

Message from the Principal



Principal's Message

Happy New Year to you and your family. I pray that you have all had a joyful Christmas celebration and were able to spend quality time with family and friends. Christmas is a blessed time of the year in that God has given each of us a perfect gift. The days off went quickly however, as they usually do. Now that all of us at ND are back in full swing, it is time to gear up for mid-term exams and prepare for Catholic Schools Week. As we approach the start of the second semester we begin to realize students are more than half way to completing another school year. Graduation day

for our Seniors is coming on the horizon. Please note that if we use snow days, the date of Graduation will change. A final determination date will be made after the winter months.

Mid-term exams will be held on January 17, 18, 19, and 22. You should note that January 15 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and students will have no school. Teachers have elected to go back to the previous method of administering exams by having two exams a day over the four days. This method will most likely mean your child will have one or two days where they have just one exam due to one period being their lunch and the other a minor or elective.

The exam schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, January 17 – exams for class periods 1 and 5
Thursday, January 18 – exams for class periods 2 and 6
Friday, January 19 – exams for class periods 3 and 7
Monday, January 22 – exams for class periods 4 and 8

***Please note that your child has lunch and a minor/elective during two of these periods and will not be required to be here during that period. All students starting their day with an exam need to go to homeroom for attendance as usual. If your child is coming in for just the second exam period, he/she needs to stop in the office to sign in they are present and wait in the gym until the exam period begins.

The first exam runs from 8:15 until 9:45 and the second exam runs from 10:00 until 11:30. Dismissal is at 11:30.

I would also like to mention a concern about absenteeism. Each day, Mrs. Chuss-Mirro works at her attendance desk making calls to parents of students who have been recorded as absent. In most cases parents have been diligent to call in and note their child is going to be out sick. However, some of the reasons given are unlawful. Please note that we must follow the same guidelines as any public school. Legal excuses are illness, death in the family (within reason regarding the relationship), pre-approved vacation to not go beyond five school days, and college visits, which are also limited. We are recording unlawful excuses and if your child accumulates more than 10% of the school year, they will have to come back in the summer after school is out. Last year, there were 8 students who had to make up days. Attendance is abused here at ND. On December 22, we have recorded 110 students absent and another 36 went home early. Please do not extend holidays or allow your child to determine when they want to take a "skip day." Their absences are recorded on their permanent record.

January 2018

Message from the Principal

This year, the Diocesan Music Festival will kick off Catholic Schools Week on Saturday, January 27 at 2:00 PM in Masson Hall of Allentown Central Catholic High School. As usual, Notre Dame will have great representation from our band and chorus in attendance with the combined bands and choruses from all six high schools. If you are able, it is a great way to spend an afternoon.

Our school has a lot of activity not just throughout the day, but most evenings and weekends as well. There are 19 scheduled athletic events in January. Please know that our Notre Dame community is welcome to come in and enjoy contests at any time.

Respectfully in Christ,

Mario Lucrezi

Principal

Reflection ...



"It was a great honor, a blessing, and a joy to return to my beloved alma mater ND as a priest to help hear student confessions before Christmas on December 13th. I'm so grateful to Fr. Butera for his kindness in inviting me and for his continued pastoral leadership of Our Lady's high school in Easton. I enjoyed four awesome years at ND as a student (2002-2006) and I will cherish those formative years for the rest of my life. Honestly, while I

was a student at ND, I never thought in a million years that I would one day return to the school as a priest and hear Advent confessions in the gym. When I walked into the gym that morning and saw the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the monstrance on the altar in the center of the basketball court surrounded by a beautiful arrangement of candles, I was overjoyed and awestruck. I was so happy to see that the students were given the opportunity to spend some quality time in silent prayer with our Lord Jesus, Who loves them so much and wants to bless their lives with so much grace, mercy, freedom, peace, joy, love, healing, and happiness. To be a priest is to be a bridge to God's infinite mercy and love, which is greater and overwhelmingly

more powerful than any sin. And so to help bring the healing power of Christ's infinite mercy and love to the students of ND through the great Sacrament of Reconciliation was such



Father Stephen Isaac Class of 2006

a tremendous blessing and gift that I will cherish forever. In order to sanctify and transform the world, Christ is calling our young people to greatness -- to the greatness of holiness -- to the greatness of making our Lord and Savior present in the world today. To be able to assist our young people in responding to God's personal call to each of them to become saints and to see their great potential in Christ is an unspeakable joy and one of the reasons why I love being a priest! "

March for Life 2018



When: Friday, January 19, 2018

Where: Washington, DC

Who: Open to all ND students

Cost: \$15 nonrefundable

Please return your permission slip and payment to Mrs. Hillhouse in the Campus Ministry office by January 12, 2018.

Please complete *both sides of the permission slip.*

Further details about the trip can be found on the next page.

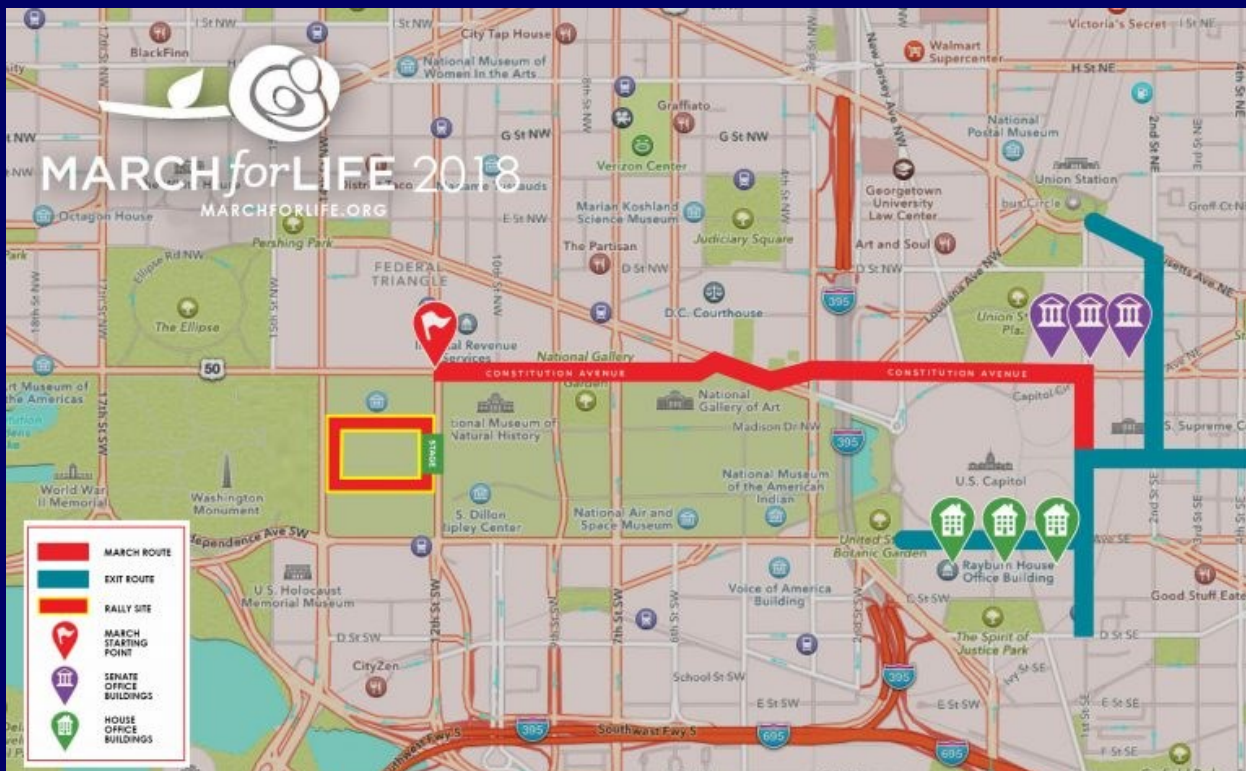
March for Life 2018

This year Notre Dame has two buses going to the March for Life. We will depart Notre Dame at 6:30am. On the way to Washington we will stop at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore. There we will celebrate Mass with other high schools from the Diocese of Allentown.

We will then travel to Washington where the march begins at the National Mall, continues up Constitution Avenue and ends at the Supreme Court and Capitol Building.

We will go to Union Station for something to eat and depart from Union Station at 4:30pm with an estimated arrival back to Notre Dame at 9:30pm. Students will call their parents as we get closer to ND.

Students should plan to bring a bag lunch. They are welcome to bring snacks.



Contact Mrs. Hillhouse at shillhouse@ndcrusaders.org or at 610-868-1431 x113 if you have any questions.

Morning Call Awards



Congratulations

**Morning Call Boys
Soccer Coach of the Year**

Coach Michael Reilly

Congratulations

**Morning Call Boys
Cross Country Team of the Year**



Congratulations

**Morning Call Girls
Tennis Doubles Team of the Year
Logan Lencheski & Emma Anmolsingh**

Morning Call All Area Boys & Girls Cross Country Teams



Congratulations

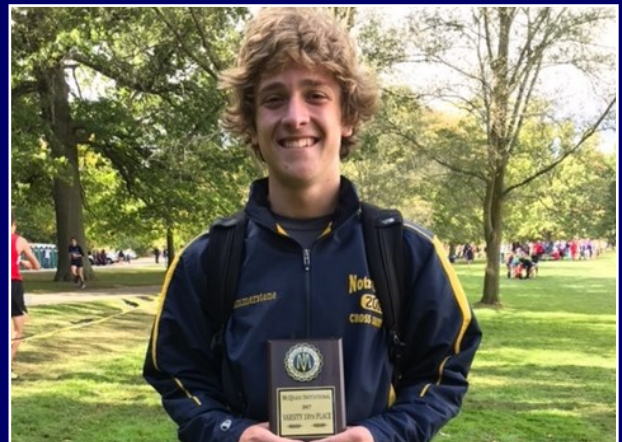
Morning Call All Area
Boys Cross Country Team

John Koons - First Team

Congratulations

Morning Call All Area
Boys Cross Country Team

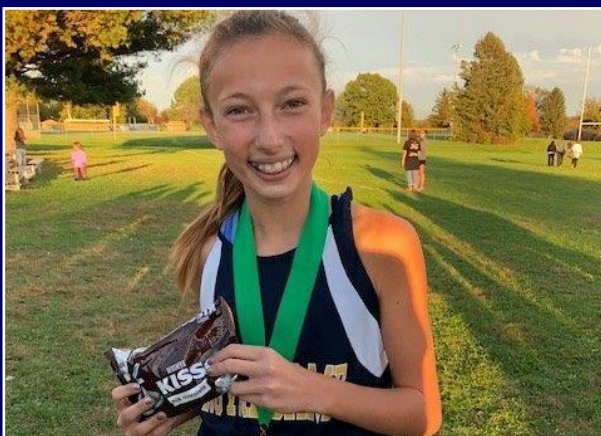
Sheamus Hammerstone
Honorable Mention



Congratulations

Morning Call All Area
Girls Cross Country Team

Grace Medei - Honorable Mention



Morning Call All Area Boys Soccer Team



**1st Team Midfielder
Kaiden Chinchar**



**2nd Team Forward
Luke Fleissner**



**2nd Team Defender
Brian Gallagher**



**Honorable Mention Forward
Danny Leary**



**Honorable Mention Goal Keeper
Alex Ficarra**

Eastern PA Football Team Honors

1st Team Honors



OFFENSE

Wide receivers (WR)

Isaiah Dejesus,



Quarterback (QB)

Cole DeFranco



Athletes (ATH)

Gerald Grube



Eastern PA Football Team Honors



Honorable Mention

DL Sr. Mikey DeGaetano



Honorable Mention

K Sr. Tucker Eighmy

*Congratulations ND
Players*



All Tournament Team



**Congratulations to
Cassie Murphy and Olivia Brandt**

**All Tournament Team
at the Judy Knorr Memorial Holiday
Basketball Tournament
in Berwick, PA**

MiniTHON 2018

KICKOFF

2-16-18

Are you ready as an ND student to accept the challenge and raise money for the FOUR Diamonds Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation?????

10 years → 4 Diamonds > 1 cause > FTK (FOR THE KIDS)

The mission of The Four Diamonds Fund is to conquer childhood cancer by assisting children treated at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital and their families through superior care, comprehensive support, and innovative research.

Registration Information

(Please return registration form to Mrs. Fenton no later than Friday, January 12, 2018)

Name: _____

Homeroom: _____

Shirt Size: _____

Student Email address: _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____ Parent Email address: _____

Registration fee is \$35

Checks made payable to NDHS

Remember: All participants must raise at least \$75 (this does not include the registration fee) to participate in the ND MiniTHON. All donations need to be brought to Mrs. Fenton's office no later than February 17, 2018. Donation forms will be available to all dancers once they register. Donors will be able to contribute online!!!

Attention New Parents only:

THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY PARENTS MEETING JANUARY 15 AT 6 PM IN THE SCHOOL CAFÉ.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Website Keeps Parents in the Loop

This was just Released from Lehigh County to the Public to assist in fighting the Drug Overdose Epidemic. It's a good Resource not just for Families but also School Administrators, Teachers, and Guidance Counselors. The website keeps parents in the loop of drug use trends. The following includes a link to the article and then a link to the website.

<http://www.wfmz.com/news/lehigh-valley/website-keeps-parents-in-the-loop-of-drug-use-trends/675546235>

<https://home.lehighcounty.org/drugandalcohol>



Development News

GALA UPDATE

Thank you to the many parents who volunteered, solicited prizes, donated items, sponsored or attended 2017 Harvest & Hops Gala Auction. Two hundred guests enjoyed a wonderful evening at the Northampton Country Club while raising funds for Notre Dame High School's Classroom Campaign. Over \$52,000 was raised to support this campaign and all proceeds will be used to update our student classrooms in the near future. We will be updating the flooring, lighting, painting and all new furniture for each of our classrooms. The cost per room is approximately \$15-18,000 and we will be applying for grant funding as well as a designated donor campaign for the remaining funds needed to complete this project.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Development Office works closely with our many benefactors and companies to offer financial assistance and internship opportunities for our students. Scholarships are available for incoming freshmen, current students re-enrolling for next year and also graduating seniors enrolling in college or trade school. As of today, we have over thirty (30) scholarships totaling over \$25,000 available as well as six (6) internships. Opportunities will be listed on the ND website (under the 'Student Life' tab where 'Scholarships/Internships' drop down is listed) by February 1, 2018. Any additional opportunities we receive after this date from benefactors, businesses and foundations will be communicated to families and listed on the website. Please review the offerings and apply for these scholarships. These offerings are in addition to any financial aid awarded by the Notre Dame Finance Office.

CAREER DAY – LAST CALL

Do you have an interesting profession or interest you would like to share with our ND students? If you would like to speak on at the ND Career Day to be held on Mar. 20, 2018, please contact the development office at ncaroprese@ndcrusaders.org. Speakers should be ready to share with our students what their profession entails, how they selected their career, what college/trade major/courses are necessary, related fields and the outlook for this profession going forward. This is an extremely rewarding experience for both speakers and students. Speakers can attend for one or more class periods throughout the day.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

We are pleased to announce our 2018 selections for the Notre Dame High School Athletic Hall of Fame:

Mr. Art Corrigan, Coach of ND Cross Country & Track Teams

Shane Simpson, Class of 2012, Baseball

Jude & Thomas Panik, Classes 1963 & 1964, Wrestling & Football (posthumously for both)

1974 Girls Basketball Team

Induction will be prior to the boys basketball game on February 2, 2018. Please join us in the gym to congratulate these Crusader Athletes and Coaches.

Scholarship Information



The Red White & Blue Club

At The Highlands of Glenmoor, Easton, PA.

Dedicated to the Support of Active Military, Veterans Causes, and First Responders

The Red White & Blue Club's Military Scholarship For High School Seniors

PURPOSE: *To provide a scholarship to a high school graduating senior interested in continuing his or her education in a post secondary institution.*

AWARD COMPONENTS: *One (1) \$1,000 scholarship awarded to one (1) student selected by the Red White & Blue Club's Scholarship Committee. 1 year award. The Award will be presented to the student on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at the Highlands of Glenmoor Clubhouse. A check will be issued to the student and his/her college/trade school.*

CRITERIA:

1. *Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.*
2. *Applicant must have a parent, step-parent, grandparent or sibling who is serving or has served in the United States Military.*
3. *Applicant must have a 2.5 GPA or better.*
4. *Applicant must be enrolling in a 2 or 4 yr. college, university, or trade school.*
5. *Selection committee will consist of a panel of Highland's Residents.*

APPLICATION PROCESS: (APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT)

1. *Completed application form.*
2. *A copy of your cumulative grade point average.*
3. *Essay.*

Deadline for application is Monday, March 12, 2018. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Submit application packet to: The appropriate school administrator

New Classroom Rendering



NDHS NEW CLASSROOM VISION

Before



After



Key Club Giving Tree



Thank you to everyone who participated this year!

January Students of the Month



Senior

Nicholas Serrapica



Junior

Bailey Perna



Sophomore

Jade Harris



Freshman

Sydney Azzalina

Speech and Debate Update

The Notre Dame Speech and Debate Team competed in the Allentown Diocesan Forensics League Tournament at Berks Catholic HS on Saturday January 6.

The following students won awards:

Dramatic Performance: 3rd place: Chris Bianchi
Extemporaneous Speaking: 1st place: Greg Bianchi

Also representing Notre Dame was Eddie Nuber in Student Congress.

Also the following students earned degrees from the National Speech and Debate Association:

Degree of Special Distinction: Chris Bianchi

Degree of Excellence: Eddie Nuber

Well done!



Fundraising News

The 4th drawing of the 2017-2018 Fundraising Ticket Series “Luck Of A Crusader” will run from Friday, January 5th with the drawing being held on Thursday, March 15th, 2018 at noon in the Finance Office. Deadline for submitting tickets is Wednesday, March 14th, 2018.

For your convenience, the main office is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 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. “The Luck Of A Crusader” 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.

Additional drawing:

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



NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL, INC.

S.G.O.C.LIC.#17-00183

Luck Of A Crusader

\$10.00

Drawing Date: Thursday, Mar. 15th, 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: _____

Financial Aid Update



The Facts financial aid window is now open and you may apply for financial aid and need based scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year.

The application deadline is April 15, 2018. Please log in to your Facts Account at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3NW4G> to apply. Families must apply every year to be considered for assistance.

Please contact Lisa Beltz (lbeltz@ndcrusaders.org) or Geoff Gowey (ggowey@ndcrusaders.org) with questions.

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

Seniors, as you receive admissions decisions from colleges, please don't forget to keep the Guidance Office up to date. We are proud of your accomplishments, and want to keep track of all the great places our seniors are headed when they graduate.

Also, don't forget to use the Scholarship Search available in your Family Connection account. Students should know how to access their Family Connection accounts through

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

If you need a reminder what your log-in 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 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.

Class of 2019

FAFSA4caster is a free financial aid calculator that gives you an early estimate of your eligibility for federal student aid. This information helps families plan ahead for college. You must use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) to apply for aid once you've decided to apply for admission and attend college. Parents of younger students can use the tool to receive early estimates, create scenarios based on future earnings, and then establish college funding strategies. Adult students also can use FAFSA4caster to get an idea of what aid they might receive. You can find FAFSA4caster at www.fafsa.gov—click on the appropriate box under “Thinking About College?”

Remaining SAT dates for the 2017-2018 school year:

March 10, May 5, and June 2, 2018

Remaining ACT dates for the 2017-2018 school year:

February 10, April 14, June 9 and July 12, 2018

Sending your official SAT scores to colleges: Test takers receive 4 free score reports every time they register for the SAT. These 4 score reports must be used at the time of registration or within 9 days after the test date. It is highly recommended that you take advantage of these score reports, as additional reports are subject to a fee.

Guidance News

Class of 2019, 2020 and 2021

PSAT Scores from the October 2017 test are back. 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.

You should have received an email from College Board prompting students to create an online College Board account to view this PSAT score report. This one College Board account is for everything, including the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, CLEP, and Big Future activities, so please make sure you provide complete and accurate information. Also, write down your log in 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.

Class of 2019 and 2020

Not sure if you should take the ACT or SAT?

Coming Up... Date to Be Announced

Once again, NDHS will host the Kaplan SAT/ACT Practice Test in early 2018. This test is for Sophomores or Juniors who want the opportunity to try both the SAT and ACT in one combo practice test, before taking either test officially.

Students who sign up will:

Experience each section of the SAT and ACT in one test

Receive a comprehensive analysis of their performance, including strengths and weaknesses on both tests

Determine in a single test experience which exam is right for the

Parents will hear from the Guidance Office in the near future with a date and details.

Student Assistant Program



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

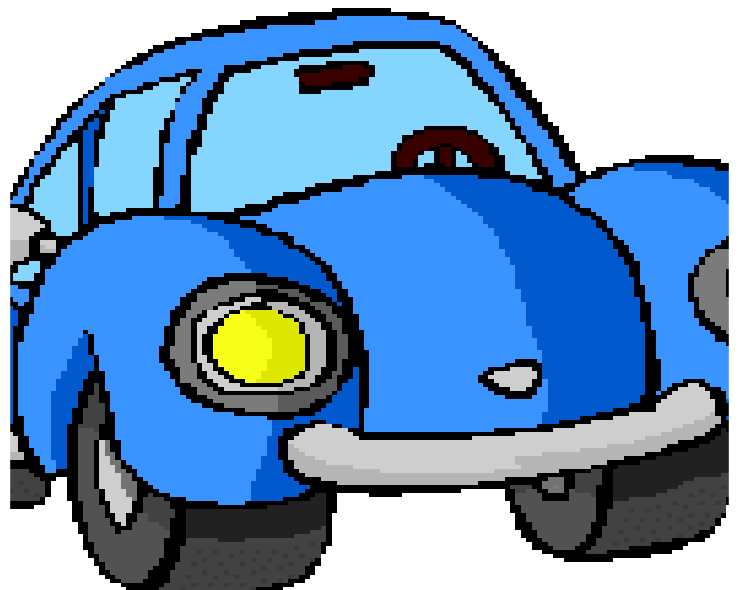
Colonial Intermediate Unit 20

6 Danforth Drive

Easton, PA 18045

610-252-5550

pbloom@ciu20.org



January Calendar of Events

January 2	School Reopens
January 4	Mass at 8:15 AM
January 9	Stewardship 9th/10th
January 11	Stewardship 11th/12th
January 15	School Closed—Teacher In-Service MiniTHON Meeting for New Parents 6:00 PM
January 17	Midterm Exams
January 18	Midterm Exams
January 19	Midterm Exams March for Life in DC
January 22	Midterm Exams
January 23	Third Quarter Marking Period Begins
January 27	Information Session at ND 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Diocesan Band Concert at Allentown Central Catholic HS
January 29-Feb 2	Catholic Schools Week

Upcoming Event in February

February 16-17
ND MiniTHON 2018

