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On Friday, October 6, Notre Dame welcomed back its alumni from years past as it celebrated Homecoming. At half-time, Ellen Cormier was crowned Notre Dame's 2023-2024 Homecoming Queen by Notre Dame's 2014 Homecoming Queen, Emma Laverigne Danna. Ellen has been involved in numerous school groups including Campus Ministry, Beta, Varsity Volleyball and Varsity Track.



message from the ADMINISTRATORS

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Pio Family and Friends,

We hope this newsletter finds you well as we move into November. Our school has been bustling with exciting activities and essential updates as we transition from autumn to winter.

Our school is buzzing with enthusiasm and learning. We continue to focus on providing our students with the best education and support. I am pleased to share that our dedicated staff has worked tirelessly to create an engaging and nurturing environment for your children.

During this season of gratitude, please pray in thanksgiving for our Chancellor, Father Brent Smith, and each of the priests on our Board of Pastors. We thank all Associate Pastors and Deacons who are generous to our school. We are also grateful to our Religion teachers and all of our teachers and staff, who model our Catholic faith and assist in forming our students. Lastly, we are thankful to our loyal supporters whose love and generosity have helped NDHS fulfill its Mission for 56 years!

Here is what we have to look forward to in the coming weeks:

November 7th is ND Day when we host the 8th graders in our feeder schools and interested students from public schools. In the evening, we have an informational program for parents. If you have relatives or friends who are discerning Catholic education for their child, please encourage them to consider Notre Dame High School of Acadia Parish. Call Mandy in the Development Office to register for ND Day or for more information.

Mid-term exams will be given December 19th-22nd--prior to the Christmas holidays and must be taken according to the assigned schedule unless approved by administration prior to the start of exams. Students will take two exams with noon dismissal the first three days and then the final exam on the 22nd with dismissal at 10 AM. Reminder: All financial accounts must be current **prior** to the start of MT exams. Contact Juli via email at: bookkeeper@ndpios.com if you have any questions.

As we approach the special seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, may we be ever mindful of God's abundant blessings in our lives. We wish you, and your family, health and joy throughout this holiday seasons.

Mr. Prudhomme

11/1 ... School Liturgy, 9:24a
All Saint's Day

11/2 ... Sophomore Retreat

11/2 ... Football @ Welsh

11/7 ... Notre Dame Day-8:45a
Parent Social-6pm

11/14 ... Progress Reports

11/15 ... Encounter Night

11/20-11/24 ... Thanksgiving
Break

11/28 ... Giving Tuesday



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

IMPORTANT INFO

Fall is here and that's college and technical school application season! We have been busy planning for the future. Here are some updates and information.

Junior Classroom Meetings:

I will be meeting with Juniors on Monday, October 30 to distribute their transcripts and teach them how to calculate their overall GPA and TOPS GPA. Please ask them to share the document with you. Juniors will also spend time exploring career and college websites.

A representative from LOSFA was here at Notre Dame during the College Fair and for a parent meeting on 10/23. We will have another meeting in March 2024. Remember, to obtain TOPS funds, students must also meet required ACT scores. I suggest juniors register for upcoming national ACT exams.

Senior Meetings:

Seniors were given their TOPS University transcript with their TOPS CORE GPA. Group sessions will continue to be offered during lunch periods for seniors to receive assistance with college applications. Scholarships, deadlines, and other pertinent information is shared with Seniors 2024 via my Google Classroom. Encourage your student to visit with me if they need assistance with their college applications. I am here during lunch or before and after school to assist them. They need only email with the request.

College and Career Information:

Visit this site <https://www.laregents.edu/institutions/> for links to websites for all public higher education institutions in Louisiana. Schools in Louisiana's Community and Technical College System offer numerous technical degrees and certifications to prepare students for careers. Their websites are listed here as well.

All Grade Levels:

You can create an account with LOSFA via the Student Hub for students planning to attend a technical or community college or university. It's an online system to help students track their TOPS status while in high school and throughout the student's college career. Go to <https://www.osfa.la.gov/studenthub.html> to create an account. Freshman will not have any grades available as of yet in this account. It's never too early to learn about college and technical school programs. Go to the site listed in the College and Career section above for information.

Upcoming ACT and Deadlines:

Test Date
December 9
February 10

Registration Deadline
November 3
January 5

Late Registration with extra FEE
November 17
January 19

actstudent.org



RELIGION NEWS

It's hard to believe that we are already in November! This past month was certainly an eventful one here at Notre Dame! Our fall sports are in full swing heading into the playoffs, our Living Rosary was a success, Freshman retreat was amazing and the senior campus ministers did an awesome job leading the retreat, the choir competition was unbelievable and we just wrapped up the weeklong Rosary Congress here on Campus! WOW!

November will be just as busy! Sophomore retreat is on November 2. The Senior Campus Ministry Anchor team along with some help from Coach Braham and Mr Paul Hood will host the retreat at the St Leo IV Church Hall. November will also bring our Fall Encounter Night on November 15! Campus Ministry has been working hard to plan this amazing night. We will start the night off with 2 guest speakers, former NFL Quarterback, Jake Delhomme and former Alabama Softball Coach, Alyson Habetz. Both of these amazing athletes will share their testimonies of how faith has played an integral part in their lives. The night will continue with some amazing praise and worship music from the Vigil Project along with Adoration and Confession! This will all take place in the Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel at 6pm. Help us reach our goal of packing the Chapel!

We of course are mindful of Thanksgiving just around the corner. As Catholics, giving thanks is not only something "good" to do, but it is a necessary part of our faith. Many of us have learned from a young age that the celebration of the Eucharist at Mass is the greatest form of prayer we can offer. The word Eucharist itself means thanksgiving.

During the entire month of November, Campus Ministry will be collecting canned fruit to donate to Mrs Helen's Soup Kitchen. Please consider donating to this important part of our community. The kitchen feeds over 200 people each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, they use over 40 cans of fruit a day.

Let us pray that this month would be one filled with thanks, thanks to God for the many blessings (both seen and unseen) that He bestows upon us, each and every day.

In Christ,
Notre Dame Religion Department



FALL 2023

NOTRE DAME DAY

NOVEMBER 7

ND Day is a day set aside for 8th graders to visit ND to see what our school has to offer.
We will host a parent information social at 6pm that same evening.

If you know of a first-time Notre Dame parent who would like for their 8th grader to attend or would like to set up a personal visit, please have them reach out to Mandy Miller at 337-783-7143.

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

Tuition

NDHS Library collects Community Coffee labels. Would you please help us collect enough labels to help pay for databases? No amount is too small. This is an easy way to support our library. Many thanks to those of you who participate.
Every little bit helps!





**Thanks to the cheer
and dance alumni
who participated in
our first Spirit Squad
Alumni Night! See
you next year!**

Notre Dame will once again participate in the iGiveCatholic Day of Giving. The focus of our goal this year is to purchase and install two refrigerated water fountains with bottle fillers to replace the outdated, existing water fountains. This was a request made by our Student Council on behalf of the student body. Please give generously during the #igivecatholic day of Giving on Tuesday, November 28th. Thank you in advance for supporting NDHS!



#iGIVECATHOLIC

**Congratulations to
the Seniors who
were named
CHAMPIONS
of our inaugural
Class Choir
Competition!**





Receiving All-Academic Scholar Athlete honors for maintaining a 3.5-3.9 GPA are (standing, l-r): Justin Dupuis-Football, Ellen Cormier-Volleyball, Anna Zaunbrecher-Volleyball, Gracie Bearb-Volleyball, Jack Cassedy-Football.

PICK UP YOUR YEARBOOK OR BUY A YEARBOOK NOW!

The 2022-2023 Yearbooks have arrived!!

2023 graduates, please come by the office to pick up your yearbook.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the 2022-2023 yearbook, we have extra copies. Please contact a yearbook member or Mrs. Vidrine at ovidrine@ndpios.com for price.

Reminder!

In January, when we return from the Christmas break, girls will be required to wear skirts and boys will be required to wear long pants to school liturgy. It must be the official ND skirt and the official ND pant (with logo above pocket) from Crowley Sewing Center. Refer to pages 34-35 in the handbook or see Mrs. Nat with questions.



Members of the 2023-2024 Notre Dame Homecoming Court!

seated, l-r: Mary Kate Harrington, Gracie Bearb, Katie Doucet-1st Maid, Ellen Cormier-Queen, Annalise Fruge, Lydia Brown.
standing: Ryan Dailey, Meg Dorr, Addisyn Hazlett, Frances Leonards, Rose Landry, Ramsey Bellard.



BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

2- Aiden Leonards
6- Noelle Dorr
7- Annalise Maloz
8- Jackson Link
11- Arden Rue
13- Zachary Mixon
15- Anna Kirsch
15- Ellen Cormier

17- Marie Thibodeaux
17- Trey Prince
18- Riley Shuff
19- Nicholas Vondenstein
20- Malik Thomas
20- Evan Dauphine
20- Tesie Burleigh
21- Hayden Boudreaux
23- Ryleigh Oestrieher

24- Tate Guidry
25- Cate Romero
25- Maddox Andrepont
25- Boyd Boudreaux
26- Ava Foreman
27- Matthew Mixon
29- Haley Rivette
29- Quinn McMurray

6- Mrs. Diana Ronkartz
19- Mrs. Donna Fruge'
22- Mrs. Bea Aex
30- Ms. Angie Bertrand

NOVEMBER

