**Dear Families:**

Your son/daughter is about to embark on a Family Memory Project, during which he/ she will write a personal narrative (a 250 word storybook including 3-5 drawings) and use one of their drawings to create a story quilt (an image created with fabric) based on an older relative’s life experience(s).

Your son/daughter will be provided with a series of questions to interview an older relative. Once the interview is complete, he/she will create a narrative in the form of a storybook. Students are not expected to tell their relative’s whole life story; they should report one or two events or aspects of their relative’s life. The story chosen may also include your son/daughter (it can be an occasion that was experienced by both the older relative and your son/daughter).

In class, students will be provided with sample questions and will be expected to develop supplemental interview questions, review each other’s work, and share what they have learned.

I am asking you to help your son/daughter select a family member for this project and provide assistance in arranging the **meeting well before the due date**. This meeting can take place in person or over the phone. When students pay attention to and craft both their own memories and those of other people, it can help them become more thoughtful readers, writers and artists in other contexts.

Sincerely,

Ms. Marghetti
Visual Art Department Head
Notre Dame Regional Secondary

**Due Date for this form:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Interview Due Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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