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KNOWLEDGE and SERVICE "

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Congratulations to the twelve girls who were selected to the 2023 Homecoming Court!

They are (seated) l-r: Ryan Dailey, Katie Doucet, Ramsey Bellard
Standing, l-r: Annalise Fruge', Lydia Brown, Addisyn Hazlett, Meg Dorr,
Frances Leonards, Ellen Cormier, Rose Landry, Mary Kate Harrington, Gracie Bearb



message from the
ADMINISTRATORS

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Hello Pio friends and family,

We are finally getting a break from the heat and beginning to experience a little cool weather to go along with our Fall sports. Speaking of Fall sports, one of the most exciting times of the year is HOME-COMING and there's no better way to kick off Homecoming week than to welcome the honor classes of '74, '84, '94, '04 and '14 and past Homecoming queens to all of our activities.

Each year as Homecoming is celebrated, we reflect on Notre Dame's history. Fifty-six years of providing a quality, Catholic education to our students. While our wish is for everyone to enjoy Homecoming festivities, please be mindful of our vandalism policies (p. 45-46 in our handbook). We would hate for anyone's enjoyment to be hindered in any way.

As we look forward to the season of Thanksgiving, we ask that you consider a gift to our PIO APPEAL, so that Notre Dame High of Acadia Parish can continue out its Mission to educate its students in mind, body and soul with the love of Jesus, the discipline of Joseph and the faith of Mary.

The first 9 weeks ends on October 12th. At that point, a quarter of our school year will be behind us. If your student is experiencing any academic difficulty, please contact teachers/guidance to discuss what measures toward improvement could be implemented.

Mr. Prudhomme

- 10/3 ... Living Rosary 9:25am
- 10/5 ... Homecoming Parade
Gumbo CookOff
- 10/6 ... Homecoming Game
vs. Lake Arthur
- 10/7 ... Homecoming Dance
Rice Festival Building
8-10:30pm
- 10/12 ... End of 1st 9 weeks
- 10/13 ... FB @ Vinton
- 10/18 ... Freshmen Retreat
- 10/19 ... Early Dismissal
FB vs. Dequincy
"Pink" Game
- 10/20 ... No School, Rice Fest
- 10/27 ... FB vs. Grand Lake
Senior Night
St. Michael Night
Jeans Day



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

NDHS College Fair

When: October 23, Monday, 9 a.m.

Who: All Juniors and Seniors, parents are invited to stop in

Where: NDHS Gym

TOPS Meeting for Parents/Students

When: October 23, Monday 6:00 p.m.

Who: Parents/Students of any grade level

Where: Library

A representative from LOSFA, the agency that governs TOPS, will be on campus for a brief presentation to discuss TOPS requirements. Please attend to understand the GPA and ACT requirements to earn TOPS.

PSAT Testing

When: October 18

Who: Honors 10th and 11th grade students who signed up

Where: Library

These students have been emailed practice test information and must attend a meeting with me to discuss testing.

Student Meetings:

Seniors were given their TOPS University transcript with their TOPS GPA. Group sessions will be offered during lunch periods for seniors to receive assistance with college applications. Scholarships, deadlines, and other pertinent information will be shared with Seniors 2024 via my Google Classroom. I will also be visiting with Juniors in October to discuss their TOPS GPA.

Diocese of Lafayette College Fair

St. Thomas More Catholic High School is hosting a College Fair on Wednesday, October 18 from 6-8:00 pm. All schools governed by the Diocese of Lafayette are invited. No RSVP is required. Some out of state schools will also be in attendance. It's never too early for students to learn about the numerous options available to them.



RELIGION NEWS

Peace and joy in Christ! It's hard to believe that we have already come to the end of our first two months of school. As we roll into October, we have the hope of cooler weather and the promise of upcoming athletic events and holidays!

While all of these things add to the beauty of those cherished "days of fall", we are also mindful that the month of October holds a special place in our life of faith, especially as Catholics. October is celebrated as the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary, a beautiful prayer that serves as a meditation on the life of Christ, has been prayed by millions of Catholics for hundreds of years. According to Dominican tradition, the Rosary was given to St. Dominic by the Blessed Mother herself back in the year 1214.

Today, this prayer remains an ever-present and always strong pillar of our Catholic faith. Saints through the centuries have spoken to the incredible power of the Rosary in our lives and in the world. On October 3, the Senior class along with some help from the Rayne Catholic, St. Michael and St. Francis 2nd graders will present the Living Rosary in the Gym. Please join us to celebrate the month of the Rosary and help us bring back this tradition from years past. Later this month, we will host the annual Rosary Congress in Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel. During the week of October 23rd, the Rosary is being recited each day and Mass at 7pm each night. Be on the lookout for further details and please know that you are most welcome to join us at any point during the week.

Please feel free to join us for any of our liturgical celebrations on campus.

Monday - 7am Confession and Adoration in the Chapel

Tuesday - 9:24am School Mass in the Gym

Wednesday - 12pm Rosary in the Chapel each Wednesday this month - In honor of the month of the Rosary

Thursday - 7am Fr. Brent celebrates Mass in the Chapel (Please check facebook/email/Pio notebook to confirm Mass each week)

Friday - 7:15 am Rosary in the Chapel

Let us pray that this month would be a month of renewal, one that happens through the hands of our Blessed Mother, as we journey with her deeper into the life of Christ her Son.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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3- Ben Fogleman
3- Hayden Bergeaux
3- Jack Murray
7- Hudson Hollier
7- Gracie Hensgens
9- Savannah Russell
9- Jack Cassedy
11- Nicholas Shinogle
12- Cameron Foreman

15- Peighton Simoneaux
15- Kate Ardoin
15- Emmalie Faulk
16- Ella Schmaltz
18- Alex Kirkpatrick
18- Isabella Wimberley
19- Todd Olivier
20- Tate Savant

21- Natalie Trahan
22- Jon Luke Bendily
24- Gabe Menard
27- Ellen Domingue
28- Layla Gaspard
29- Beau Hetzel
30- Greta Forestier
30- Anne Swacker
31- Jack Vondenstein

8- Mr. Randy Schexnayder
11- Coach Mark Jones
14- Dr. Diana Broussard
27- Coach Mac McCleary

OCTOBER



Notre Dame High School
of Acadia Parish

H O M E C O M I N G

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YOU'RE INVITED TO HELP US CELEBRATE
56 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS AND ATHLETICS!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

HOMECOMING PARADE – 5:30 PM (PARKERSON AVENUE)

GUMBO COOK-OFF & PEP RALLY - 6:00 PM (ND CAMPUS)



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

HOMECOMING LITURGY – 10:00 AM – ND GYM

HOMECOMING PEP RALLY – 2:00 PM – ND GYM

HOMECOMING GAME – 7:00 PM KICK-OFF

GARDINER MEMORIAL STADIUM

ND PIONEERS

VS.

**LAKE ARTHUR
TIGERS**

RECOGNIZING THE CLASSES
CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES
1974, 1984, 1994, 2004, 2014



We have a few spots
available for this year's
gumbo cook off! If you'd
like to enter a team, please
contact Mandy in the
Development Office at
337.783.3519 or
mmiller@ndpios.com.



Eucharistic Minister Commissioning



Sixteen ND Seniors elected to become Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and were commissioned at a recent school mass. They will serve as Eucharistic Ministers for both school liturgies and in their respective parishes.

They are, front row, l-r: Alex Welch, Emma Domingue, Haley Rivette, Mary Himel and Katie Doucet. Second row: Meg Dorr, Ryan Dailey, Annalise Fruge, Ellen Cormier, Rose Landry and Addisyn Hazlett. Back row: Zack Hebert, Adam Signorelli, Jackson Link and Hayden Johnson. Not pictured: Bremilin Minnix.



BETA INVITATIONS



Notre Dame students were invited to become members of the ND Beta Club after school mass today. To be invited to join BETA, a student must have a cumulative 3.5 gpa. Seated, front row, are the Beta officers - front row: Gracie Duhon-Historian, Emilie Fields-Chaplain, Emma Domingue-Vice President, Alex Welch-President, Mary Claire Thomas-Treasurer, Anna Zaunbrecher-Secretary, Zach Hebert-Parliamentarian. second row: Trey Prince, Amelia Prevost, Mia Hoffpauir, Gillian Hensgens, Alice-Ann Dorr, Anna Francis, Lillian Guidry, Lydia Boudreaux. third row: Aly Teare, Emily Abshire, Ava Istre, Natalie Trahan, Lila Baudoin, Mary Claire Braham, Kate Ardoin. fourth row: Ashton Orillion, Garrett Joseph, Max Herbert, Claire Mouton, Anna Hunt, Emily Murray, Ellen Richard. last row: Eli Pommier, Griffin Doucet, Hayden Bergeaux, Liam Scarborough, Alyson Hebert, Maksim Scarborough, Mia Hazlett, Isabella Wimberley, Hannah Bearb, Valerie Brown. not pictured: Lauryn Hensgens, Catherine LeLeux



ACADEMIC SWEATERS



Twenty-three seniors were presented academic sweaters for their achievements in the classroom. To be awarded an academic sweater, a senior must maintain a 3.3 cumulative GPA or higher in six semesters of high school in either the college bound or honors track.

Congratulations to Alex Welch, Emilie Fields, Emma Domingue, Anna Zaunbrecher, Mary Himel, Lila Baudoin, Mary Claire Thomas, Haley Rivette, Gracie Duhon, Mariana Guinn, Ryan Dailey, Ellen Cormier, Rose Landry, Katie Doucet, Gracie Bearb, Christopher LeLeux, Adam Signorelli, Jack Cassedy, Trey Prince, Justin Dupuis, Walker Venable, Hayden Johnson



ATHLETIC JACKETS



Senior student-athletes recently received their athletic jackets! Years of hard work and dedication have paid off for them! front row: Haley Rivette, Katie Doucet, Lydia Brown, Klarisse Thibodeaux, Emma Domingue, Rose Landry, Meg Dorr, Gracie Bearb, Frances Leonards, Gracie Duhon, Caroline Vondenstein. second row: Emilie Fields, Keleigh Spell, Addisyn Hazlett, Ryan Dailey, Ellen Cormier, Mary Claire Thomas, Alex Welch, Mary Kate Harrington, Mary Himel, Anna Zaunbrecher. third row: Nicholas Shinogle, Jayden Andrepont, Joseph Quebodeaux, Trent Broussard, Walker Venable, Keeffer Kelbaugh, Jaiden Gibson, Christian Patin, Jacob Trahan. fourth row: Ian Lyons, Matt Brown, Luke Privat, Jack Cassedy, Ian Fruge', Hudson Hollier, Sam Kirsch, Adam Signorelli, Zack Hebert, Christopher LeLeux. back row: Luke Schultz, Jackson Link, Justin Dupuis, Jack Guidry, Jack Thomas, Ben Rosinski, Colin Lawson, Hayden Johnson. not pictured: Bremilin Minnix, Riley Vidrine.



Go Pios!

Notre Dame Day will be held on Tuesday, November 7 in the ND Gym. This is a day set aside for 8th graders from our feeder schools to visit ND to see what our school has to offer. 8th graders will attend mass, visit classrooms, enjoy lunch and hear about the clubs and sports that our school has to offer. If you know of an 8th grader who is not enrolled in one of our feeder schools and would like to attend, please have them contact Mandy at 337-783-7143 to register or for more information.

FALL 2023

NOTRE DAME DAY

NOVEMBER 7



NOTRE DAME
HIGH SCHOOL
of ACADIA PARISH

For more info ↪

Mandy Miller 337.783.7143



BUY YOUR YEARBOOK AD NOW!

Yearbook will be selling ads from October through December. If any parent/family member/friend would like to purchase a personal ad for your favorite student, please contact a yearbook member or Mrs. Vidrine @ ovidrine@ndpios.com.



If any local company/group/organization/church would like an ad, and they did not purchase an ad last year, they should contact a yearbook member or Mrs. Vidrine @ ovidrine@ndpios.com.

The Library continues to collect COMMUNITY COFFEE proof of purchase labels. Please send them our way!



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





The Pio Pride Dance Team would like to give a special
“thank you” to all participants in this year’s Dance Camp!
They did a great job!

With Homecoming around the corner, we ask that you pay close attention to the dress guidelines for our students and their dates. Pages 55-56 in the handbook have further details. As always, please ask Mrs. Nat before the dance if you feel that your dress might not fit the guidelines.

- o The neckline of a dress, top, or gown must be cut in a modest way.
- o No cleavage showing (Discretion is left to the faculty.)
- o Spaghetti straps or strapless dresses are allowed, as long as they are not low cut.
(Attention: The student may be supplied a sweater or shawl in order to be in compliance with dance dress regulations.)
- o The cut of a dress in the back must not be excessively low.
- o A skirt or dress must be no shorter than four (4) inches from the knee.
- o Slits in a long dress/skirt may be no higher than the knee.
- o Slits in a short dress/skirt may be no higher than four (4) inches from the knee.
- o No midriff is allowed to show. (When arms are raised, only one (1) inch of the midriff can show.)
- o No navel is allowed to show.
- o No dress may contain fabric cut-outs. (This includes openings covered with net-like fabric.)

ND Homecoming Week Schedule

Monday: HOMEcoming for the Holidays



- Christmas themed attire OR red/green shirt & accessories
- Pants of choice/uniform bottom - no leggings, shorts, skirts, dresses
 - Shoes of choice

Lunchtime Activity: Broom Game

Tuesday: Class Colors (LIVING ROSARY)

- 2023 Class t-shirt
- Jeans or uniform bottom
- Shoes of choice - jeans day policies apply

Lunchtime Activity: Gummy Pie Game



Wednesday: Barbie's Dream HOMEcoming



- Boys - blue top/bottom & accessories
- Girls - pink top/bottom & accessories
- Pants of choice/uniform bottom - no leggings, shorts, skirts, dresses
 - Shoes of choice

Lunchtime Activity: Basketball Tic Tac Toe Game

Thursday: The Sky's NOT the Limit @ ND

- Green, silver, or space themed shirt & accessories
- Pants of choice/uniform bottom - no leggings, shorts, skirts, dresses
 - Shoes of choice



Friday: Pio Spirit (MASS)

- ND Spirit shirt
- Jeans or uniform bottom
- Shoes of choice - jeans day policies apply

- Cross dressing is not allowed
- Body/face paint and/or facial coverings are not allowed
- Any wear deemed inappropriate/not in keeping with policy will be subject to removal & student will have disciplinary consequences
- Unitards/morph suits/hoodies/onesies are not allowed
- If you have questions, ask Mrs. Nat BEFORE you wear an outfit