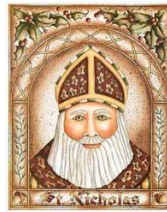


WEEKLY BULLETIN

December 6, 2011

Feast of St. Nicholas



Dear Northwoods Families,

Blessings to you on this most special Feast of St. Nicholas! Today, as our youngest of students wake from their naps to find shoes outside their classroom filled with treats from St. Nicholas, it is important to remember one of most important lessons St. Nicholas teaches us – the gift of charity. As Fr. Michael reminded us this morning in Mass, St. Nicholas was known for giving secret gifts to others. Of those gifts, some of the most meaningful were undoubtedly small acts of kindness – a smile, opening a door for someone, or helping to carry a heavy load. As we focus on the virtue of charity this month, let us all remember that it is sometimes the little things that have the most meaning.

Some reminders about upcoming events at NCS include:

- Middle School Mid-Term Exams, 12/5-12/9
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass this Thursday, 8:30am
- Morning of Reflection Thursday, 12/8, 9:00am-12noon
- PK3-K Open House Thursday, 12/8, 8:30am-3:00pm
- Out-of-Uniform this Friday, 12/9 – see attached flyer
- Remember to leave any prayer requests at the front desk – the teacher's prayer group meets weekly on Monday afternoons.

*Don't forget to check the NCS website for this and all past weeks' Wednesday Bulletins. This week look for detailed information on the following:

- Coordinator Corner
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
- Nacho Sales
- Out of Uniform Form & Guidelines
- Student Council Clothing Drive
- Morning of Reflection
- Father/Daughter Event

Sincerely,

Kristen Thome
Principal

COORDINATOR CORNER

SEMPER ALTIUS: "ALWAYS HIGHER"

Weekly Focus: Intellectual Formation

The goal of Intellectual Formation is to foster a love of learning and develop intellectual capabilities and habits. Teachers at Northwoods provide a rich content of information in all subject matter, history, science, literature, mathematics, etc. More important than the content is forming the student how to think and to learn. Of greater importance is that intellectual formation includes the pursuit and transmission of the truth. Northwoods Catholic School maintains a high level of academics, ensuring a true preparation for post secondary studies for life.

Highlight of the Week: 8th Grade

Students in Mrs. Corley's Science class extracted their own DNA. Students were able to isolate their own DNA with little more than some dish soap, table salt, high-proof alcohol, and a bit of their own saliva. Scientists use DNA extraction not only for oral health research but to identify people as well.

The students in 8th grade had an opportunity to view under a microscope their results. Students compared their DNA with their peers and shared their results in front of the class.

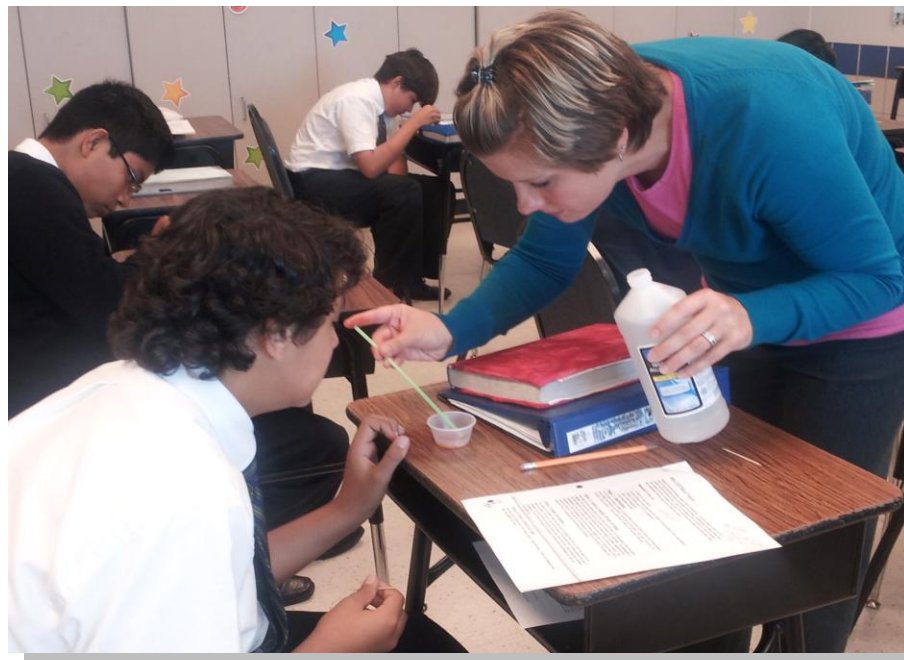
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Grades 4-8

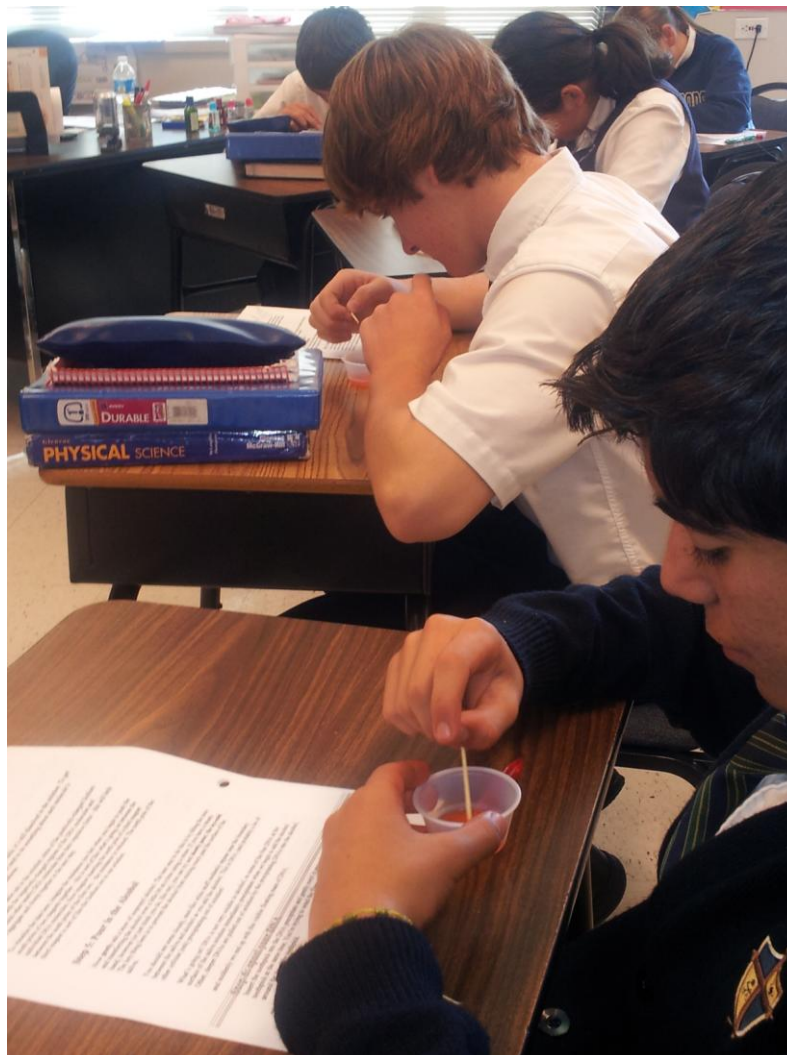
8th Grade DNA Extraction



Mrs. Corley works with Joe Coleman and Gregg Giordano. She uses a dropper to gently add a layer of isopropyl alcohol.

What is going on? DNA is not very soluble in alcohol, so some of the free DNA at the surface of the saliva solution immediately precipitates when the alcohol is poured in the beginning. Suddenly, a visible floating mass of DNA appears.





8th grade students carefully inserted a toothpick into the DNA precipitate and gently swirled it around, rotating the toothpick at the same time. Students wound the filaments of precipitated DNA around the tip of the toothpick. Lifting the toothpick out the solution, students were able to see the strands of DNA.

(Left top) Andres Lomeli & Lizzy Engbarth,

(Middle) Talia Voltz Kevin Graff

(Bottom) Roy Flores

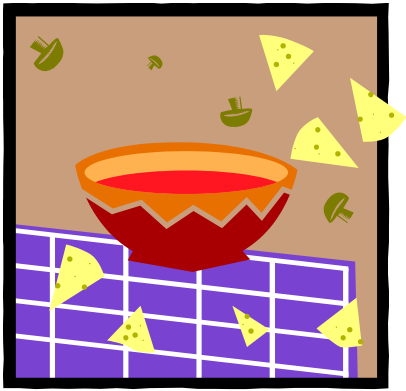


OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
MASS

Monday, December 12, 2011
8:30am

*Please remember to bring one flower to Mass to
honor Our Lady* 

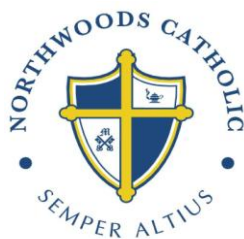




NACHOS!

The National Junior Honor Society will begin selling Nachos during lunches on Wednesdays, beginning November 9th.

For just \$2.00 you can enjoy delicious, cheesy nachos and help NJHS members with their apostolic projects.



Out of Uniform Day!

**All Students may dress out of Uniform for
\$3.00
Teachers and Staff are FREE.**



Friday, December 9th !

**All proceeds go to the
Faculty & Staff Christmas Party**

*** Out of Uniform dress codes apply. ***
Please return the bottom portion with the money to Homeroom Teacher.

Name(s) & Grades:

Has my permission to dress out of uniform.

Enclosed is \$_____ (\$3/per child). (Cash only)

Parent Signature_____

Out of Uniform Day

Dress Code:

1. Coming to school in uniform is not necessary.
2. Please remember modesty is the best policy.
3. T-shirts may be worn, but inappropriate and distracting messages will distract from coursework.
4. No tank tops, shirts with spaghetti straps, or shirts which reveal the midriff when one raises her hand.
5. No shorts.
6. Jeans are permitted but should not be frayed, torn, or tight. Hiphuggers are also not acceptable, and jeans should be worn at one's natural waist.
7. Skirts must be at least knee-length.
8. No flip-flops.



Pajamas



Shoes



Jackets



Shirts



Pants



Socks



Sweaters



New Under
Garments



New
Toiletries



Hoodies



Star of Hope Clothing Drive

The Northwoods Student Council is holding a clothing drive this week. The students are encouraged to collect clothing from their own closets, with the parent's permission. We do ask that the under garments and toiletries be unused and new.

Please bring in these items:

- 🌀 Shirts
- 🌀 Pants
- 🌀 Pajamas
- 🌀 Jackets
- 🌀 Hoodies

- 🌀 Sweaters
- 🌀 Socks
- 🌀 Shoes
- 🌀 New Under Garments
- 🌀 New Toiletries

*All Women are invited to monthly
Mornings of Reflection*

*To be held at
Northwoods Catholic School
5500 FM 2920
Spring, Tx 77388*

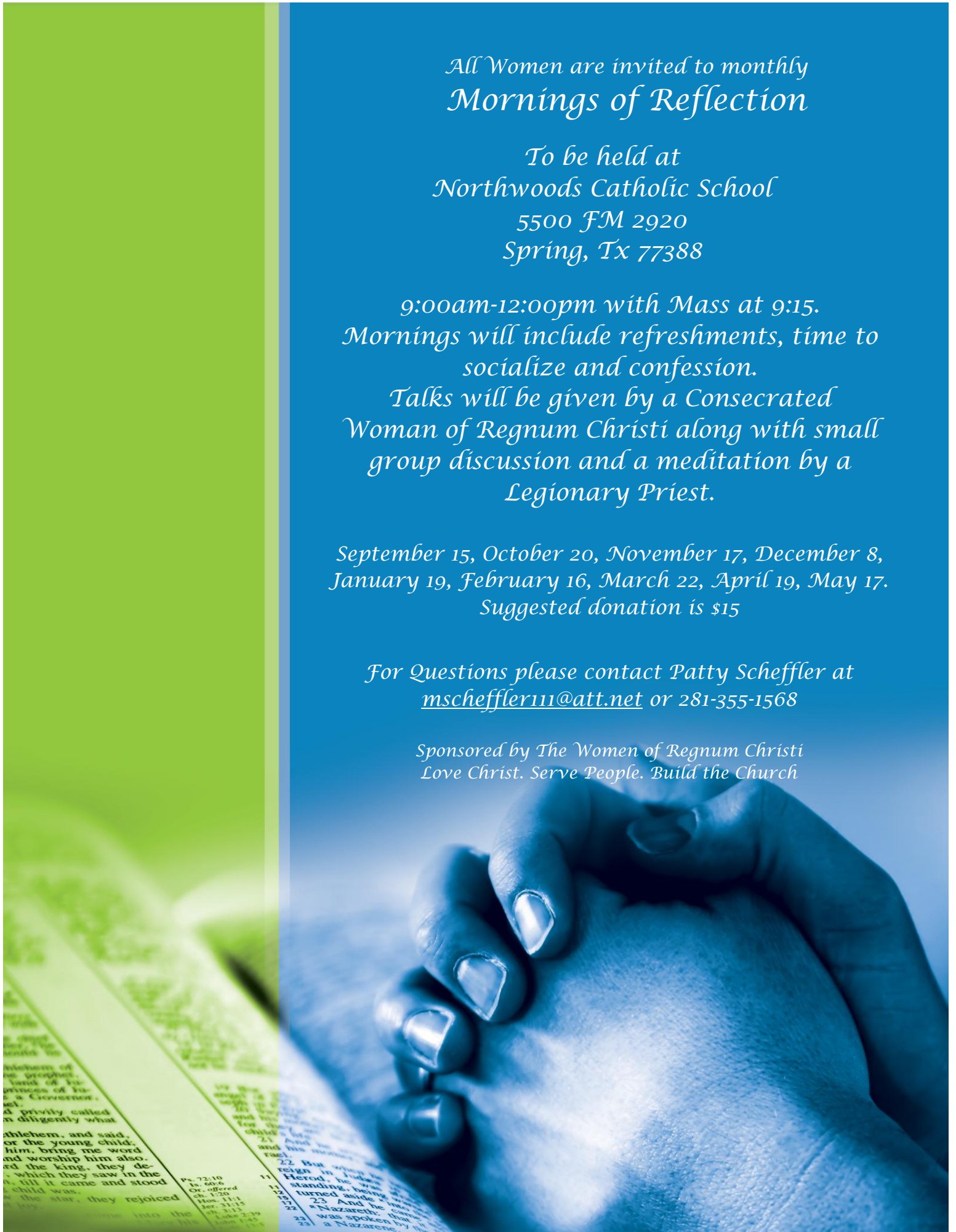
*9:00am-12:00pm with Mass at 9:15.
Mornings will include refreshments, time to
socialize and confession.*

*Talks will be given by a Consecrated
Woman of Regnum Christi along with small
group discussion and a meditation by a
Legionary Priest.*

*September 15, October 20, November 17, December 8,
January 19, February 16, March 22, April 19, May 17.
Suggested donation is \$15*

*For Questions please contact Patty Scheffler at
mscheffler111@att.net or 281-355-1568*

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FATHER DAUGHTER DAY

“Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters”

Have you wanted to know the top tips of being the “world’s best dad”? If you are a dad of a girl in grades **1-5**, join your daughter for a day of fun and receive formative insights on **January 28th from 9:00 am – 1:45 pm.**

This event will be held at the school campus. The cost is \$10.00 per father-daughter couple which will provide donuts, coffee, material and a memorable father daughter photo. The event concludes with a family Mass, so yes, the whole family can attend for the conclusion.

We would like you to RSVP before the holidays, so please send this form back even if you are not able to attend. Payment and registration form can be handed into your homeroom teacher by December 2nd.

Please be attentive for more information as the activity approaches.

Thank you for your support and we hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Angie Hilbun
Consecrated woman of Regnum Christi
Girl's Formation Director at Northwoods Catholic School

Event: Father Daughter Event

(Date)

_____ Yes I will attend

_____ No I will not attend

Student's Name: _____ Grade ____ Class _____

Father's Name: _____