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The mission of Notre Dame High School is to educate its students in mind, body and soul with the love of Jesus, the discipline of Joseph and the faith of Mary.

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message from the
ADMINISTRATORS

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

February 26, 2021

Dear NDHS Family and Friends,

As our year speeds by, we are looking forward to the 2021-2022 school year. In a mere two weeks, we approach the one-year anniversary of our "Covid Challenge". We continue to wade through a very different school life, limitations on group size and activities, and the canceling of events. Some of the events are those that enhance our student school experience and others such as the anticipated return of "DROP THE MIC" impact our school finances. Without your prayers and continuing support, it would be impossible to continue the push forward. We are grateful; and ask for your continued good will. Each of us experiences frustration, fatigue, and a lack of positivity at times. The partnership we have in the education of our students allows us to bolster each other as we move toward better times!!

On March 22-24, NDHS will host a virtual SACS/Cognia review team. Of all years to undergo this review of our accreditation, this just had to be it! I would like to express my gratitude to Curriculum Coordinator, Mr. Matt McClure, who is the lead, and who has done most of the work preparing for this process. The fact that the review will consist of ZOOM interviews, examination of documentation and no "face-to-face" visits (including classroom observations) is unprecedented. We have some anxiety about the experience and ask for your special prayers on these days!). Thanks also to all the members of the administrative team who have assisted Matt.

Congratulations to our basketball and soccer teams. Our Pio Boys' Basketball Team continues their playoff quest and we wish them good luck! We are proud of our student athletes and coaches and respect their commitment and work ethic. Our spring sports have begun and are starting out extremely well. Our goal is to continue to concentrate—not just on winning—but on good sportsmanship and being a school of integrity and class—worthy of our Patroness.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us resolve to practice the disciplines of fasting, abstinence, and more prayer time so as to help prepare our hearts for the beauty of Easter. Our students will have additional opportunities for adoration, the sacrament of reconciliation and alms-giving (Hearts for Haiti) during Lent.

Father Byron Miller, Redemptorist Priest, President and Publisher of Liguori Publications and ND Alum, Class of 1979, has a Lenten publication: Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter. I can highly recommend it and urge you to order it online if you are looking for a good source of Lenten reflection. Visit. <https://www.liguori.org/>

Blessings,

3/2 ... School-wide ACT testing
Early Dismissal

3/8 ... No School - Student
Advising

3/12 ... Jeans Day

3/18 ... Third Quarter Ends

3/17-19 ... Cheerleader Practice
and Tryouts

3/23 ... Stuco Radio Cake
Auction

3/24-26 ... Dance Team Practice
and Tryouts

3/26 ... Jeans Day



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

What's Your Secret Power?

Ask yourself these five questions. It may help you figure out your dream career.

1. **What was I like when I was a young child?** Were you a leader, an inventor, a listener, an organizer, a nurturer? You're the same person now.
2. **Which topic can I talk about for hours?** Perhaps it's food, fashion, fitness, or politics. What you love discussing deeply is a solid indicator of what makes you feel energized and connected.
3. **If you asked my best friend what I'm awesome at, she would say...?** Consider what people seek you out for and the problems you help solve.
4. **What hobbies do I squeeze in -- even when there's no time?** Explore your go-to hobby.
5. **Is there something you always say you'll do one day?** If money and time were no issue, what would you be pursuing? - adapted from Susie Moore, Family Circle, Feb 2017

SCHOLARSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS!

Parents: Keep checking your email!

Seniors: Keep checking your school email!

The local scholarships will be trickling in soon.

Check your email daily.

Mark deadlines on your calendar.

Strive for no missed opportunities.

email: mfaust@ndpios.com phone: 783-7143

FAFSA: Seniors should have filed their FAFSA for TOPS consideration and other grants, loans, and financial aid.

KEEP YOUR FAITH ACTIVE AND ALIVE ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUS

What will you do to keep your Catholic **faith** vibrant while you pursue your academic goals? "Jesus doesn't mind if you do your homework with him!" Father Clinton Sensat urged college students to remember during one of his homilies at the LSUE Catholic Student Center. He also pointed out that papers due and tests pending do not have to translate into reasons or excuses to stay away from **Jesus Christ**. Visit the Catholic Student Center on your college campus. A Catholic student center serves as a welcoming presence of the Church on a university campus, giving students an opportunity to develop a more **Christ**-centered life during their college years. At a time when young people are confronted by an aggressive secularism and myriad anti-Catholic values, campus ministry provides a respite from these challenges, as well as a place of formation into mature disciples of **Jesus Christ**.

-adapted from Stephanie Martin, Catholic Acadiana Feb 2017

Have you ever been down and out and nobody seems to be around to talk to?

That's God: He wants you to speak to Him.

Marla L. Faust

NDHS School Counselor

"What we see depends mainly on what we look for." - John Lubbock



RELIGION NEWS

The season of Lent is one that affords us all the opportunity to renew our commitment to the Lord and to living up to the standard that He calls us to as His sons and daughters. The seasonal disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us to recenter and focus our lives on what truly matters.

While these disciplines are being daily taught in the classroom, our school family also wants to provide an opportunity to live them out. For the next several weeks, we have sought to incorporate opportunities to pray and to give alms into our schedule here at school.

Prayer: During the Lenten season, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available each Tuesday (except for March 2nd) at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel on Notre Dame's Campus. From 7am-3pm, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration and prayer for members of the Notre Dame community, and our extended family, friends, and alumni. All are welcome to come and pray with us at your convenience and for any amount of time. Hour time slots have been filled to ensure that there will always be someone present during this time of prayer and a special thanks to Mrs. Brenda Boulet for organizing the schedule ensuring that all hours are covered. Come and pray with us!

Almsgiving: Each year, Notre Dame works to raise funds to build a home in Haiti through the "Hearts for Haiti" program. To date, we have been able to build more homes than any other entity participating in the program throughout the United States. For around \$6000, we are able to build a home for a family in need, provide education materials and tuition for the children in the family, job training for the parents, provide a small patch of land and a farm animal to help them to become semi self-sufficient and provide a continual income.

Each Tuesday during Lent is "Wear a Red Shirt" day for our Hearts of Haiti fundraiser. Students are able to wear any red t-shirt (or any 'Hearts for Haiti' shirt, regardless of color) for \$1. All proceeds go towards building a home in Haiti.

If you are a student, we want to encourage you to participate in the fundraiser, with your dollar serving as alms for the poor. If you are interested in helping out with this endeavour and would like to financially contribute to help us reach our goal, you can send a check to school, made out to "Notre Dame High School" and by writing "Hearts for Haiti" in the memo line.

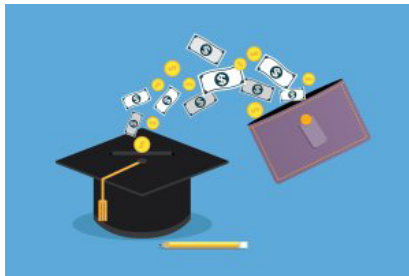
We pray that this season, filled with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving would be one of great spiritual growth in each of our lives! That we would daily be led closer and closer to the Cross of Christ and the Tomb of His Resurrection.

Socially distant but Spiritually near,
Notre Dame Religion Department



BULLETIN BOARD

All accounts need to be paid in full (through May) or finals will not be given. This includes subsidies that were not paid for by the church, cafeteria balances, athletic fees, and chromebook payments. Deadline for seniors is May 7 (for all those who are not on autodraft). Deadline for underclassmen is May 20th.



The deadline to submit tuition assistance applications for the 2021-2022 school year is April 15th. Please call Juli at 783-3519 with questions.

With the spring semester approaching, some of your children may be looking ahead to Prom. The Notre Dame High School policy regarding dances and prom may be found on pages 56-57 in our handbook. WE ARE ASKING YOUR HELP TO ASSURE THAT YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER ADHERES TO THESE POLICIES. We have some particular concerns about the modesty of some of the girls' formal wear. The bodice of the gown must be cut so that there is no visible cleavage. Also, gowns that are too short in the skirt (even "high-low") and cutouts or low backs are NOT permitted-- as there has been an increase in these trends. If there is any question about whether a dress or outfit is permissible, a picture could/should be brought to the administration for clarification BEFORE the dress or outfit is purchased. We are called to MODESTY and CHASTITY and must follow the standards as set forth in the handbook by our Chancellor, Administration and Advisory Council. Thank you for your support.



BULLETIN BOARD

From the Athletic Department

Reminder that athletic dues must be paid for all student athletes, trainers and managers. The fee (per year) is \$150.00 for each student athlete.

Also: Spring sports are gearing up and all athletes must have their proper paperwork turned in to the athletic office. Returning athletes must turn in a current physical, permission to participate and proof of insurance. The physical and permission forms are available on the Notre Dame website under "Athletics". New athletes must complete the "First time athlete" packet located on the website. It includes the LHSAA approved physical form and all other required forms. A copy of the student's insurance card is also required for proof of insurance. All forms must be **TURNU IN TO THE ATHLETIC OFFICE BEFORE A STUDENT MAY PARTICIPATE IN COMPETITION.**

Mary Baronet
Athletic Secretary

Parents!! Yearbook Ads!!

The 2020-2021 yearbook is now accepting Personal Ads for students. Please contact nbellow@ndpios.com or Ads Editor, Lauren Comeaux, at 21lcomeaux@ndpios.com for pricing and more information.

NDHS Library collects Community Coffee labels. Would you please help us collect enough labels to help pay for databases? No amount is too small. This is an easy way to support our library. Every little bit helps!





BIRTHDAYS!



March Birthdays

1- Gracie Bearb
1- Anna Guinn
1- Maci Bergeron
2- Corine Poncho
2- Caroline Nelson
3- Reid Thomas
5- Emma Robichaux
6- Sullivan Rue
7- Nick Swacker
8- Cameron Fusilier
9- Lauren Hoffpauir
10- Chris Schmid

4- Mrs. Jenny Didier

10- David Trisler
10- Phillip Carlson
12- Glenn Hunter, Jr.
12- John Doucet
15- James Charles Orillion
16- Ann Louise Cramer
17- Macey Freed
17- Madeline Oliver
22- Kaylee Bedel
22- Gracie Alleman
22- Joshua Faulk

5- Coach Matt McClure

22- Grant Schneider
22- Annalise Fruge'
22- Ian Fruge'
23- Luke Bertrand
24- Mollie McBride
24- Thomas Bier
28- Ethan Menard
28- Elizabeth Bourgeois
29- Addyson Gautreaux
29- Lydia Brown
30- Anna Bellard
31- Mariana Guinn

25- Coach Chris Hauerwas





SIGNINGS



Congratulations to Morgan Alleman who committed to continue her education and softball career at Baton Rouge Community College! Pictured with Morgan are her siblings, Logan and Graci and dad, Brent. Congratulations, Morgan!!

Dom Thibodeaux recently decided to continue his education at Coastal Alabama and has accepted a scholarship offer to play baseball!

Pictured with Dom are his parents, Frank and Lisa.

Way to go, Dom!!





Joe Brown, ND Senior and Football player, recently committed to play football and continue his education at UL-Monroe!

Pictured with Joe are his parents, Chet & Kelly and Coach Lewis Cook. Congratulations, Joe!

Congratulations to Parker Seilhan, ND Senior, who committed to continue to play football and further his education at UL-Lafayette. Pictured with Parker are his parents, Kerry & Allison, Coach Lewis Cook and sister, Peyton.



Congratulations to Wesley Maze, former NDHS & current St. Louis Senior, who decided to continue his education and play football at UL-Lafayette! Seated with Wes are parents, Michelle & Dr. Butch and sisters, Mollie & Charli

Varsity Baseball Schedule

*denotes district game

Thursday, March 4	Iota @ Breaux Bridge	3:30
Friday, March 5	Breaux Bridge @ Breaux Bridge	3:30
Saturday, March 6	Acadiana @ Breaux Bridge	12:30
	Southside @ Breaux Bridge	5:30
Tuesday, March 9	Kinder @ Kinder	6:00
Thursday, March 11	St. Edmund @ St. Edmund	6:45
Friday, March 12	Acadiana @ Eunice	5:15
Saturday, March 13	Brusly @ St. Edmund	11:00
Tuesday, March 16	@ Catholic High	6:00
Friday, March 19	@ Rayne	6:00
Saturday, March 20	Rayne @ Miller (DH)	12:00
Tuesday, March 23	@ LCA *	6:00
Friday, March 26	STM @ Miller	5:30
Saturday, March 27	@ Opelousas Catholic	10:00
Saturday, March 27	Dunham @ Opelousas	1:00
Monday, March 29	Port Barre @ Miller *	6:00
Tuesday, March 30	Lake Arthur @ Miller *	6:00
Wednesday, March 31	@ Eunice	6:00
Tuesday, April 6	@ Welsh *	6:00
Wednesday, April 14	Loreauville @ Miller	6:00
Friday, April 16	Teurlings @ Miller	6:00
Saturday, April 17	North Vermilion @ Miller	10:00
Tuesday, April 20	Cecilia @ Miller (senior night)	6:00
Wednesday, April 21	@ St. Louis	6:00

Notre Dame Lady Pioneers 2021 Softball Schedule

Date	Location	Opponent	V/JV	Time
1/28/2021	William "Fats" Leger Park	Scrimmage Saint Louis	Varsity	5:00pm
2/3/2021	William "Fats" Leger Park	Scrimmage Ascension Episcopal	Varsity	5:00pm
2/6/2021	William "Fats" Leger Park	Lady Pios Intra-Squad Double Header	V/JV	TBA
2/9/2021	Hall of Fame Classic @Pineville High	Barbe, Pineville, and Kinder	Varsity	6:30pm
2/12/2021	JV Brusly High Jamboree @ Brusly High	Live Oak and Dutchtown	JV	6:00/7:00pm
2/13/2021	Brusly High Jamboree @ Brusly High	Denham Springs and Central Lafourche	Varsity	1:00/2:00pm
2/18/2021	William "Fats" Leger Park	Breaux Bridge	Varsity	5:00pm
2/19/2021	Assumption High Tournament @Patterson	TBA	V/JV	TBA
2/20/2021	Assumption High Tournament @Patterson	TBA	V/JV	TBA
2/22/2021	Rayne High School	Rayne High School	Varsity	5:00pm
2/23/2021	Westminster Christian Academy	Westminster Christian Academy	Varsity	4:00pm
2/24/2021	Crowley High School	Crowley High School	V/JV	4pm/5:15pm
2/26/2021	STM Grand Slam Tournament @Broussard	TBA	V/JV	TBA
2/27/2021	STM Grand Slam Tournament @Broussard	TBA	V/JV	TBA
3/1/2021	William "Fats" Leger Park	Ville Platte High/JV Saint Thomas More	V/JV	4:00/5:30pm
3/2/2021	Loureauxville High School	Loureauxville High School	V/JV	4:00/6:00pm
3/3/2021	William "Fats" Leger Park	David Thibodaux Magnet Academy	V/JV	4:00/5:15pm
3/4/2021	Teurlings Catholic High School	Teurlings Catholic High School	Varsity	4:00pm
3/9/2021	William "Fats" Leger Park	Church Point High School	V/JV	4:00/5:15pm
3/11/2021	Jennings High School	Jennings High School	Varsity	4:00pm
3/12/2021	Saint Amant High Tournament	Barbe Hahnville Mt Carmel STA Zachary	V/JV	TBA
3/13/2021	Saint Amant High Tournament	Sam Houston Sulphur Ascension Christian	V/JV	TBA
3/15/2020	William "Fats" Leger Park	Delcambre High School	Varsity	4:30pm
3/18/2021	William "Fats" Leger Park	Sacred Heart High School	V/JV	4:00/5:15pm
3/22/2021	JV Delcambre High School	Delcambre High School	JV	5:30pm
3/23/2021	Pelican Park in Carencro (District)	Lafayette Christian Academy	V/JV	TBA
3/24/2021	Westgate High School	Westgate High School	Varsity	4:30pm
3/25/2021	Cecilia High School	Cecilia High School	Varsity	5:00pm
3/26/2021	Live Oak High School Tournament	Vanderbilt Catholic High School	Varsity	6:00pm
3/27/2021	Live Oak High School Tournament	Franklin High School	Varsity	10:00am
3/27/2021	Live Oak High School Tournament	Live Oak High School	Varsity	2:00pm
3/30/2021	William "Fats" Leger Park (District)	Port Barre High School	V/JV	4:15/5:30pm
3/31/2021	William "Fats" Leger Park (District)	Lake Arthur High School	V/JV	4:30/5:30pm
4/1/2021	William "Fats" Leger Park	Erath High School	Varsity	4:30pm
4/5/2021	William "Fats" Leger Park	Saint Edmund High School	Varsity	5:30pm
4/6/2021	Welsh High School (District)	Welsh High School	V/JV	4:00/5:30pm
4/9/2021	JV Saint Edmund High School	Saint Edmund High School	JV	4:00pm
4/14/2021	Louisiana State University @ Alexandria	Anacocca High School	Varsity	6:00pm
4/21/2021	LHSAA Regional Playoffs	TBD		
4/24/2021	LHSAA Quarterfinal Playoffs	TBD		
4/30/2021	LHSAA State Semifinal	Sulphur Frasch Park		
5/1/2021	LHSAA State Finals	Sulphur Frasch Park		

Attention Future ND Dancers

The Notre Dame Dance Team is having try-outs.
Incoming freshmen are eligible.

There are THREE requirements to be eligible to try-out as incoming freshmen:

1. Make sure that you are registered at NDHS for the next year.
2. Must have at least a 2.0 overall GPA (core curriculum only - credits for Math, Science, English and Social Studies will be used to calculate GPA)
3. Attend the MANDATORY parent meeting on March 22nd, at 5:00 pm in room 17 at Notre Dame. (PLEASE remember a parent or guardian must be with you for this meeting.)

***Practices will be held March 24th, 4-5:30; March 25th, 4-5:30; and tryouts will be held March 26th, 4 - until. Practices and tryouts will be held in the Notre Dame gym.

If there are any questions, please call me at 337-783-3519.



Hope to see you there!!

Kathy Breaux - sponsor

ND Cheerleading Tryouts

- ** Any current freshman, sophomore or junior wishing to tryout for the 2021-2022 Notre Dame cheerleading squad must attend a mandatory meeting (with parents) at 6pm on March 15th in the ND cafeteria.
- ** You must have a GPA of 2.0 (cumulative first semester and 3rd 9 weeks).
- ** You must have been a part of pep squad and/or dance team and be in good standing in order to tryout.
- ** You must be registered for Notre Dame next year.
- ** Official sign-up ends on March 12th at 3pm. The sign-up sheet is in the office.
- ** Tryouts: Practice March 17th, 18th - 3:30 - 5:00
Tryouts - March 19th - 3:45-until

