



NEWSLETTER



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PLEASE KEEP THIS CALENDAR FOR EASY REFERENCE

NOVEMBER

- 01 All District Music Festival
- 03 NO SCHOOL - Diocesan Adult Enrichment Conference
- 03 Band Fruit Sale Begins
- 05 All School Mass - Special Schedule
- 06 Early Dismissal - 1:13 p.m.
- 06 Parent Teacher Conferences - 3:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
- 07 NO SCHOOL
- 08 QND Extravaganza
- 10 Band Fruit Sale Ends
- 11 NO Morning or Afternoon Bus Service - QND in Session
- 12 ACT Practice Test at Q.U. for Juniors 8:25 - 1:00
- 13 English Club Poetry Slam - 7:00 p.m.
- 14 LPDC Meeting
- 15 All District Jazz Festival
- 15-17 TEC
- 18 Deficiencies Due for Semester One
- 18 Pep Assemblies at St. Peter 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
- 18 Pep Assemblies at Blessed Sacrament 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
- 20 Pep Assemblies at St. Francis from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and St. Dominic from 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- 24-29 Gully Transportation QND Tip-Off Tournament
- 26 1:13 dismissal for Thanksgiving Vacation
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Holidays

DECEMBER

- 01-03 Seniors on Retreat at MAC
- 03 QND/PMO Band Christmas Concert at QND - 7:30 p.m.
- 06 Placement Test at QND for Incoming 9th Graders 8:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- 07 Dress Rehearsal for QND Christmas Choral Concert - 1:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church
- 08 Immaculate Conception All School Mass
- 08 Josten Rep Talking to Seniors About Announcements
- 08 QND Christmas Choral Concert at Blessed Sacrament Church 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Kindergarten Christmas with Santa 6:30-7:30 p.m. - QND
- 12 Josten Rep Taking Announcement Orders During Lunch
- 13 ACT Test Date
- 17 Semester Exams - Special Schedule
- 18 Semester Exams - Special Schedule - End of Semester 1
- 19 Faculty In-Service
- 19-Jan.2 Christmas Vacation

proceed with caution. On roadways which have four or more lanes, only the vehicles traveling the same direction as the school bus must stop. If convicted of this violation, your driver's license may be suspended for three months. Remember to pay attention, stay alert, and keep our students safe.

TUTORING AT QND - Sr. Jeanette Feldott, QND tutor, is available periods 4th through 7th at no cost. This is a School Sister of Notre Dame whose number one priority is education and helping students in the academic areas of math, physical science, chemistry, or physics. Contact her at QND at 223-2479, extension 314 or at home at 224-3327 to get her schedule. Outside of school hours, tutoring by appointment only. Cost is \$20.00 per hour for out of school tutoring sessions. After school hours tutoring at QND is one-on-one.

TUTORING FOR ALGEBRA I AND CALCULUS - For more information call Mrs. Jane O'Connell at 224-2634

MONITORS FOR SALE - We are selling monitors for \$5.00. These monitors are 15-inch CRT (Black - Hewlett Packard) and are 3 - 4 years old. If you are interested, please call Carla Helmke (223-2479 ext. 327) or email at chelmke@quincynotredame.org.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES - will be held on Thursday, November 6, from 3:30 to 6:15 p.m. Report cards will be available in the front lobby of the school beginning at 3:30 p.m. Teachers will be in their classrooms and other designated areas for a brief meeting (3-5 minutes). If you need additional time, please do not hesitate to schedule a longer meeting at another time. You will see posters with the room numbers around the facility. We will conclude the conference times at 6:15 p.m.

BUS SCHEDULES - There will be morning buses only on Thursday, Nov. 6, Wednesday, Dec. 17, and Thursday, Dec. 18. There will be NO bus service (morning or afternoon) on Tuesday, November 11.

EXAMS FOR FIRST SEMESTER - Exams will be given on Wednesday, December 17, and Thursday, December 18. School buses will run in the morning only on exam days.

It is extremely important to use Thanksgiving break to gather tests, handouts, and other class-related information for each subject. Students will know the basic outline for the semester exams when they leave the building at 1:13PM Wednesday, November 26. Plan to prepare for semester exams over the Thanksgiving break.

When you return to school on Monday, December 1,

SAFETY PRECAUTION - If you are dropping items off for students please leave them with the security person at the front entrance of QND. If you have a note attached with the student's name and grade on it, you won't have to sign in and out.

CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! Why not purchase some QND umbrellas for the people on your gift list? \$20 each from any Quiz Bowl member or Mrs. Schmitz. Umbrellas will also be for sale at Parent-Teacher Conferences, November 6th.

REMINDER FROM THE QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT We have received numerous complaints in reference to motorists disobeying school bus stop arms and are investigating these complaints. We are working closely with School bus Transportation to make bus loading and unloading safer. Remember that if the school bus arm is out and flashing "RED", you must stop. If only amber lights are displayed, you may

you will have seventeen (17) days of classes to complete quarter two work and to prepare for semester exams. These semester exams are worth one-fifth of your semester grade. Not organizing, reviewing, or studying for these exams means poor results in most cases. Here is one way to organize your preparation for semester exams:

Between Monday, November 24, and Tuesday, December 16, there is a total of 17 days. Make a schedule to invest at least 10 hours in the study for semester exams during those 17 days. Take care of business with quarter 2 work first, then schedule an hour or so for studying for semester exams.

On Monday, December 15, and Tuesday, December 16, use the classroom times for review with your teachers. Use the evening time for intense review for the scheduled exams on Wednesday, December 17, and Thursday, December 18.

Many students are busy during exam week. This makes it even more crucial that you prepare and study the two weeks before exam week. If you are swamped during the week, complete your studying over the weekend. This is no different than what you will experience in college—completing first semester assignments and studying for semester exams prior to Christmas break.

Every student wants to experience a restful, family-oriented Christmas break. Put the work in NOW so that you can relax during Christmas break and get totally refreshed for the beginning of a new semester on Monday, January 5, 2009.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:05 -	Bell calling students to first exam
8:10 - 9:15	Period 4 Read bulletin + exam
9:20 - 10:20	Period 1
10:25 - 11:25	Period 6
11:30 - 12:30	Period 5

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:05 -	Bell calling students to first exam
8:10 - 9:15	Period 7 Read bulletin + exam
9:20 - 10:20	Period 3
10:25 - 11:25	Period 2

REPORT CARDS/DUES/TUITION - Meeting one's financial obligation is a commitment each member of the QND family has made for their student's education. To receive a report card all book fees/cafeteria fees/disciplinary fines must be paid in FULL! Statements are mailed on the 15th and the 30th of each month. Anyone with an outstanding tuition balance will need to pay a minimum of 25% of the money owed before report cards can be given out. If you have any questions regarding your balance, please see Mrs. Kristi Smith, Business Manager.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

EXTRAVAGANZA - NOVEMBER 8 - The QND Extravaganza Committee encourages you to attend our event this year on Saturday, November 8. New this year will be a **live band** at the conclusion of our auction. Our "Rock n Roll" theme will be a fun night for all! Tickets are available by calling Karen Holtschlag at 224-7804 or 228-2040. Tickets are \$45 each or \$90 per couple.

In addition to our main raffle prize of tuition or \$3000 cash, we will have a separate card raffle to win a 2008 Tank Sports Scooter & \$200 gas card. Raffle chances will be available for sale at Meet the Teacher night and at the school office for \$20.00 each.

If you cannot attend the Extravaganza, you can still sign up for our fun parties. Included in this years sign up are:

New Year's Eve Party at the "new" Holiday Inn - Bar Service includes Beer, Select Wines & Liquor, and Soft Drinks. Delicious Hor'dourves, Champagne Toast at Midnight, Party Favors, Live Band- "The Cheeseburgers" Cocktail Attire 8:00p - 1:00a in the Banquet Room of the Holiday Inn. \$150 per couple / \$75 per person

Women's Wine Night - Thursday, December 11 from 6 - 10 pm at Donna Smith's house. Enjoy food & drinks, entertainment & the festive "Holiday North Pole Village Scene." No scrooges and no men allowed. \$20 per person.

Thanks for your support of the QND Extravaganza. Angela Waterkotte, Karen Rabe and Donna Smith

PACK THE PANTRY BENEFIT - Catholic Charities will be the beneficiary of a Food Pantry "Pack the Pantry" benefit held Saturday, November 1, 2008 from 5pm to midnight at the North Side Boat Club. The event will include a raffle and plenty of food and drink will be available. Louden Ketchum Acoustic Band and Phoenix will be playing that night. Get a group of friends together and come down for a great evening. Admission is 5 non-perishable food items. Food supplies this time of year are very low. Come out and have a good time benefiting a good cause.

QND PACK THE PANTRY - The QND Raider Cheerleaders need everyone's help again this month to fill the shelves of Catholic Charities Food Pantry. We collected an amazing 1200 items in October. The Nov. collection dates for non-perishable food items (canned goods, cake mixes, canned meat, etc.) are Tuesday, Nov. 4 and Wednesday, Nov. 5. All students donating 5 or more items get candy and a "Blue Jean" day on Thursday, Nov. 6. Catholic Charities was so thankful and is in dire need of food items again. Let's show our Raider Pride and beat last month's 1200 items.

FALL FESTIVAL - Reminder that the Fall Festival has been postponed. We are hoping to have a fundraiser late winter or early spring to replace the Fall Festival.

GUIDANCE DEPT NEWS - QND will hold a placement test on Saturday, December 6, 2008 for all eighth grade students planning to attend QND in the 2009-2010 school year. The test is designed to help place students in classes best suited to their abilities. The test begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends about 11:30 a.m. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. There is a \$12.00 fee. Preregistration is not required. For more information, contact Bob Sheffield, counselor at 223-2479.

If you have an 8th grader please make sure they are here between 8 and 8:15 and that he or she bring the

following:

- * \$ 12.00 for the testing fee payable on testing date (cash or check made out to QND)
- * Social Security number
- * at least one #2 pencil
- * a calculator

We want to emphasize that any eighth grader may apply to QND for admission. The Placement Test is another piece of academic information used for scheduling of classes. If you know of any eighth grader who wishes to attend QND this coming fall, please have the parent contact QND at 223-2479.

ACT INFORMATION - All juniors are scheduled to take a practice ACT test on Wednesday, November 12. The students will be transported to Quincy University by bus in the morning & return to QND at approximately 12:45 p.m. This opportunity for practice with an ACT will help them gain valuable testing experience. Please call Judy Liesen, Junior/Senior Counselor at QND if you have any questions.

BAND NEWS – The QND Band Annual Citrus Fruit Sale is in progress. California Naval Oranges or Texas Rio Star Grapefruit or Mixed Boxes are available. \$20 for a 20lb box or \$30 for a 40lb box. Contact any band member or call 231-8101 or 277-9101 to place an order by Nov 9. The fruit will be delivered Dec. 5 – 8.

The Band will perform patriotic music for Veterans Day Ceremonies at the Illinois Veterans Home on Tuesday, Nov. 11th at 10:00am.

The QND Concert Band will present their annual QND/PMO Christmas Band Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the QND gymnasium. The public is invited to attend this concert, admission is free.

CHORAL NEWS - The Christmas Choral concert will be held Monday, Dec. 8th at 7:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church on 7th Adams. Mixed Chorus, Concert Chorale and Jackson Street will combine to perform “Heaven and Earth Rejoice”, a spectacular celebration of the real reason for the Christmas season. A reception will be held afterwards in the cafeteria of Blessed Sacrament School. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Dress rehearsal for students involved in the Christmas Concert is on Sunday, Dec. 7th from 1:00 – 3:00 at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Also, a big thank you to the WCU who awarded the Chorus Department a grant to purchase new microphones to be used at Mass.

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT INFO - The Josten’s rep will be here on Monday, December 8, to hand out information concerning graduation announcements. On Friday, December 12, he will return to QND to take announcement orders. Each year we receive calls from parents of seniors regarding graduation announcements. Please, check with your senior son or daughter to make sure he/she has placed an order. If you have any questions, please call the

QND office at 223-2479 and ask for Mrs. Behrens.

1. **TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT** You may be eligible for reimbursement if you can answer yes to following:

1. Will pupil be under the age of 21 at close of school year?
2. Is pupil a full-time student in grades K through 12?
3. Does pupil live 1-1/2 miles or more from school or live less than 1-1/2 miles from school but **must be transported** due to serious safety hazard approved by Illinois Dept. of Transportation?
4. Does pupil attend a school within Illinois which meets Illinois compulsory attendance laws?
5. Did parent/guardian incur transportation expenses resulting from transporting pupil to and from school?
6. Did pupil not have access to transportation to and from school provided entirely at public expense?
7. Did the parent/guardian reside within Illinois during the time period expenses were incurred?

If you answered yes to above questions and wish to file a claim, you come to the main office of QND by June 30, 2009, to submit claim information. If you have any questions, please call QND.

SPEAKER - Following the observance of Veterans Day, QND alumnus Major Bill Lear '70 (retired), will address students in Mrs. Schmitz classes on Friday Nov. 14 and have a book signing at Great Debate Books in the Maine Center on Saturday, November 15, from 10am to 1pm. Major Lear is the author of Memoir of a Military Mustang, Character Traits of an American Patriot, which details his 21-year career in the United States Air Force. Some of his duties as an officer in the Air Force included the monitoring of intercontinental ballistic missiles in defense of the United States and serving as the first Executive Officer for the only B-2 Bomber organization. Lear addresses important character traits that allowed him to succeed in his career in the book.

CONGRATS TO:

- Mrs. Tamra Hutmacher, teacher at QND, who was awarded a grant which enabled her to purchase a set of books entitled “The Seven habits of Highly effective Teens by Sean Covey
- Heather Jansen, senior at QND, named “Youth Volunteer of the Year” by the Breakfast Optimist Club. She will be honored on Tuesday, Nov. 4



This is the year that a team of educators from throughout Illinois will visit QND to evaluate what QND is doing above and beyond what the State of Illinois and the Diocese of Springfield require. This organization is the heir of The North Central Association of High Schools and Colleges. It is the group that certifies that students at QND may enter colleges and universities throughout the country without taking comprehensive exams over course work taken at Quincy Notre Dame.

Quincy Notre Dame and its forerunner schools have been honored with accreditation since the 1920's. We, here at QND, expect to retain that accreditation. After the state and Diocesan evaluations of the last school year, teachers at QND have been involved in rewriting a mission statement, surveying students, and surveying community members. As a Roman Catholic school our mission has not really changed. We must work to save souls, educate, and create leaders for our Church and society. Our educational goals have expanded in the area of reading. We have instituted a program called "Raiders Read." Each Friday at the end of first period, everyone in the building puts down his or her work and reads for twenty minutes. It must be something that students choose to read—not an assigned task. It is our desire to instill in students a love for reading creating life-long learners.

NOVEMBER 2008

Some of you will be randomly selected to receive parent surveys. Those surveys are created and scored by AdvancED. Quincy Notre Dame will receive the results to help us answer questions posed by AdvancED. The purpose of the answers is to lead us to a program of school improvement. We need for you to be as honest as possible. You will notice that there is a letter on the bottom of each survey. It does not identify you. It identifies grade-level of student, voc-tech, and transfer. All other letters simply complete the alphabet. Please return the survey promptly.

Thank you for joining us in the process of self and peer evaluation. We expect the results of the evaluation sometime in April. We hope to share the results during this school year.