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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, Discipline of Joseph and the Faith of Mary.

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message from the
ADMINISTRATOR

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

January 4, 2022

Dear NDHS Family and Friends,

As we start the second half of the school year (second quarter officially ends Thursday 1/6/22), please let us know if you have concerns regarding your student's progress. A pro-active approach yields better results and waiting until later in the year has proven to be unproductive. An email can be directed to a teacher using the formula: first initial + last name@ndpios.com. Our Guidance Counselor, Mr. Terry Gros (counselor@ndpios.com) can also help, especially if you would like to schedule a face-to-face meeting. Working together, we have a good track record of helping our students achieve success!

As we turned our calendars to 2022, work was already in progress for the 2022-2023 school year. In our goal to be the best Catholic school we can be, we welcome input with constructive suggestions from our parents and stakeholders regarding ways we can be even better. You can always give us your feedback via email, over the phone, or in person.

Enrollment for the next school year begins on January 6th through the online portal via FACTS. You will receive an email with a link and instructions. (New students will upload or bring in their supporting documentation i.e. social security card, birth certificate and immunization records.) Once the online information is submitted, the only thing left will be the payment (due by January 31st). You may mail your check, bring it in to our bookkeeper, or send it with your student. While we realize the sacrifice required by many of our families to provide their student/s with a quality Catholic education, we believe that this is one of the most loving and valuable gifts a parent could bestow upon children; an education that will nourish their faith and enrich them for their lifetime. We hope that you will take notice of, and appreciate, that working with the finance committee of the Advisory Council, we have made the minimum increase in tuition (\$9/month per student) for next year.

January 30th is the beginning of National Catholic Schools Week. It is a time that we pause to acknowledge the gift of Catholic education and the importance it has played in our families. When we look back to Spring 2020 and realize the challenges we have accepted and the way in which the entire NDHS family has pulled together: it is not surprising that our school continues to excel. Our prayer is that it continues to thrive far into the future-forming young people in the Catholic faith and helping them to reach their God-given potential.

As we begin 2022 together, may each of us experience an abundance of God's blessings and may our Patroness continue to richly bless our school.

In Christ,

1/6 ... End of 2nd quarter

1/7 ... Free Jeans Day

1/13 ... College Fair-seniors

1/14 ... Jeans Day

1/15 ... Winter Dance
Rice Festival Bldg.

1/17... No School -
Martin Luther King

1/21 ... Jeans Day

1/31-2/4 ... Catholic
School's Week



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Tips & Tricks to Start Fresh Your Second Semester

No matter how your first term went, your second semester is the perfect opportunity to begin anew with a fresh plan for success. [By Andrea Deck, Varsity Tutors' Contributor](#)

The start of the second semester often lacks the energy and excitement that accompanies a brand new school year in the fall.

Nevertheless, the spring term requires the same level of focus and preparation as the fall semester in order to succeed. No

matter how your first term went, your second semester is the perfect opportunity to begin anew with a fresh plan for success.

Here is how you can accomplish this goal:

Identify your support network...First, ensure that you have a support network in place to help you toward your objectives. Which individuals should form your network? Your parents, an instructor you trust, and one person in each class who will compare notes with you or collect important information for you if you are absent for any reason. Why is a support network so important? These are the **individuals you can rely on to encourage you and to provide assistance**. The larger your network and the more comfortable you feel asking for help, the easier it will be to secure the assistance you may need during the course of the term.

Organize your materials...Before your classes begin, how can you prepare for a successful semester? **Get organized!** What does this actually mean? Sort through the documents and folders on your computer and delete those you no longer need. **Clean out your backpack and desk as well.** Starting with a clean slate is closely linked to *actually* cleaning. When you begin the spring term, ensure that you have a place for every piece of paper you receive and every note that you write in class. It is also wise to acquire a planner, especially if you did not use one last semester.

Focus on the future...Once the term starts, it can be difficult to look far ahead to the end of the semester. Particularly as your workload begins to grow, planning becomes more difficult – but also more critical. So, try something new this semester: **write everything down!** As soon as you receive assignments and due dates, **record them in your planner**. Why? It is an excellent way to make sure you do not forget an important assignment, but it also shows trends for the semester. You will most likely find that there is a week where all of your work seems to be due at once. Thinking about these moments beforehand can help you **start earlier on projects**, as well as remind your family and friends that you will be busy and therefore cannot be *too* social at this time.

Drafting a semester-long plan can enable you to feel more prepared, and it can keep you on the path to success. However you choose to ready yourself for the upcoming term, simply preparing is the best way to secure a great semester. It is much more difficult to change the course of your term once it is well underway.

Spend some time during your break or during the first week of the semester to regain your footing and to start with a clean slate.

ACT

**Next Test Date:
February 12**

**Deadline to
register is
January 7th**

**January 21st
late registration**

**College fair for seniors
January 13 - ND Gym**



RELIGION NEWS

Happy New Year and welcome back!! It's so great to have our students back on campus as we push our way into the second semester and all that spring has to offer!

For the last couple of years, it seems as though all I've been hearing is people making comments like "Thank goodness this year is almost over!" and "I can't wait until next year!" It seems as though, whether we really believed it or not, we were all hoping that when the clock struck midnight on December 31st, everything would be different, that we would somehow all wake up from this bad dream that we've been having for so long.

While the hope certainly makes sense, it's simply not how life works. These past two years were indeed difficult ones, for some more than others. The struggles, trials, and burdens cannot and should not be spoken of lightly. However while the crosses of these years were certainly much more visible than in the past, they were in no way the first crosses that we've had to carry.

To be a Christian is to be a follower of Christ. Christ carried a Cross. And so, we too will carry crosses in this life. There is no reason we should not hope for the current affairs of our world to improve (and to improve quickly), but we should not be tempted to think they won't be replaced with other difficulties. To do so, even in light of a New Year, will only set us up for disappointment.

Instead, what we are able to do as 2022 begins, is to turn to the Lord, each and every day, and ask Him for the grace needed for the current moment. God does not live in the past and He is not yet in the future. He cannot change what has already happened and He does not give grace for hypotheticals. He is forever in the here and now. With whatever crosses we find ourselves having to carry, if we are able to turn to Him in the moment, He has always and will always provide the grace necessary to carry them.

And so Happy New Year and Happy 2022! I certainly do hope that this year is better than the ones that came before it! However not with an unrealistic, set-myself-up-to-fail hope that all of the struggles of life will magically be taken away; but instead that it is a better year because in it, we find ourselves continually turning to God, asking Him for the grace that we need for the current moment, for the current cross, for the here and now.

In Christ,
Notre Dame Religion Department



23- Wesen Schultz
23- Ella Frank
23- Justin Vienne
25- Ana David
27- Maddison Frey
27- Andrew Abshire
29- Sam Bernard

16- Coach Lew Cook



BULLETIN BOARD



Lily Morgan, ND Senior and Varsity volleyball player, recently signed to continue her academic and volleyball future with Southeastern Louisiana University! Pictured with Lily are her parents, Joan & John, ND Asst. VB Coach Brad Petry and Head Coach Tara Young.

Congratulations!!

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 55-56 in our handbook. **WE ARE ASKING YOUR HELP TO ASSURE THAT YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER ADHERES TO THESE POLICIES.** 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. For the past 2 years, our young ladies have done a wonderful job of staying within the school's guidelines. 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.