



NDA GUILD MEETING – MARCH 9, 2017

ATTENDEES:

Carla Francavilla, Michelle Lamkin, Monica Fogiliani, Deborah Simone, Rachel Purcell, Jennifer Christian, Junie Nechita, Shelby Crowley, Linda Luddy, Kelly Scanlan, Daniel Benitez, Kirstin Kuhn, Carla Wells, Danielle White, Dawn Birchmeier, Michelle Bernitt, Jenn Curran, Karla Simoes, Kristin Smith, Jen Coway, Jill Kmety, Luisa Tattoli Germian, Young Hagensen

STAFF ATTENDEES:

Laura Perkins, Jackie Wick, Christine Linxwiler

AGENDA:

LENTEN PRAYER:

Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish us with Your Word and make us one with You in love and prayer.

Fill our hearts with Your love and keep us faithful to the Gospel of Christ.

Give us the grace to rise about our human weakness.

Send Your Spirit to make us strong in faith and active in good works.

Lead us on a true journey of conversion.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES:

- We welcome Ma Mère, the Sisters' Mother Superior, to Notre Dame Academy. During her visit she will be attending Morning Prayer, the Guild Meeting and will be touring campus. On Friday, she will be attending our 8am NDA Mass. We are so happy to have her here!
- WCEA/WASC Update: visit is next week. Parent meeting on Thursday March 16th after morning prayer. Team will be asking parents about student learning, parental involvement, community building, sports, administration and staff. Visit is to validate strengths and see what our plans for growth are. The committee will give the school some recommendations for improvement. Volunteers are needed to help with feeding the committee for the 3 days that they are here. If you can help please go on SignUp Genius.
- Fundraiser for Staff Lanyards. Student council is doing a fundraiser to help fund lanyards for staff. Raffle tickets are being sold for \$1. Each class will have a raffle winner that will be allowed to have free dress. Some feedback from parents was that the kids would not be comfortable being the only one in their class with free dress so this could cause low participation. Student council and administration will further discuss.

DAD'S CLUB

Attendance continues to grow at Dad's Club meetings. They will be supporting the needs at track met with water and snack stations. They continue to work with the athletic department to improve coordination of coaches and sports.

BONSOIR

- Table selections for event started today.
- To help promote attendance the crossing guards have been wearing t-shirts that say "Cool Dads Take Their Wives to Bonsoir". Ticket sales are going well.
- Fund-A-Teacher went well, teacher's have been covered, donations are now being accepted for the teacher's guest.
- Class Projects – they came out amazing! They will be on display until Tuesday in the library. One item will go to live auction and the other's will be put out for the silent auction.
- Puppy has been picked up. He will be on campus starting the week of March 13th.
- Diva for the Day – Drawing will be on March 17th
- Golden Ticket – tickets are \$100 each. Winner will be able to select a live auction item (except for the puppy)
- Ms. Deskin has been working on the parent gifts that will be placed on all of the tables. Thank you Ms. Deskin!
- Kelly Scanlan gave a special mention to Christine Linxwiler for all her help and support for Bonsoir!

PARENT & CHILD AWARENESS AND SELF DEFENSE SEMINAR – DANIEL BENITEZ

Daniel, father of NDA 7th grader Daniella and 5th grader Gabriel, is a 28 year veteran teacher of Kung Fu and Tai Chi Chuan Martial Arts. He will be teaching seminars on awareness to physical danger and basic effective moves for self defense. This will be an opportunity for a parent and child to learn and practice together how to be aware of danger in order to prevent becoming a victim, and to learn how to be prepared to defend against an attack with basic and effective use of the body. Classes will be held on the blacktop area on the main playground. Fee for class is \$35 per student with parents welcome to participate. Checks only made to "Daniel Benitez". Flyers to sign up are available in the office.

Class Schedules will be as follows:

- Friday February April 7th, 1:20-2:30 – Middle School Students (6-8th) with Parent(s). **Sign up by 3/30**
- Tuesday April 25th, 3:30-4:30 – K-2nd Grade with Parent(s). **Sign up by 4/13**
- Thursday April 27th, 3:30-4:30 – 3rd-5th Grade with Parent(s). **Sign up by 4/13**

CYBER SAFETY

Cyber Education Consulting – Jon Moffat came to NDA last Wednesday night for a parent meeting.

Topics included

- Right age for smartphone
- How to set boundaries for digital world
- The latest apps that could put your children at risk
- Important info about Instagram, Snapchat, Musically etc.
- Latest tech trends
- Simple techniques to stay connected with your child and tech
- Tools to make technology contract for your family

He will be returning on Friday to do a student only cyber safety chat for grades 5th-8th

Parent feedback was that the information was very informative and eye opening. Many parents were not able to attend and asked if it was possible for him to return for a daytime presentation. Christine will discuss with administration.

BUILD A MIRACLE UPDATE

We are very pleased to announce that NDA was able to raise money to fund the full cost for the building and furniture. The build dates that volunteers can attend are on Saturday March 11th and Saturday May 20th. Christine has sent out a google sign up sheet. Volunteers will meet at the border, walk across and then picked up by vans and driven to the build location. Hours will be 7:45-3:00 pm.

LOOKING AHEAD:

St Patrick's Day / Father Nick will be donating ice cream to all the students: March 17th
Staff Day Off/No School – March 20th
All School March Birthday Celebration: March 24th at recess
Track Met: April 1st

thank you!

We appreciate all the worker bees that help make our school run smoothly and coordinate all these amazing events!

