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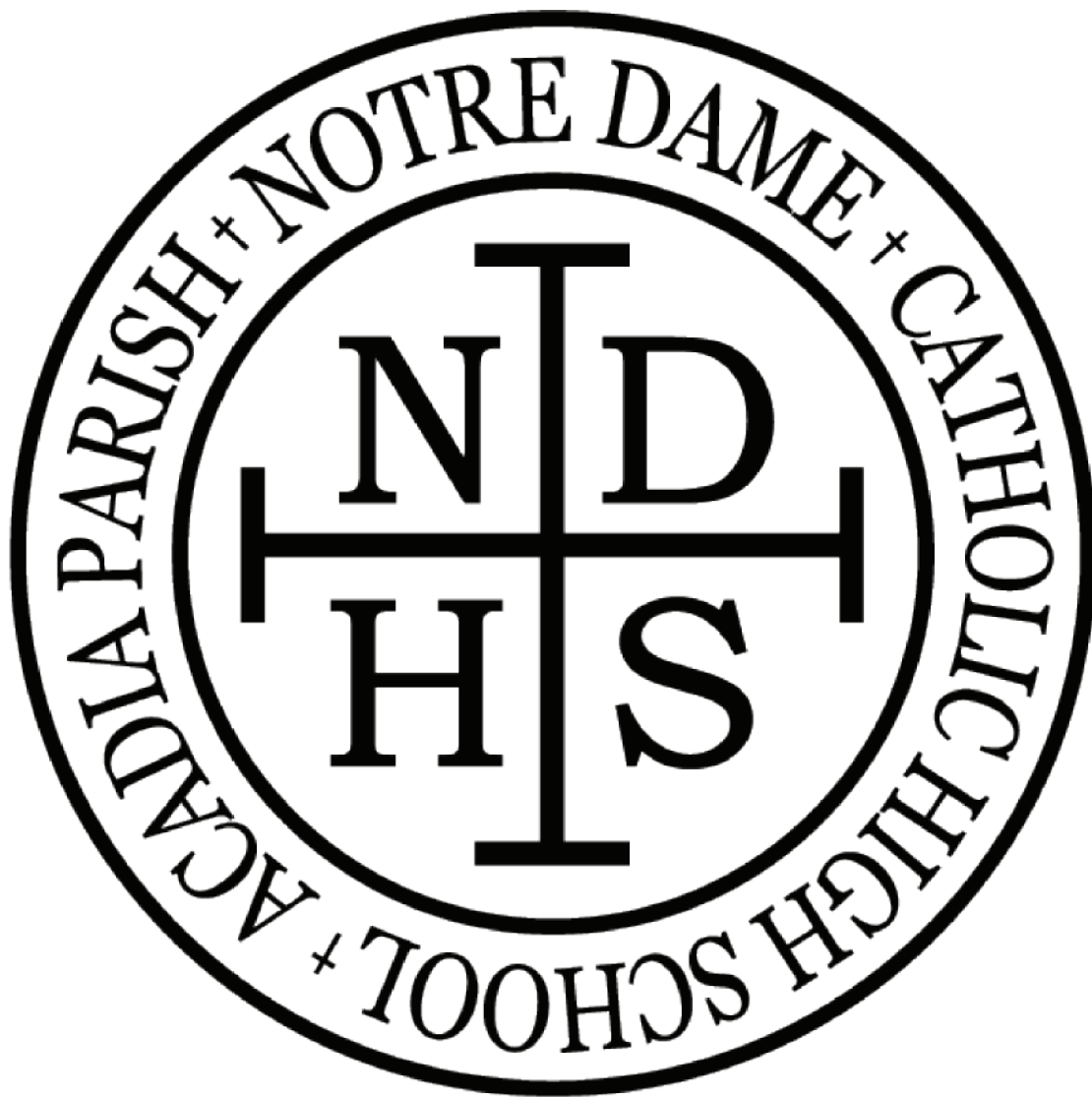
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KNOWLEDGE and SERVICE ”

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message from the
PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

August 26, 2022

Dear Notre Dame Family and Friends,

August, with its heat and afternoon showers, is almost over. Students are settling back into routine; and our Senior Retreat, Back-to-School dance, announcement of the Homecoming Court as well as FB and VB Scrimmages have all been completed. Now for some cooler weather!

As we look forward to seeing our fall sports play out, we are all reminded of our CODE OF CONDUCT on page 67 of our HB. One of the most disheartening calls I receive is that of another school principal or parent who describes words or behavior that doesn't represent who we (the PIOS) are, and is certainly not consistent with our faith or Patroness. We can't always win, but we can always be a school of character and class! Win or lose, it is our goal that competitors will have only good things to say about our conduct and sportsmanship. Thank you for being a role model for our students!

As time flies by, our first progress grading period will end Monday, September 12th. We ask that you begin to monitor academic progress *now* using the FACTS online software. FACTS can be accessed through a browser online (no cost) or from an app on your phone called "FACTS Family" that must be purchased. If you need help accessing your student/s' grades, please call: 337-783-7143 and speak to Joan or Sheila. If your student starts to struggle, please don't wait. Contact his/her teacher and/or the Counselor. Working together, we have a much better chance of achieving our goals.

Thank you for choosing to send your student/s to NDHS and for your support for our school.
GO PIOS!

Blessings,
Cindy

- 9/1 ... FB vs. Southside
OMP Night
- 9/2 ... Jeans Day
- 9/5... Labor Day - No
School
- 9/9 ... FB @ St. Martinville
- 9/12 ... Progress Reports
- 9/16 ... FB @ Comeaux
- 9/21 ... 12:35 Dismissal
- 9/23 ... FB @ Teurlings
RCE Night
- 9/29 ... Homecoming
Parade-5:30,
Gumbo Cook
Off-6:00
- 9/30 ... Homecoming vs.
Cecilia



Families of Notre Dame,

First of all I would like to express my deepest appreciation for your support and partnership. Together with our educators and staff, you have embraced the mission of Catholic education. In so many different ways, our families and students have been a beautiful witness to resilience, love, and grace.

My hope for this academic year is that we continue to work together, committed to strengthening our relationship with Christ, supporting the academic growth of our students, and building a community of faith.

While I hope this year is always spiritually fruitful and filled with blessings, I expect some challenges will arise. If any issues or problems develop that you feel need attention, I ask that you address these with the faculty member directly involved. If it is not resolved accordingly, then bring the issue to administration. The quicker an issue is brought to our attention, the quicker it can be addressed. I would ask that in such situations, please avoid social media posts and discussions about the problem which can quickly lead to a lot of misinformation being shared. Know that the best interest of the students is always first and foremost concern and focus.

Thank you again for trusting us with the formation of your children. May God bless our families, faculty and staff. May our Lady protect and guide us.

In Christ,

Fr Brent Smith



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

IMPORTANT INFO

Study Habits of Highly Effective Students

The key to becoming an effective student is learning how to study smarter, not harder. While some students are able to breeze through school with minimal effort, this is the exception. The vast majority of successful students achieve success by developing and applying effective study habits. Here's how.

1. Don't attempt to cram all your studying into one session.

Many students admit to finding themselves up late at night expending more energy trying to keep their eyelids open than studying. Successful students typically space their work out over shorter periods of time and avoid cramming all the work into just one session. Learn to be consistent in your studies and have regular, yet shorter, study periods.

2. Plan your study time.

Schedule specific times throughout the week when you are going to study- and then stick to your schedule. Consistency is key to developing good study habits. Even if you are caught up with your studies, creating a routine, where you set aside a period of time a few days a week to review your courses will help you develop these good habits.

3. Study at the same time.

Again, consistency is key here. Work to develop a consistent, daily study routine. When you study at the same time each day, studying will become a regular part of your life. Unexpected events do occur at times and that's ok. However, get back on your routine as soon as you can.

4. Have a goal for each study session.

Simply studying without direction is not effective. Before you start studying, set a study session goal that supports your academic goal (i.e. learn 20 vocabulary words in order to perform well on my next test)

5. Never procrastinate your planned study session.

It is extremely common for students to put off a study session because of a lack of interest in a subject, because the subject is hard, or simply because they would rather play video games or visit with friends. Successful students have something in common. They DO NOT procrastinate studying. Doing so leads to less effective studying and the tendency to cram.

6. Start with the most difficult subject first.

Students have a tendency to avoid difficult subjects because they require the most effort and mental energy. This is precisely why they should start with them first. Once you've completed the most difficult work, it is easier to complete the rest of your work. Believe it or not, attacking the difficult subjects first will greatly improve the effectiveness of your study sessions.

7. Try to avoid distractions while you study.

Distractions are everywhere...phones, TV's, you name it. During study students lose their focus and train of thought. Try to find a place to study free of distractions. It's best to study sitting up at a desk or table. Never study lying down on a bed or sofa as it triggers sleep.

8. Use study groups effectively.

Ever heard the phrase "two heads are better than one?" This can be especially true when it comes to studying. Studying in groups is something that I often recommend to our students. Working in groups enables you to 1) get help from others when you're struggling to understand a concept, 2) complete assignments more quickly, and 3) helps others and yourself process the material better. However, study groups are counterproductive if students are unprepared, unmotivated or lack focus. So you should select your study partners carefully.

UPCOMING ACT TEST DATES:

2022-23 Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline	Standby Deadline
September 10, 2022	n/a	n/a	September 2, 2022
October 10, 2022	September 16	September 30	October 14

(ND will serve as a test center for the October Test)

Register at ACT.org

**ACT Practice Test booklets are available in the Guidance Department.

Terry Gros

counselor@ndpios.com

NDHS School Counselor

BE ON THE LOOKOUT!!!!

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

September 12, 2022

Tips from LA Office of Student Financial Assistance (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 a great retreat to begin the school year, and there's just so much more to look forward to in the coming months.

We are excited to announce that we will again 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>

Our hope is to fill up all of our slots for the school year. Our school community has been blessed with a number of vocations and we hope to continue to be a place where vocations are fostered and where they are prayed for!

in Christ,
Notre Dame Religion Department



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).



Do you make a great gumbo?

Consider entering this year's Gumbo Cookoff and compete for top honors!

For more information, contact Mandy in the Development Office at mmiller@ndpios.com or 337-783-7143.

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!

Happy Birthday!

September Birthdays!

4- Anna Hunt
7- Austin Richard
7- Jake Johnson
8- Wyatt Broussard
9- Julia Guinn
10- Griffin Doucet
10- Annie Matte

2- Ms. Tamica Trahan
7- Mrs. Nat Bolotte
14- Ms. Emma Frederick

11- Lola Stanford
12- Nylan Billy
12- Mary Himel
16- Luke Privat
17- Eli Pommier
17- John Schultz
18- Leiden Hensgens
18- Huntston Hebert

20- Coach Chris Stevens
21- Ms. Megan Landry

18- Parker Meagher
21- John Monteilh
25- Cullen Richard
26- Lainey Stanford
28- Claire Mouton
29- Ian Albro
29- Sam Kirsch

21- Mrs. Holly Kennison
25- Mrs. Joan Mouton
27- Mrs. Juli Elfert



PIONEER FOOTBALL SEASON SCHEDULE 2022

Thursday, Sept. 1	Southside	Home
Friday, Sept. 9	St. Martinville	St. Martinville
Friday, Sept. 16	Comeaux	Comeaux
Friday, Sept. 23	Teurlings	Home
Friday, Sept. 30	Cecilia	Homecoming
Friday, Oct. 7	Lake Arthur	Lake Arthur
Friday, Oct. 14	Vinton	Home
Friday, Oct. 21	Dequincy	Dequincy
Thursday, Oct. 27	Grand Lake	Grand Lake
Friday, Nov. 4	Welsh	Home

Sub-Varsity Football Schedule

Aug. 30	Southside
Sept. 7	St. Ed's (Freshmen) St. Martinville (JV)
Sept. 14	@ St. Thomas More
Sept. 21	@ Teurlings
Sept. 28	@ Cecilia
Oct. 4	@ Abbeville
Oct. 12	Acadiana
Oct. 18	@ Vermilion Catholic

LADY PIOS VOLLEYBALL (Home Games)



Tues., Sept 6	STM
Wed., Sept. 7	LCA
Tues., Sept. 13	Highland Baptist
Mon., Sept. 26	ESA
Wed., Sept. 28	EDW
Tues., Oct. 4	Westminster
Thurs., Oct. 6	W. St. Mary
Mon., Oct. 10	CHNI
Tues., Oct. 18	ARCA
Thurs., Oct. 20	Barbe
Wed., Oct. 26	Teurlings - PINK GAME



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".



DROP THE MIC

SAVE THE DATE
10.29.22



LIP SYNC COMPETITION | NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The 2022-2023 Yearbook staff will begin accepting orders for personalized student yearbook ads and business ads beginning October 10th. Ads will be sold through December. If parents/family would like to purchase an ad for a student, they should contact Mrs. Vidrine at ovidrine@ndpios.com. If any community businesses would like to purchase an ad, and they have not purchased a yearbook ad in the last two years, they should contact Mrs. Vidrine at ovidrine@ndpios.com.

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



Celebrate Homecoming 2022 and support
Notre Dame High School
by attending this fun, family event!

Thursday, September 29 ~ Notre Dame Practice Field

6:00 pm ~ Following the Homecoming Parade



\$5 per person in advance or at the event!

Admission includes all the gumbo you can eat!

Soft Drinks and Water will be available for purchase.

Tickets can be purchased at Notre Dame or by
calling Mandy Miller at 783-7143
mmiller@ndpios.com

PIO PRIDE DANCE TEAM CAMP



**Surf's
Up!**

NOTRE DAME GYM
Saturday, October 8, 2022
9:00am - 1:00pm
Ages: 3 and up; Squads welcome!

**Camp dancers will perform during
the HALFTIME SHOW for the
NDHS football game
Friday, October 14th.
Go Pios!**

Pre-Registration: \$50 per dancer.

**Registration forms are available in the NDHS front office
or online at ndpios.com under the Info Center Tab >
download forms link.**

**Dancers will receive a t-shirt (to be worn at the halftime
performance),
awards, pizza, and a snack!**

**On-site registration: \$60 per dancer beginning at
8:30am October 8th in the NDHS gym.**

**Please make checks payable to:
Notre Dame High School**

**Completed forms and payment may be turned
in to the NDHS front office,
Attn. Kathy Breaux or mailed to
Notre Dame High School
910 N. Eastern Avenue
Crowley, LA 70526.**

**Questions: Please contact Kathy Breaux at
kbreaux@ndpios.com**

