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Congrats to Abigayle Daigle & Aidan Mouton who were crowned Prom King and Queen!

message from the

ADMINISTRATORS

April 28, 2023

Dear Notre Dame Family,

As we near the end of the school year and prepare for numerous events, ceremonies, milestones and celebrations; we ask that you pray for all our students—that they may experience God's love, the support of family and friends, the satisfaction of a job well-done, the joy and excitement of future endeavors, and that they will be kept safe from injury and harm. We are thankful to God and to Our Lady for helping us to navigate the obstacles of our journey this year!

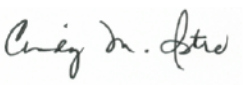
Congratulations to our student athletes who have represented us in spring sports and activities! Good luck to our students and teams who are in post-season play! Your hard work and PIO spirit are evident and we are proud of you.

Ms. Mandy has sent out a notice via email to Seniors and their parents giving all guidelines for Senior Mass, Graduation Practice and Graduation. Please refer to these instructions for dates, times, mode of dress and instructions for who can attend. We ask your cooperation so that these ceremonies can be as trouble-free and smooth as possible.

Please be reminded that NO STUDENT will be allowed to take final exams if there is an outstanding debt to the school. This is local and diocesan policy. The obligations include tuition, class dues, cafeteria, text books, library, athletic dues, uniforms and subsidy (if not paid). Prompt attention to these matters will facilitate final exam administration. There can be no exceptions made to this policy.

As we approach the end of the year, please help us reinforce the idea that it is important to finish the year with great work ethic and pride. This means adequate preparation for exams, adherence to school policies and attendance at closing ceremonies. We thank you, once again, for your prayers and support. May Our Lady continue to richly bless every member of the NDHS family.

Blessings,



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

5/7 ... Athletic Crawfish Boil

5/8-11 ... Senior Exams

5/9 ... Senior Farewell Mass & Awards, ND Gym, 9:30am

5/16 ... Graduation Practice Church Point, 9am

5/17 ... Sr. Athletic Banquet Rayne Civic Center 6:00pm

5/19 ... Graduation, 9am Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church (No School)

5/23... Junior Ring Mass, ND Gym, 9:30am

5/22-25 ... Final Exams

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Study Tips For Final Exams

Final exams aren't just any tests. They draw upon your knowledge from the entire semester, and you have to take a whole bunch of them at once. Depending on how your finals are weighted, your final exam grade could even mean the difference between an A and a C for your final grade.Follow our ultimate studying guide, and earn a top grade on your final exams.

1. Make a finals game plan. If you plan out your study sessions (for ALL your exams), you'll get a better handle on how much work you're facing. Use the calendar on your phone to set alerts and reminders for yourself so you stick to your plan.

2. Start early. Start studying for finals a few weeks before the first exam, and figure out how much time to set asidee ach day for each subject. Be realistic about how long it will take to memorize the dates for all the Civil War battles. You need to fit in brain breaks, too!

3. Study in this order: a) definitely b) probably c) might be on the final. Don't just start from the beginning of your notes and try to cram everything in: Think about what you know for sure will be on each test and review that material first. Then move on to studying what will probably be on the test, then what might be covered. That way, if you run out of time, you know you at least have the basics nailed .

4. Give yourself moretime to study for your toughest classes. If Chemistry gave you trouble all semester, devote more time to that subject—even if it's your last final. If possible, look over your previous tests for the year, if you scored poorly on one unit in Spanish, chances are you didn't absorb it all the first time. Take extra time now to review what you missed. By starting with the toughest stuff first, you have time to ask your teacher questions or get help from your peers.

5. Form a study group. There's nothing like peer pressure to keep you motivated to study. Make a plan with friends to review the class material, compare notes, or work through tricky concepts. You'll benefit from the good study habits and notes of the other members in your study group. if you're trying to solve a tough Math problem, two heads are better than one.

6. Talk it out. Not only is it more fun to study with your friends than studying by yourself, you'll also learn more. By talking through the facts and formulas with a study partner, you're thinking about the material more deeply, which means you'll remember it better later.

7. Get creative with study aids. Now that you know what key concepts from each subject you need to prioritize, find the best way to review and internalize what you predict will be on the final exam. Make flash cards to help you memorize dates and equations. Or come up with a mnemonic device—a system of memorizing facts using a phrase or acronym you'll definitely remember. For example, using the name Roy G. Biv helps to remember the order of colors in a rainbow.

8. Study your notes. Outline your class notes for daily review. Notes and flashcards are also great for last-minute review the morning of your exam.

9. Quiz yourself. If you're studying at home, have your mom or dad quiz you on the information you've already studied. Students tend to remember the information they've been quizzed on better than the information they simply review.

10. Make sleep a priority. While it may be tempting to pull an all-nighter and cram everything in at the last minute, it's a bad idea. You just add stress, and you won't retain the information for very long by studying that way. You may even forget some of it by the time the test begins.

11. Take five. Take breaks to improve your concentration when you return to studying: Watch an episode of your favorite TV show or play a couple of video games…but not for too long!

12. Brain food is real. Eat healthy and drink plenty of water to keep your brain firing on all cylinders.

RELIGION NEWS

With the current school year coming to a close, we want to take this opportunity to thank our Notre Dame community for continuing to support us in our greatest work here at school, forming true disciples of Jesus Christ. This monumental effort begins in the home, is continued in our many Catholic feeder schools, encouraged by the community, and is then entrusted to us here at Notre Dame to continue that work. We have been privileged to see our students grow and thrive in their faith.

It was such a joy to again have so many of our students participate this year in our usual prayer services, Bible studies, Apologetics groups, retreats, the March for Life, Catholic Schools Week and all of the other Campus Ministry activities that we sponsor here on campus.

Our feeder school retreat teams saw nearly 50 students sign up to facilitate retreats for the 8th graders in those school communities. Our twice a month Apologetics group was faithfully attended by 20-30 students who gathered during their lunch hour to dive deeper into the faith and have questions answered. Our Friday morning Bible study was a small, but faithful group as they sought to unfold the Scriptures and see how God was speaking to them in their lives. And for the first time in nearly a decade, we had an entire bus of Notre Dame students and parents attend the National March for Life in Washington DC. These were just a few of our incredibly successful campus ministry endeavors that make Notre Dame the amazing faith community that it is!

When so much seems to have been taken away over these past couple of years, Jesus remains. His love, His mercy, His Grace given to us through the Sacraments is always there for us. This is the purpose of our school, to bring our students closer and closer to Jesus Christ. And 2022-2023 brought this mission and purpose to the forefront of our minds.

Once again, thank you for your constant support and prayers for our school, our students, and our mission of Catholic education and formation. If you would like to support our Catholic formation or Campus Ministry program in a special way, please do not hesitate to contact our new incoming Religion Administrator and Campus Minister, Kristina Lavergne at klavergne@ndpios.com.

--James Franke

Congratulations to these 20 seniors who received over $330,000 in scholarships at UL-Lafayette and participated in their annual academic signing! They are: Front row; Dr. Dewayne Bowie-VP of Enrollment Management at UL, Callie Maitre, Allie Gray, Angelle Bourgeois, Mary Ellen Herbert, Ella Boudreaux, Abigayle Daigle, Emma Hayes, Olevia Schefcik, Kaitlyn Constantin, Meredith Smith and Annabelle Pitts. Back row: Eli Adams, Cameron Fusilier, Jack Viator, Luke LeBlanc, Collin Moody, Ben Francis, Dawson Doucet, Sam Bernard, Teddy Menard and Mrs. Cindy Istre-Principal. Nice Job, Seniors!

Happy Birthday!

These ND Tennis players headed to the State Tennis Tournament on April 27-28, at ULM in Monroe! They are front row, Lily Heidtman, Mary Claire Thomas, Ava Arceneaux, Riley Vidrine, Marie Thibodeaux and Alex Meche. Back row, Tucker Belaire, Ryan Goss and Teddy Menard. Congratulations and Best of Luck!

ATHLETIC NEWS

The Athletic Crawfish Boil is this Sunday, May 7. Crawfish pickup will be at the Frog Festival Pavilion in Rayne.

Unpaid athletic dues and uniforms still out will result in students not being able to take final exams.

The senior athletic banquet will be May 17, 6:00 PM at the Rayne Civic Center Ballroom. Senior athletes, cheerleaders, dancers, trainers and managers will be honored. We regret that only parents of these students may attend.

Good Luck to the Varsity Baseball Team playing in the Regional series at home this week!!

Congratulations to the ND Varsity Golf Team for taking first place in District and second place in the Regional tournament. The boys will now compete for the state title next week in New Iberia. Best of luck to Joshua Faulk, Rusty Fulton, Tate Savant, Evan Dauphine and Henri Pommier.

Mrs. Jenny Didier gifted Mrs. Istre with a handmade ND quilt to congratulate her on her retirement!

Congrats & Good Luck to the Lady Pio Softball Team Headed to the Semi-Final Game on Friday at 1pm in Sulphur!

2023-2024 Notre Dame High School Student Council and Class Officers:

Student Council Board 2023-24
President- Anna Zaunbrecher Vice President-Zack Hebert
Secretary-Becca Frey Treasurer-Tesie Burleigh
Historian-Ava Arceneaux Parliamentarian-Madalyn Reiners

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Class Representatives-Alex Welch & Emilie Fields

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Secretary-Maksim Scarborough Treasurer-Gillian Hensgens
Historian-Mia Hoffpauir Parliamentarian-Parker Menard
Class Representatives-Emily Abshire & Alice-Ann Dorr

Congratulations to the 23-24 Pio Pride Dance Team!

Haley Rivette, Klarisse Thibodeaux, Chloe Guidry, Mia Guillot, Riley Hoffpauir, Danni Meche, Erin Domingue, Emmalie Faulk, Audrey Fusilier, Anna-Claire Menard, Audrey Morgan, Arden Rue, Ella Schmaltz, Ava Shuff and Isabella Stutes

Lady Pio Volleyball Camp---July 20, 21, 22

registration form is on our website
ndpios.com - under download forms
or email tyoung@ndpios.com for more information

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