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**Congratulations Graduates!**  
**May 21, 2021**

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## message from the ADMINISTRATORS

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

June 21, 2021

Dear ND Family,

Another successful year culminating with 80+ new graduates: Notre Dame's Patroness, OUR LADY, has continued to bless our school and our community. Our graduation was an uplifting experience after the hard-fought challenges of the 20-21 year. Over 75% of the 2021 graduates qualified for TOPS and 7 graduates had a perfect 4.0 gpa ranking them #1 in their class. This exceptional class led the way to two state championships and an individual state championship; and we were blessed to have 4 seminarians at the Graduation Mass who are NDHS alumni. This speaks directly to the embodiment of our Mission Statement--to educate our students in mind, body and soul. Notre Dame High School of Acadia Parish is fulfilling its Mission and we are grateful for the prayers and support of those who have helped us along this journey! Summer brings a time of finalizing plans for the next school cycle. The administrative team will be working on facilities maintenance, finishing up the Student/Parent Handbook, making plans for retreats and events, completing paperwork for the state, supervising students in workouts and summer activities, and working on curriculum--generally trying to ensure that we start the new year on a good note. We look forward to returning to our "normal"-- without masking-- and with the ability to be together for weekly liturgy, lunch and group activities. Our Bishop (see his letter on page 11) reminds us that we are to continue to monitor for Covid symptoms and to respond appropriately by refraining from school attendance and contact with others if symptomatic. We will handle any questions or concerns on a case-by-case basis. A big THANK YOU to our entire school community for following the 20-21 guidelines and helping us to emerge from the long, dark tunnel!)

Summer is a time for rest, relaxation and family time. When July rolls around, please take a few minutes to think about what will be needed for the coming year. The SUMMER READING link is up on our website. The assessment on the summer reading assignment is 10% of the first 9 weeks grade, so please encourage your student/s to do his/her best. Girls will need to try on their skirts and or shorts to be sure they still fit appropriately (especially length) and all students will need to purchase school shoes. Shoes that are worn and in disrepair will NOT be acceptable at the start of the new school year. Pants must be the approved maker and style, and must have the official seal near the waist. Local vendors can be of great help with availability and fit.

Students' hair must be within the guidelines in order to take their ID picture on their first day of school. Your cooperation is appreciated! Seniors and their parents will also be receiving a letter regarding the Senior Retreat prior to the beginning of school. The retreat is scheduled for August 15th and 16th. Please be on the lookout for more information.

We wish you a wonderful summer break filled with sunshine, friendships, family time and a slower pace. We pray for the safety and well being of our students and look forward to seeing you in August!

Blessings,  
Cindy

Summer Office Hours  
Monday-Thursday  
8am-Noon

August 5 ... FB Team Pictures  
for Program, 11:00a,  
Pep Squad 10am

August 6 ... Freshman  
Orientation, 9am-11am

August 9 & 10... Faculty  
Retreat and Inservice

August 11... First Day for  
Seniors & Freshmen,  
12:30pm dismissal

August 12... First Day for  
Juniors & Sophomores,  
12:30pm dismissal

August 12 ... Senior Pictures  
in Library, boys 11-12:30,  
girls 1-2:30

August 13 ... First Full Day of  
School for all students

August 15 & 16 ... Senior  
Retreat (letter to follow  
later this summer)



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Dear Notre Dame Family,

I would like to express my deep gratitude for the opportunity to return to the role as Guidance Counselor for the upcoming school year. I've been very fortunate to get to know many of you during my previous eight year tenure at Notre Dame High School. The chance to serve the students and families again is a great privilege and I'm looking forward to seeing familiar faces while also getting to form new relationships with many others. I'm also thrilled to join the team of enormously talented and committed administration, faculty and staff.

A special note of thanks goes to our former Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Marla Faust, for her generous support and efforts in providing assistance to me during the transition period. I hope you will join me in wishing her much joy in her future endeavors.

Please feel free to drop by my office this summer or give me a call @ 783-7143 if I can assist you in any way. I pray that you all have a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer. I look forward to seeing you all at the start of the school year.

Warmest regards,  
Terry Gros  
Guidance Counselor  
NDHS

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## Get involved

Do you love helping others? Can't pass up getting involved for a good cause? Even though you may not expect anything in return for your volunteering efforts, there are colleges, companies and organizations that will reward you for your community involvement.

### Going beyond high school or college groups

High schools and colleges offer plenty of opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities. But the extracurriculars at school aren't the only ones that count. Consider taking on classes outside of school, like joining a performing arts group or a dance company.

### NON-SCHOOL RELATED:

  
  
  

### Volunteer

Better yet, if you can volunteer in an area that is related to your intended major. Not only are you giving back to the community but

you also are gaining experience in a subject that is important to you and possibly a future career! For instance, if you plan to study nursing in college, you could volunteer at your local hospital. Or if you want to be a teacher, volunteer in an afterschool program or at a daycare center.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

  
  
  
  
  

### Show commitment

It's important to show continual commitment to at least one activity. Having a list of dozens of extracurricular activities during your senior year of high school isn't as fulfilling as having one or two activities that you have shown a continual commitment to. Plus, many scholarships—both from the institution or private sources—are available for students who participate in certain extracurricular activities! Sure giving back and getting involved in your community feel great! But they have their advantages, too!

### Ways to highlight your extracurricular activities to get an edge

- Discuss one of your activities in your admissions essay
- Include a list of activities and highlight leadership positions and accomplishments on your résumé
- If an extracurricular opportunity you are interested in doesn't exist at school, create it yourself.

*Excerpted from an article by Elaine Loveland, author of Creative Colleges: A Guide for Student Actors, Artists, Dancers, Musicians.*



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## RELIGION NEWS

It's hard to believe that we're nearly halfway through summer break and that the 2021-2022 school year is just around the corner. This summer newsletter typically affords us the opportunity to share all that happened over the past school year. Campus ministry events, retreats, prayer services, etc. However, as we all know, this past school year was unlike any we've ever had, and many of these ministries were not able to happen the way they usually do.

So instead of a recap of the past year, we'd like to look ahead at the exciting things to come this coming year! Our Campus Ministry will be in full swing come August, with signups happening the first couple weeks of school. Keep an eye out for announcements and registration! Our class retreats are also back on the calendar with the Senior Retreat happening August 15th/16th at Stillwater Retreat Center in Abbeville. Information will be sent home to our senior students and parents in the next couple of weeks with all of the details for that retreat!

We are also excited to announce that we will be participating, as a school community, in the Diocesan Vocations Prayer Cross ministry. This ministry is to encourage families to pray together for an increase in vocations in the Diocese of Lafayette and in the Universal Church. Each week, a slot will be open for a family to take home the Prayer Cross kit and to pray for vocations.

You do not need to have a current student enrolled at Notre Dame in order to sign up to take the kit home to pray. The kit includes a Vocations Cross, a small statue of Our Lady, and an easy-to-follow prayer booklet to use while praying together as a family for an increase in vocations.

If you sign up to have the Vocations Prayer Cross Kit for one school week, it will be sent home with your student (if you have one) or can be picked up yourself on Monday of the week for which you sign up. Return the Vocations Prayer Cross Kit the Friday of your chosen week either by sending it back to school with your student or dropping it off at the Religion Office before 3 pm.

You can sign up with the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COC45A4A62BA5F8CE9-vocations>



May God bless you and the rest of your summer and we can't wait to see you around come August!

in Christ,  
Notre Dame Religion Department





## ATHLETIC NEWS

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SEASON TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW AND SO ARE AD SPACES FOR THE FOOTBALL PROGRAM.

LHSAA MANDATED FORMS FOR FIRST TIME ATHLETES AND RETURNING ATHLETES MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE ATHLETIC OFFICE. PHYSICALS ARE MUCH EASIER TO SCHEDULE IN THE SUMMER AND NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE UNTIL ALL FORMS ARE PROPERLY SIGNED AND TURNED IN.

THE ATHLETIC FEE (\$150) FOR ONE STUDENT ATHLETE WILL REMAIN THE SAME. FOR EACH ADDITIONAL SIBLING PARTICIPATING IN ATHLETICS, THE FEE WILL BE \$150 AS WELL.

ATHLETIC OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY - THURSDAY, 8-12.  
PLEASE CONTACT MARY AT 783-8776 OR [ATHLETICS@NDPIOS.COM](mailto:ATHLETICS@NDPIOS.COM)

### *Notre Dame Volleyball Camp*

*Saturday, July 24 - Monday, July 26*

*Registration form is attached and can also be found at [ndpios.com](http://ndpios.com) under "info center" & "download forms" or in the school office*



Congratulations to Gracie Miller and William Vice on receiving the American Legion Award! This award is the highest honor given to civilians by the American Legion. Representing American Legion Post 15 is Mike Stefanski.

**Summer Reading** is updated on our website, [ndpios.com](http://ndpios.com). Go to “academics” and “summer reading” to download your packet.

The school calendar is updated on our website under “news & events”. It has important dates, events, etc.

**Supply Lists** will be on our website on July 2. Please visit [ndpios.com](http://ndpios.com) under “download forms”

Don't forget to like us on Facebook, "Notre Dame High School of Acadia Parish"



**Be on the LookOUT!**



**Cheerleaders will have a Notre Dame T-Shirt Sale beginning July 25-August 6. Stock up on new ND gear. Information will be emailed to families and on our FB page SOON!**



**Congratulations to our Catholic Action recipients! This is the highest award given by our school and is chosen by the graduates themselves. Pictured with Father Jason Vidrine, Father Brent Smith, Father Patrick Broussard, Father Jude Theirry, Father Paul Broussard and Father Mikel Polson are Mackenzie Claire Olinger, daughter of Tony and Verna Olinger of Roberts Cove and William Louis Vice, son of Rusty and Stephanie Vice of Roberts Cove.**





**Congratulations to the Pio Pride Dance Team who recently attended UDA Summer Camp! They accumulated several awards: 3rd Place Home Routine, Superior Award, Full Out Award**

**Bottom row: Emma Hayes, Klarisse Thibodeaux, Mia Guillot, Riley Hoffpauir. Second row: Haley Rivette, Emma Hernandez, Olivia Guidry, Julia Guinn. Top row: Coach Camryn, Emma Hanks, Mollie McBride, Angelle Bourgeois, Ella Cantrell**





## **Introducing the 2021-2022 ND Cheerleaders!**

**Bottom row: Molly Webb, Evelyn Andrus, Kelsey Broussard, Rosemary Gielen, Ashtyn Wimberley, Maddison Frey, Claire Cormier, Morgan Boudreaux, Abigayle Daigle.**

**Second row: Madison Boudreaux (mascot), Claudia Kibodeaux, Olevia Schefcik, Ella Boudreaux, Kaitlyn Constantin, Alayna Hebert, Amelia Gray, Ramsey Bellard.**

**Third row: Ryan Dailey, Emilie Fields, Ahnnie Albro, Rose Landry, Mariana Guinn**

**Good luck at SCA Camp in July!**



## June Birthdays

1- Anna Zaunbrecher  
2- Grady Faulk  
4- Hunter Hoffpauir  
4- Charlotte Doucet  
4- Jake Benoit  
6- Mary Grace Burleigh  
7- Blaire Signorelli  
7- Allie Gray  
7- Connor Stagg  
9- Matthew Taylor

9- Christian Breaux  
9- Hunter Leonards  
11- Madison Price  
11- Bremilin Mlnix  
14- Trent Broussard  
14- Morgan Belaire  
15- David Guidry  
15- Annabelle Pitts  
18- Lexi Thibodeaux

18- Ziyen Hirani  
19- Alaya Granger  
20- Gracie Miller  
21- Katherine Gotte  
23- Gavin Bourgeois  
23- Holden LeBlanc  
25- Lily Morgan  
28- Owen Delhomme  
29- Claire Cormier  
30- Molly Webb

1- Mrs. Kathy Breaux    8- Coach Louie Cook    20- Dr. Pat Melek    30- Mrs. Cristina Doucet



## July Birthdays

1- Parker Seilhan  
1- Jadyen Devillier  
3- Christopher LeLeux  
3- Addisyn Hazlett  
6- Andrus Kelbaugh  
6- Annabeth Savoy  
7- Ryan Goss  
7- Kennedy Prejean  
8- Collin Reiners  
11- Lauren Broussard

11- Camille Trahan  
11- Madison Aucoin  
13- Jake Breaux  
15- Alaina Kibodeaux  
17- Mackenzie Olinger  
17- John Rivette  
18- James Mixon  
19- Emma Hernandez

20- Mary Kathryn Allbritton  
20- Keely Chenevert  
20- Ramsey Bellard  
24- Lance Castille  
26- Ross Miller  
27- Ayden Leonards  
28- Jackson Meagher  
28- Olevia Schefcik  
28- Isaac Credeur  
31- Zack Hebert

28- Mr. James Franke





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TO: PRINCIPALS

DATE: JUNE 15, 2021

RE: COVID-19 – UPDATED PROTOCOLS / 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

This past sixteen-plus months, we have faced many challenges; a pandemic, flooding, an ice storm, and the many day-to-day issues we face in our various roles. However, we are, hopefully, returning to a period of greater predictability and productivity. Please know of my gratitude to you, our school leaders, for your efforts and commitment to the safety of our children. I trust that you will continue to do so.

As you prepare for the coming school year, please be mindful of the following protocols which are based on directives of the Governor's office, the Louisiana Department of Health, Louisiana Department of Education and the Centers for Disease Control. Any other measures are left to the discretion of the principal, in consultation with the school pastor/chancellor.

As always, these protocols are subject to change in keeping with future circumstances.

- It is critical that employees do not report to the workplace if they are ill and/or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or other infectious illness.
- Parents should be reminded to not send their child(ren) to school if they are ill and/or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or other infectious illness.
- Doctor's orders should be followed in regards returning to school following illness.
- Employees and students are no longer required to wear a face covering while onsite but can do so, should they so choose.
- Sanitizing and proper hygiene measures should continue.
- Screening of visitors should continue until further notice. (A revised self-screen form is attached.)
- Employees should be reminded to remove themselves from any situation where they feel unsafe and report same to the Principal (or designee).
- Employees who are traveling are to adhere to regulations/protocols of the place/area that they are traveling to, as well as to specific transportation guidelines.

With every good wish, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.  
Bishop of Lafayette

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**LUNCH-** Student meals for the 2021-2022 school year will be free of charge according to the USDA. "Extra" items will be charged to the student's account and parents will be responsible for those items.

Our lunch program is under the management of the Food and Nutrition Service of the Diocese of Lafayette. They employ our "lunch ladies" who are some of the nicest and most accommodating people you could ever meet. In addition to the cost of a regular lunch for each student being covered for the 21-22 school year; we anticipate the return of a hot meal with alternative choices of a sandwich or salad. Ms. Karen Schexnayder, the on-site manager of our lunch program is anxious to work with any student that may require a special meal plan due to dietary restrictions. She can help with most any special need. Please contact Ms. Karen Schexneider at [notredame@fns-dol.org](mailto:notredame@fns-dol.org) to discuss how she can help. After speaking to her, if she is unable to provide the required diet plan, please contact the office for further assistance. The lunch program is valuable to our school family and we want to support it, and the ladies that it employs, as much as possible. Thank you!





## UNDER THE SEA

AUG 2nd - 4th  
9AM-NOON  
NDHS GYM



\$50 per participant pre-registration  
\$60 per participant at the door  
Ages 3-12 and Squads



Parent Showing @ 10:45am on Wed Aug 4th

Pre-registration forms are available in the NDHS front office or online  
@ [ndpios.com](https://ndpios.com) under the Info Center Tab > download forms link

Registration begins at 8:30am on Monday Aug 2nd @ NDHS Gym

### **Mermaid Monday**

Come in your best  
glitter & mermaid  
glamour!!!

### **Tiki Tuesday**

Come in your best  
Hawaiian gear &  
leis!!!

### **Pio Pride Wednesday**

Come in your best  
Pio gear to show  
your PIO PRIDE!!!





**Friday, August 6th  
ND Gym  
9:00-11:00am**

**Kick off your freshman year with a road trip!**

**Pack your bags and join us as we explore Notre Dame. Learn all about what ND has to offer with a day filled with fun and games!  
It is a day you do not want to miss!**

**Registration Deadline: July 22nd  
T-shirts: \$15**