
January 18	Make up Day for Exams

