



QUINCY NOTRE DAME APRIL NEWSLETTER



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**PLEASE KEEP THIS CALENDAR
FOR EASY REFERENCE**

APRIL

- 02 Petitions Due for Student Council Executive Offices
- 03 Speeches for Student Council Executive Offices
- 04 Election for Student Council Executive Offices
- 07-09 Sign Up for Class Offices
- 07-09 Cheerleading Tryouts
- 08 All School Mass - Special Schedule
- 09 Petitions Due for Class Offices
- 10 Speeches for Class Offices - Periods 1, 2, 3
- 10 QND Band Spring Concert - 8:00 p.m.
- 11 Election for Class Offices
- 12 ACT Test Date
- 12 PROM
- 14-16 Sign Up for Class Representatives
- 16 4th Grade Culture Day from 9:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. at QND
- 16 Petitions Due for Class Representatives
- 16 Deficiencies Due for Seniors
- 17 Election for Class Representatives
- 18-19 Spring Show at Quincy Community Theatre
- 22 Deficiencies Due for Grades 9 - 11
- 23 Blood Drive at QND
- 25 Early Dismissal - 10:30 - faculty in-service at 12:00 Noon
- 26 Spring Fling

MAY

- 01 End of the Year All School Mass - Special Schedule
- 01 PMO Band Spring Concert - 7:30 p.m.
- 03 Dogwood Parade - Band, Flag Team, Pom Pon Marches
- 05 Annual Alumni Phonathon Begins
- 07 A.P. Calculus Test Date
- 08-09 Senior exams
- 09 A.P. History Test Date
- 12 7th Grade Ice Cream Event 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. at QND
- 14 Honors Convocation - 9:30 a.m. at QND
- 15 Baccalaureate - 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Graduation - 1:00 p.m. at QND
- 22 Annual Alumni Phonathon Ends
- 22 Semester Exams - Special Schedule
- 23 Semester Exams - Special Schedule - Last Day of School

ALL TUITION AND BOOK FEE BALANCES - must be paid in full by May 16 in order for students to participate in exams.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF SENIORS

Upcoming Events - Please Mark Your Calendar

- Senior Exams Thursday, May 8 and Friday, May 9
- Honors Convocation Wednesday, May 14 at 9:30 a.m. - QND Gym
- Baccalaureate Thursday, May 15 at St. Francis Church
- Graduation Sunday, May 18 at 1:00 - QND Gym
- Tuition Loans/Fees Due by Monday, April 28, in order for the seniors to participate in graduation activities.

Senior Video A graduation DVD will be made for the Class of 2008 and sold for \$25.00. The DVD will be about two hours in length and will include the graduation ceremony and candid shots of the graduates before graduation. Baby pictures and senior pictures of each graduate will also be included. Music will be added to the still shots. Please send a picture of your son or daughter at an early age (preferably under 3 years old) to Mrs. O'Connell by April 11. A snapshot size is preferred, but a 5x7 can be used. Please do not send an 8x10 or a real small size. The picture should be of good quality and will be returned to you unharmed. Remember to put his or her name on the back.

QND PROM INFORMATION

The Quincy Notre Dame High School Prom will take place on April 12, 2008 at the Ambiance, 5225 Kochs Lane. The QND faculty and staff, parents and guardians, students and guests want to make this a wonderful experience for all those involved. It is necessary to remind those participating that ***all school rules apply at Prom***. There will be no smoking. There will be no illegal substances of any kind. Students who choose to disobey this rule will be met by the Adams Country Sheriff's Department. ***The check-in time at Prom is 6:45 pm***. All participants are expected to be at the Ambiance and checked in by that time. The dinner will consist of grilled chicken breast on a bed of wild rice, sugar snap peas and baby carrots, oven roasted potato, tossed salad with house dressing, and roll and butter. It will be served as a plated meal. That is, there will be no buffet line and freshmen will be waiters and waitresses. Cake will be served as the dessert after dinner is completed. There will be a variety of sodas available for the entire evening. Dinner is scheduled for 7:00pm. Dancing will continue from 8:00 pm. until 11:00 pm. No ***participant will be allowed to leave before 11:00 pm***. Picture set-ups will be available with Grussenmeyer Photography. The Junior Class has worked very

UNDERCLASSMAN EXAM SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MAY 22

- 8:05 Bell calling students to first exam of the day
- 8:10 - 9:15 Period 5 Read bulletin + exam
- 9:20 - 10:20 Period 6
- 10:25 - 11:25 Period 7
- 11:30 - 12:30 Period 4

FRIDAY, MAY 23

- 8:05 Bell calling students to first exam of the day
- 8:10 - 9:15 Period 1 Read bulletin + exam
- 9:20 - 10:20 Period 2
- 10:25 - 11:25 Period 3

EARLY DISMISSAL - On Friday, April 25, QND will dismiss at 10:30 for a faculty in-service. Bus service will be available at that time.

hard to make this the best possible prom. Should there be any questions; feel free to contact Mr. Heilmann or Mr. Bloss.

General Rules for Prom:

1. Participants will be checked in by 6:45 pm CDT on April 12, 2008.
2. No participant will have indulged in illegal substances before, during, or after Prom.
3. There will be no smoking. It is now illegal as well as against school rules.
4. Participants will not leave Prom before 11:00 pm.
5. Participants will remember that they are dressed as ladies and gentlemen and will behave as such.
6. All school rules apply.
7. A good time will be had by all.

Proper Dancing at Prom and Spring Fling - We feel dances are excellent activities for young adults. However, we have seen an increase of the type of dancing which is not proper for a QND dance or for any dance involving teenagers. If you turn on MTV, VH1, or BET you will understand what I am talking about. Some of the dancing simulates sex acts and extremely provocative movements. Both the guys and the girls assume positions which accentuate sexual contact. We at QND will not condone it. We will give some very clear messages the week before Prom and the Spring Fling Dance. We will be straightforward and properly descriptive. To be very honest with you, such dance techniques may be their choice at a dance not connected with QND, but it is "our" choice when it comes to morality, respect, and etiquette at any function involving Quincy Notre Dame High School. Please speak with your son or daughter about this issue. If students refuse or decide to "debate" the issue, they will be removed from the dance, and you, the parents/stepparents will be informed. Please do not assume you don't have to speak to your son/daughter about this topic. Let's have a great time at all dances. Let's make sure respect for each other is the message from school and home.

When Your Teenager Hosts a Party

- Agree to rules ahead of time: no alcohol or other drugs, no "open house" style party, no leaving the party and then returning, party is limited to appropriate areas of house.
- Notify your neighbors of the party. Have teen tell neighbors about the party and that it will be supervised.
- Alert police when planning a large party. Discuss with them an agreeable parking plan if necessary.
- Be Home. Be Visible. Be Aware.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF JUNIORS - The tradition continues in which the parents of juniors help with the senior reception after Baccalaureate Mass. The Mass will take place at St. Francis Church on Thursday, May 15th, at 7:00 p.m. The reception will occur after the Mass in the school gym. We need approximately 10 couples to help with the various aspects of the

reception. If you can help out at the reception, please call Quincy Notre Dame at 223-2479. Your help would be appreciated.

MUSIC DEPT NEWS -

Spring Show - The annual QND Spring Variety Show will be held Thursday, April 17th, Friday, April 18th, and Saturday, April 19th each evening at the Quincy Community Theatre. The Show begins at 7:00 p.m. each evening and will last approximately two hours. Over 150 students will entertain your entire family with song, dance and comedy routines. Performers include the QND Jazz Band, Mixed Chorus, Concert Chorale, "Jackson Street", The Magic Club, QND Cheerleaders, Beth Heinze Dance Studio, Cheryl Loatsch Studio, Vancil Performing Arts Center, Cheryl Kaiser School of Dance, as well as other performances by QND students. Music from popular movies and musicals including Footloose, Music and Lyrics, Chicago, Phantom of the Opera, Wicked, Sound of Music, Hairspray and many others, including several original compositions from QND students, offer an exciting evening of entertainment. Tickets are \$7.00 and may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling Mrs. Gail Costigan at 224-5643. QND students are admitted free with school ID.

Band News The QND Band will present a Spring Concert on Thursday, April 10th at 8:00pm in the QND Gymnasium. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

Fine Arts Evening - April 10 will be a Fine Arts Evening at QND. Before the QND Band Spring Concert there will be an All Student Art Show in the cafeteria and nearby hallways from 6-8pm. All students participating in the QND Art Program this year will have art work on display. Five outstanding works will be selected by a QND art major alumnus to receive a ribbon and \$25.00, compliments of the QND Art Club. Come enjoy an evening featuring QND fine arts students followed by the QND Band Spring Concert at 8:00

BUS TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT - Eligibility criteria for transportation reimbursement are as follows:

1. Pupil must be under the age of 21 years at close of school year
2. Pupil must be a full time student in grades K - 12
3. Pupil must either live 1-1/2 miles or more from school attended or live within 1-1/2 miles from the school attended with the parent/guardian having received a verification from the Illinois Dept. of Transportation that a serious safety hazard exists for the school year
4. Parent/guardian resided within Illinois during the time period expenses were incurred.
5. School pupil attended is located within Illinois and satisfies the Illinois compulsory attendance law
6. Pupil did not have access to transportation to and from school provided entirely at public expense
7. Parent/guardian incurred expenses for transporting pupil to and from school

Parent/Stepparent/Guardian will need to come into QND to sign up for transportation reimbursement. This must be done in the main office on or before June 30.

SADD (Students Against Destruction Decisions) is sponsoring activities every day from March 31- April 4 to promote various types of safe actions, including displaying posters on various issues, hosting "Dead Day", advocating cell phone safety, having an obstacle course for a golf cart set up in the parking lot in which students will be "using" cell phones and trying to navigate around the course

23rd ANNUAL ALUMNI PHONATHON: The Phonathon will take place from May 5–22. Alumni, current students and friends of QND will call out-of-town QND graduates during the evenings of May 5–22 to ask for their support to the QND Annual Fund Drive. This year's Alumni Phonathon goal is \$69,000. If you would like to volunteer your time for an evening from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm please call the Development Office at 224-2598 or e-mail pfrericks@quincynotredame.org. Thank you!

QND COMMITMENT SUNDAY: The Development Office would like to thank the chairpersons for Commitment Sunday and all of the parishioners who donated to the QND Annual Fund Drive. We would also like to thank the volunteer workers at each parish who made follow up phone calls. We appreciate your help and support.

HELP WANTED – on Friday, April 18, at 1:30 we will be serving ice cream to all of our students courtesy of parents who bought the treat at the Extravaganza. If you would like to come and help serve the ice cream, please call QND at 223-2479 and let one of the secretaries know which class you would like to help with. Please meet at 1:10 in the main office and you will be directed to the specific class location.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

College Applications -Many seniors have applied and been accepted at the college or university of their choice. A few have yet to apply and can still do so. Remember that financial aid opportunities may be lessened by waiting and often housing opportunities become more limited. Earlier applications are often desirable.

Seniors - The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) worksheets are available in the Guidance Office. All students attending college should complete this form online. The official website is www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Seniors wishing to apply for local financial aid sources are encouraged to watch the QND Scholarship Update that is periodically revised to include area scholarships and grants. The Update is posted in several locations throughout the school and on the QND web site. Most scholarships are offered only during

specified dates so constant monitoring is essential.

Summer Opportunities

Many summer programs are available for students to spend a week or longer on a college campus exploring a variety of careers such as government, pre-law, engineering and the arts. Colleges from Harvard to the University of Missouri offer these summer opportunities for interested students. See the guidance office for details and applications.

Freshmen - During April several freshman will be participating in Rotary Teen Career Day doing job shadowing with Rotary members. Job shadowing, either through an organized program, or individually arranged by the school, or parents, is an excellent way to assist a young person in exploring a career area.

Educational Talent Search - Each year several students utilize the services of the federally funded program, Talent Search. Through this program qualified students may receive assistance in career exploration, college searches, college visits, and subject tutoring, both as a student needing help, or as a paid tutor. The Notre Dame Talent Search representative is Cindy Unmisig who may be reached at John Wood, 641-4385 for further information

SERVICE HOURS REQUIREMENTS- Students are required to do 10 hours of Christian service (with a minimum of 3 non-profit organizations). They have until May 1st to complete their service hour requirement. Students who have not met this requirement will be sent a deficiency notice for the 4th quarter.

FRESHMEN PHYSICAL SCIENCE classes will be participating in Project: S.W.I.T.C.H. (Students With Incandescent Take CFL's Home). Mrs. Kasparie earned a grant from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association to help students understand electricity and the physics of incandescent and fluorescent lighting. As part of the project Physical Science students will be switching an incandescent bulb from home with a CFL.

QND QUIZ BOWL IS SELLING 62" NAVY UMBRELLAS WITH THE QND LOGO for \$20 each. These are quite similar to the ones sold about 10 years ago by the pom pon squad. They're great for rainy sports events. If you're interested in purchasing one or two or three..., please contact Susan Schmitz or see a Quiz Bowl member.

THE QND CHEERLEADERS WILL BE HAVING A HUGE GARAGE SALE on Friday April 25th 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Saturday April 26th from 7:00 AM to 12:00 noon. This will be held indoors at 28th & Chestnut. Come & shop for good condition school clothes, jewelry, purses, shoes, CD's, DVD's, furniture, household items, tools, crafts, decorations, toys, and so much more! If you have any questions or would like to donate items please call Sandy Schlepshorst at 228-3223.

SUMMER HOURS -

Guidance Dept - There will be a Guidance Counselor available on Wednesdays during the summer from 8:00 to 3:00. If you wish to talk to a counselor you may reach either Mrs. Liesen at extension 312 or Mr. Sheffield at extension 381.

Main Office - The main office will be open Monday through Thursdays from 8:00 to 12:00. You may also reach Mr. Heilmann, Principal, at extension 305, and Mrs. Shepard, Assistant Principal, at extension 306. You can call the Athletic Office direct at 223-2509.

CONGRATULATIONS TO :

- the following students who received awards at the JWCC Student Art Show:

Oils/Acrylics Katelyn Peters - 3rd place
Watercolors/Tempera Krystopher Jochem - 2nd place

Drawing Steven Johnson, Ryan Williams - Honorable Mention

Dimension Art Adam Hitt-2nd place; Katelyn Peters-3rd place; Blaise Haxel - Honorable Mention

- the following students who received awards at Hannibal LaGrange College:

Graphite Steven Johnson - 2nd place
Ink Shae Dreyer - 2nd place; Katelyn Peters-3rd place; Steven Johnson and Ryan Williams -Honorable Mention

Pastel Larry Ostermueller 3rd place

Oil Katelyn Peters 3rd place

Watercolor Natalie Siebers 2nd place

Pottery Morgan Grawe 2nd place; Adam Hitt 3rd place; Kelsey Andrews-Honorable Mention

Sculpture Katelyn Peters 2nd place; Kelly Wiemelt - Honorable Mention

- the #1 Rating IHSA State Music Contest Winners:

Soloist

Flute Melanie Stegeman

Oboe Amanda Bingheim

Clarinet Emily Cook

Trumpet Brennan Ehrhardt, Brett Baker

Trombone Brittany Elkins

Percussion Aaron Haubrich, Rebecca Gray, Alex Tuley

Piano Anna McDonnell, Emily Cook, Adam Scholz

Vocal Alex Kasparie, Pilar Yates, Sidney Shackleton, Adrienne Fisk, Brittany Elkins

Piano Duet Ethan Fischer, Kyle McNett

Percussion Ensemble Rebecca Gray, Anna Nytes, Aaron Haubrich, Alex Tuley, Kyle McNett

- the #2 Rating IHSA State Music Contest Winners:

Soloist

Trombone Adam Scholz

Vocal Matt Schulte, Olivia Schulte

Flute Trio Sarah Cook, Elena Moran-Cortes, Claire Sculley

Flute Quartet Melanie Stegeman, Lisa Ostermueller, Sarah Cook, Anna Jochem

- the English Club Literary Contest Winners:

Poetry Division

First Place: Laura Oakley *The Months*

Second Place: Anna Nytes *Writer's Block*

Third Place: Brittany Elkins *Sense Me*

Honorable Mention: Kylie Bliven *No Worries Grandpa*

Essay Division

First Place: Ashley Hinkamper *Passion*

Second Place: Celeste Niemann *Skeleton 6*

Third Place: Katelyn Aschemann *Untitled*

Honorable Mention: Lauren Stuckman *My Amazing Friend*

Short Story Division

First Place: Seoungbyung Park *Monster*

Second Place: Anna Nytes *Mytherapy*

Third Place Joshua Stinnet *A Rewarding but Sometimes Painful Job*

Honorable Mention: Caleb Arns *Snow Day*

- Breakfast Optimist Club of Quincy 2008 Essay Contest winners: 1st Place: Hannah Stroot; 2nd Place - Alexis Bergman; 3rd - Erin Meyer

- Mark Baker and Emily Cook who ranked as "All Conference Players" at the Midstate Six Quiz Bowl Tourney.

- Ashley Hinkamper who received the future Woman of Achievement Scholarship

- the 2008-09 Executive Board:

Co-Presidents: Alexis Bergman, Alex Kasparie

Vice President: Brennan Rakers

Recording Secretary: Celeste Niemann

Corresponding Secretary: Kaitlin Schuckman

Treasurer: Adam Hancox