



THE
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"A Community of FAITH,
KNOWLEDGE and SERVICE "

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Congratulations to the thirteen girls who were selected to the 2021 Homecoming Court!
They are (front) l-r: Maddison Frey, Rosemary Gielen, Jillian Moody, Jeanne Claire Schmid.
Second row: Kelsey Broussard, Emma Hanks, Evelyn Andrus, Ashtyn Wimberley, Natalie
Brown. Back row: Anna Guinn, Madeline Oliver, Abigail Savoy & Ella Cantrell

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message from the ADMINISTRATORS

August 30, 2021

Dear Notre Dame Family and Friends,

August with its heat, afternoon showers and the first weeks of school, is almost over. It brought the Senior Retreat, announcement of the Homecoming Court, volleyball and football scrimmages/games and the longing for a touch of cooler weather! Thank you to Father Brent Smith, James Franke, and our faculty/administration who were involved in the Senior retreat. It was a time for sharing, affirmation and prayer for all those involved. The education of a child requires active teamwork between the family and the school. These past 15 months have both tested, and strengthened, the bonds that hold us together. Working together in a continued spirit of cooperation and mutual respect, we will be successful!

We learned today that Governor Edwards has "previewed" his announcement scheduled for tomorrow and that he is extending the statewide mask mandate for another four weeks. This means that we will continue on our course of masking, distancing and extra hygiene measures. It also means that we will refrain from large gatherings and will remain a "closed campus" to try to help in Covid mitigation. News sources report that hospitalizations have gone down around 15%--so we are headed in a positive direction. Since our homecoming is so early and falls within the mask period, our HC will look much the same as last year. We have committed to our student body that as soon as we can gather w/o masks in large groups, we will definitely work with them to plan a dance....perhaps a holiday event :)

As we look forward to all our fall sports, we ask that you please take a moment to review the CODE OF CONDUCT near the front of your Student/Parent Handbook. We want Notre Dame High School to be known as a school that is Godly and gracious in both victory and defeat. The way in which we, the adults, comport ourselves says much about our school community and also models the behavior we expect from our students. Win or lose, it is our goal that our competitors will have only good things to say about our conduct and sportsmanship.

We all know that time flies and our first progress reports will be ready on Sept. 13th. We ask that you begin now to monitor your student's academic progress using the FACTS online software. If your student begins to struggle, please don't wait to dialogue with the teacher and/or counselor. Working together, early on, we have a much better chance of achieving our academic goals.

I ask your prayers, through the intercession of Our Lady, for our school family.

Blessings,

Cindy M. Istre
Principal

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

9/2 ... FB - Southside @
Teurlings

9/3 ... Jeans Day

9/6... Labor Day - No
School

9/9 ... FB vs. Sulphur,
St. Michael Night

9/11 ... Jostens Order Day
for Jrs/Srs
8-12 - Cafeteria

9/13 ... Progress Reports

9/16 ... Homecoming
"Reverse"
Parade, 5:30pm

9/17 ... Homecoming vs.
Comeaux

9/21 ... Academic Sweater
Presentation after Liturgy

9/24 ... FB @ Teurlings

9/26 ... Ag BBQ Dinner
Fundraiser



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

IMPORTANT INFO

IMPORTANT ACT DATES

ACT National Test Dates

September 11, 2021	April 9, 2022
October 23, 2021	June 11, 2022
December 11, 2021	July 16, 2022
February 5, 2022	

Online Resources

- [ACT.org](https://www.act.org)
Hands down, experts agree that the best free prep option is the content on the official ACT website. Sample questions, sample student essays and college admissions planning advice are just some of the many helpful materials available on this website.
- [Khan Academy](https://www.khanacademy.org/) <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
While it is officially an SAT prep site, the math review lessons available for free on this website can be helpful for the ACT too — especially if you need to get up to speed on the subjects covered on the math portion: algebra, geometry and trigonometry.
- [ACTStudent](#)
Available for iPhone, this free app created by the makers of the ACT helps you prepare with practice items, scores and feedback to answers. A link to the ACT's mobile site offers answers to FAQs about the test.

How should students handle getting stumped by a question during the test?

Always use the process of elimination to try to give yourself a greater chance of getting the question correct if you need to guess. If you truly have no idea how to do a question, cut it loose and keep moving. Don't stress too much or let it consume too much of your time. You can star it in your test booklet and plan to come back later — that's if you have extra time at the end. For these skips, you should always bubble-in a letter on your Scantron in case you don't have time to return. This will also prevent you from getting off a letter.

How should students prep the night before test day?

Students should take the night before the test off to rest and relax a bit before the big exam. We typically recommend that students do a little review the day before, but it should be cut off by around 4 p.m. If you haven't learned it by then, it likely won't be terribly helpful.

Sleep and hydration are two of the most important considerations the night before the test. Your brain will be much more effective on test day if you regulate your sleep three to five days before, but better late than never. Similarly, staying hydrated leading into the test and during it will help students remain focused for a greater length of time.

Terry Gros
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NDHS School Counselor

BE ON THE LOOKOUT!!!!

Progress Reports
should be up to date
and ready for viewing
on:

September 13, 2021

Tips from LA Office of
Student Financial Assis-
tance (LOSFA)

Be sure to use the ACT
TOPS code 1595 for all
ACT Registrations

You should use the same
personal email when
registering for ACT/SAT
and completing the FASFA
form.

Teachers are available
for extra help before
or after school. Please
advise your child to
schedule a time with
their teacher(s), if
necessary.



RELIGION NEWS

And just like that, it's September!

I hope and pray that you've all had as good of a start to the school year as we have. Our Campus Ministry program is getting up and running, our Seniors had an amazing retreat to begin the school year, and there's just so much more to look forward to in the coming months.

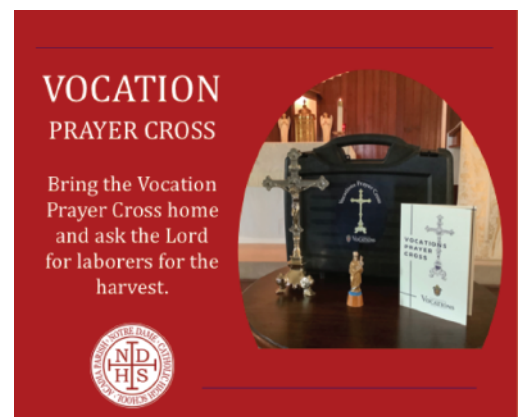
One exciting thing that we will be starting this year was briefly introduced in this past summer's newsletter. We are excited to announce that we will be participating, as a school community, in the Diocesan Vocations Prayer Cross ministry. This ministry is to encourage families to pray together for 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 painted by religious sisters in Lafayette, 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. You can 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/10C0C45A4A62BA5F8CE9-vocations>





BULLETIN BOARD

Tuition

Please be advised that NO STUDENT will be allowed to take mid-term exams if chromebook payment AND tuition is not current THROUGH NOVEMBER (diocesan policy).

SAVE THE DATE!!

PIO PRIDE DANCE TEAM

Princess Camp

NOTRE DAME GYM

Saturday, October 23, 2021

9:00am - 1:00pm

Ages: 3 and up; Squads welcome!



ND is a peanut-free school! Food, drinks or snacks with peanut/peanut products are not allowed on campus. We have students on campus with peanut allergies. Thanks!



NDHS Library collects Community Coffee labels. Please send in labels as no amount is too small. This is an easy way to support our library!





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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September Birthdays!

7- Jake Johnson
8- David Casanova
9- Joseph Landry
9- Julia Guinn
12- Mary Himel

2- Ms. Tamica Trahan
7- Mrs. Laura LeBeouf
7- Mrs. Natalie Bolotte

12- Wayland-Jude Meche
12- Nylan Billy
16- Luke Privat
18- Huntson Hebert
21- John Monteilh
18- Leiden Hensgens

14- Ms. Emma Frederick
17- Mrs. Lynn Campos
20- Coach Chris Stevens

21- Parker Meagher
24- Kelsey Broussard
26- Lillie Taylor
26- Lainey Stanford
29- Samuel Kirsch

21- Ms. Megan Landry
25- Mrs. Joan Mouton
27- Mrs. Juli Elfert



PIONEER FOOTBALL
SEASON SCHEDULE 2021

Thursday, Sept. 2	Southside	Teurlings
Thursday, Sept. 9	Sulphur	Home
Friday, Sept. 17	Comeaux	Homecoming
Friday, Sept. 24	Teurlings	Teurlings
Friday, Oct. 1	Cecilia	Cecilia
Thursday, Oct. 7	Welsh	Welsh
Thursday, Oct. 14	Lafayette Christian	Home
Friday, Oct. 22	Catholic Hi	Catholic Hi
Friday, Oct. 29	Lake Arthur	Home
Friday, Nov. 5	Port Barre	Port Barre

Sub-Varsity Football
Schedule

Aug. 28	@ Teurlings (f/jv jamboree)
Aug. 31	Southside
Sept. 7	St. Thomas More
Sept. 15	@ Acadiana
Sept. 22	Teurlings
Sept. 28	Cecilia
Sept. 29	@ Comeaux
Oct. 5	Southside
Oct. 12	Vermilion Catholic
Oct. 19	Catholic Hi-NI
Oct. 20	@ St. Eds

LADY PIOS
VOLLEYBALL
(Home Games)



Thurs., Sept 9	Sacred Heart-Grand Coteau
Tues., Sept. 28	Teurlings
Tues., Oct. 5	Delcambre
Wed., Oct. 6	@ Teurlings - PINK GAME
Tues., Oct. 12	Franklin
Wed., Oct. 13	STM
Thurs., Oct. 14	Patterson



Please visit our Facebook Page,
“Notre Dame High School of
Acadia Parish” and “like” us!
It is the GO-TO place for all
things “Notre Dame”.



COLLEGE LEVEL



HE'S A BIG NEW ORLEANS PELICANS AND LSU FOOTBALL FAN

These businesses will be placed on a list and a yearbook staff member will contact them between October and December.



**Notre Dame
Ag Department**



\$12 BBQ Pork Steak OR Chicken Dinner
Rice Dressing, Green Bean Casserole & Roll

Sunday, September 26, 2021

10:00am - 12:30pm
Pickup at the Ag Department

Tickets may be purchased at ND, from
any ND Ag student or by calling
337.380.7296 or 337.783.3519