



QUINCY NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

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NOVEMBER 2020 Newsletter

FROM PRINCIPAL MARK McDOWELL:

1 Chronicles 16:34 states “*Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose love endures forever.*”

On behalf of our staff, I pray that you and your family enjoy a happy, healthy, and restful Thanksgiving!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences were held this week via GoogleMeet and phone. We want to thank our families for their willingness to engage our teachers using these options. The feedback we have received has been positive. Appointments may be something we consider implementing again in the years ahead. Conferences continue to be an important opportunity for teachers and parents to engage one another in meaningful dialogue.

SEMESTER EXAMS

We continue to work on our plan for semester exams. More information will be shared in the near future.

SPRINGTIME OF HOPE ENDOWMENT

QND received over \$5,335.00 in tuition assistance monies from the Diocese for this school year courtesy of the *Springtime of Hope Endowment*. This initiative started in 2005. This campaign continues to pay dividends and subsequently supports our students and families.



EXTRAVAGANZA

The 25th Annual QND Extravaganza “FAMILY GAME NIGHT” will be held VIRTUALLY on Friday,

November 20, 2020. As usual there will be an abundance of auction items to bid on that raises funds for the students of QND. Many auction items will be open for bidding prior to the Friday night event. We need this event to be more successful than ever and we are counting on you to be there whether it's on your TV, Phone, or tablet!

Tickets are just \$50.00 per household to participate. With your ticket you will receive a bid number for auction items, access to an hour-long program full of videos of both past and present Raiders, and a party box will be delivered straight to your door prior to the event with game night goodies. Ten special golden tickets are inside the boxes too - you don't want to miss the chance to win big! Purchase your ticket before November 7 to ensure party box delivery!

And, don't forget about our famous tuition raffle! The raffle grand prize is 1 year Quincy Notre Dame tuition money or 2 years QCES grade school tuition money, not to exceed \$5000.00, or simply take \$3000 cash. Raffle tickets are only \$50 as well.

All tickets are available online at:
quincynotredame.ejoinme.org/extravaganza20

Questions? Contact one of the co-chairs: Jen Dyer 217-440-9766, Sara Lepper, 242-6341, or Pattie Paxton 217-653-4412.



WEATHER RELATED DELAYS AND



With the winter season fast approaching, I wanted to remind you of our protocol for handling school cancellations, early dismissals, and delayed starts. As always, when the weather necessitates a change in our plans, we will inform you through both *FACTS SIS* and the local media. We have three typical scenarios:

- 1) Canceling school entirely based on current or predicted weather
- 2) Letting out of school early based on current or predicted weather
- 3) ***Delaying the start of school two hours based on current or predicted weather***

On a two hour delay, we simply delay the start of school from 7:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. And while our day would begin later, it would end at our normal 2:15 p.m. dismissal time. On these days the school will open at 9:00 a.m. Students who arrive before 9:15 would remain in the gym until being dismissed to their 1st hour classes. On days that we have two hour delays, all

CANCELLATIONS

before school activities will be cancelled (band, etc.). Decisions regarding after school activities will be made during the course of the day.



MORE INFORMATION ON INCLEMENT WEATHER –

Large snow or ice storms may necessitate the closing of schools. We will notify parents via phone by utilizing our *FACTS SIS* Parent Alert System. We also encourage parents and guardians to watch the television or listen to the radio if you think Quincy schools may be closed. If the Quincy Public School System closes for inclement weather, the Quincy Catholic grade schools and Quincy Notre Dame High School automatically cancel classes that day.

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please contact us at school.

Sincerely,

Mark McDowell

Mark McDowell, Principal



NOVEMBER 2020

- 02 - NO BUS SERVICE
- 03 - NO BUS SERVICE
- 06 - Band Fruit Sale Ends
- 11 - All School Mass (Group B)
- 12 - Academic and Music Awards Assembly – 9:00 a.m. Adjusted Schedule (Group A)
- 13 - Academic and Music Awards Assembly – 9:00 a.m. Adjusted Schedule (Group B)
- 16 - Placement Test for QND's Incoming 9th Graders Blessed Sacrament
- 18 - All School Mass (Group A)
- 19 - Placement Test for QND's Incoming 9th Graders – St. Dominic & St. Francis
- 20 - Placement Test for QND's Incoming 9th Graders St. Peters
- 20 - QND Extravaganza **REMOTE/VIRTUAL** (Family Game Night Fundraiser)
- 23 - ACT Practice Test for ALL Juniors (Group B)
- 24 - ACT Practice Test for ALL Juniors (Group A)
- 25-27-Thanksgiving Holiday- **NO SCHOOL**
- 30 - Classes Resume



DECEMBER 2020

- 07 QND Band & Choirs Christmas Concert for parents
 - 08 All School Mass (Group B)
 - 09 All School Mass (Group A)
 - 14 PMO Band Christmas Concert for parents
 - 18 **END OF SEMESTER ONE**
 - Dec 19 – Jan 3 Christmas Vacation – **NO SCHOOL**
- Classes resume Monday, January 4, 2021





FROM DEAN OF STUDENTS – Bill Connell

WEATHER RELATED RULES:

With winter weather approaching, please speak with your son/daughter about a couple of weather-related rules. At no time should snowballs be thrown on school property. Also, no one should be driving on the parking lot more than 5-10 miles an hour when ice or snow is on the pavement. Crowded conditions and people coming in and out of the parking lot make safety a key concern at all times, but especially during winter weather times.

DRESS CODE:

We are appreciative of the parental support that we have received during the first nine weeks of school regarding the implementation of the dress code. Please make sure when your student leaves from home to go to school, their clothing meets our dress code requirements. If your son or daughter has any questions on a specific piece of apparel, please have them ask before wearing the article of clothing in question to school.

During the regular school day, **QND** sweatshirts and **QND** jackets (**without hoods**) are permitted. In addition, fleece pullovers and ¼ zip pullovers are permitted if they are navy blue, Vegas gold, white, gray, or a combination of these colors and **have the QND logo visible. No other sweatshirts or jackets are allowed.**

**If a student has a specific question about whether or not clothing item is acceptable, he or she should speak with the Dean of Students for clarification.*

Should a student have an existing jacket or sweatshirt that is consistent with the parameters outlined above, he or she **must have the QND logo on his/her jacket or sweatshirt for it to comply with our dress code.** Our standard logos can be affixed to dress code approved clothing at the following locations for a nominal fee:

- Landmarx - 3902 Payson Road, Quincy, IL 62305; (217) 223-4601
- Ted's Shirt Shack - 2811 Bluff Ridge Drive, Quincy, IL 62305; (217) 224-9705
- Expressions by Christine - 711 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301; (217) 223-2750



DISCIPLINE

Detention will be held Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. In School Suspension (ISS) will be held as needed. Please talk with your child about proper behavior, moral decisions, and the consequences of bad choices - and more important, the positive dividends of good choices!

ATTENDANCE/TARDY POLICY

Daily attendance at school by each student is required; it is essential to the student's ability to learn and the overall quality of education received. School attendance is also important to future employers and college admissions officers who use attendance records as a means of determining an applicant's dependability and good citizenship.

Tardiness - Being on time is a lifelong skill that will help students both now and in their future. Students should make every effort to be on time to school. Failure to arrive on time can result in disciplinary action. Tardies are accumulated by semester. Rules regarding tardiness are as follows:

First Period: A student is considered tardy if he or she is not in first period by 7:45 a.m. If a student is late for school, he or she must report to the Attendance Office upon arrival. A student arriving after 10:15 a.m. would be considered ½ day absent. **NOTE: IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN A SCHOOL RELATED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY ON A DAY WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION, A STUDENT MUST BE IN SCHOOL BY 10:15 A.M.**

FROM OUR ATTENDANCE OFFICE

Please contact Mrs. Frericks in the Attendance Office at 217-223-2479 x 301 or email her at cfrericks@quincynotredame.org if your student is ill or has any COVID-19 symptom(s) listed below and will not be participating in school or if they will be remote on an in-person day.



It is extremely important to give Mrs. Frericks the specific symptom(s) your student is experiencing.

There are three options if a student as **1 or more symptoms related to Covid-19:**

- Get Covid testing and remain at home until results come back
- Get an evaluation/released by your healthcare provider
- Remain on remote learning for 10 days

According guidance from the ACHD and IDPH, we are expected to send students home or deny entry (and provide remote instruction); if **ANY** of the following symptoms are present:

- Fever (100.4 F or higher)
- headache
- shortness of breath
- cough
- sore throat
- vomiting
- diarrhea
- abdominal pain
- congestion
- new loss of sense of taste/smell
- nausea
- fatigue
- muscle or body aches


With all the new guidelines in place this year, the more information you can provide, the easier the attendance process will be. Thank you for your cooperation.

FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT:

Placement Test for Incoming Freshmen

The QND Placement Test for 8th graders will be administered the week of November 16, 2020, at the individual Parochial Elementary Schools during the school day. The test is designed to help place students in classes best suited to their abilities. For more information, contact Amber Feldner, Counselor, at 223-2479, Ext. 312.

ACT Planning and Preparation

 Students often ask when and how many times they should take college admissions tests. There is no limit to the amount of times students can test and colleges will accept the highest scores. Parents often ask how students might be better prepared. ACT and SAT provide a practice test for students on-line. QND purchased an on-line Magoosh ACT Prep program that is available to students. Juniors have already created an account in English class. If other students would like to create an account, please contact Mr. Sheffield. There are also individual computer-based programs available through various sources at a reasonable cost. Further information is available through the Guidance Office. The next ACT test is offered on December 12, 2020. The deadline to apply is November 6, 2020. Go to www.actstudent.org to register online. The cost is \$55.00.

Scholarship Information



Seniors applying for financial aid should know the search for aid is an ongoing process rather than a one-time effort. In addition to the scholarship information available on the Internet, students may wish to access a large data base such as www.fastweb.com Students are encouraged to monitor the QND Scholarship Update that lists available local scholarships. This update is emailed directly to every senior periodically.

FAFSA Completion

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which accesses state and federal grants may be completed after October 1, 2020, and can be linked to the 2019 taxes. Students are encouraged to apply for a FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov and complete the FAFSA at FAFSA.gov as soon as possible. See Mr. Sheffield for more information.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT QND....

UPCOMING FOOD DRIVE

Quincy Catholic Charities is in extreme need of food items for its food pantry. The fall and winter seasons are close at hand when demand for necessary food items is at its peak. The religion teachers will be accepting monetary donations, as well as non-perishable food items from Tuesday, November 10, through Tuesday, November 24. Due to the pandemic, monetary donations are preferred as the food items have to be quarantined. In addition, the Food Pantry also has increased buying power with the funds that are donated. Please help us make this a successful food drive again this year!

And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Matthew 25:40

QND BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross held a Blood Drive at QND on Thursday, October 22, 2020 and Friday, October 23, 2020. We are happy to report that 82 units were donated, which translates into over 280 lives saved. We would like to extend our gratitude to Dianne Deters for coordinating this event and for being here to supervise on both days of the Blood Drive. To those that gave blood, your donation is truly the gift of life!

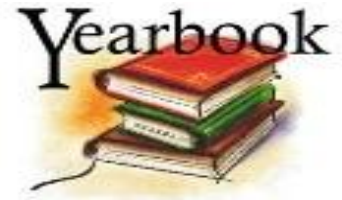


ATTENTION SENIORS

SENIOR YEARBOOK INFORMATION



Seniors and their Parents: Each year the yearbook staff includes the seniors' senior pictures instead of their Lifetouch student ID picture in the yearbook. The deadline to send in these pictures is April 6, 2021. The staff prefers a picture that is vertical. Please email them to Mrs. Untiedt at yearbook@quincynotredame.org.



If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Untiedt at kuntiedt@quincynotredame.org.

NEWS FROM ADMISSIONS

Do you know any 8th grade families from the surrounding area interested in learning more about QND? Your stories help spread the word about our wonderful school. Please have interested students contact Mary Pat Vahlkamp at mvahlkamp@quincynotredame.org or 223-2479 ext. 326 for more information. Thank you to all our QND families for your referrals and support!



FROM OUR MUSIC DEPARTMENT:

42nd ANNUAL MUSIC DEPT. FRUIT SALE - QND Band and Choir members will be taking orders for oranges and grapefruit until November 6th. Fruit will be delivered early in December. Contact any band or choir member or call Mrs. Jill Steinkamp at 217-223-2479 x327 to place an order.



MARK YOUR HOLIDAY CALENDARS NOW

Monday, December 7

QND Band & Choirs Christmas Concert
(For parents of band & choirs)

Monday, December 14

PMO Band Christmas Concert
at QND
(For parents of band)

