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2023-2024 Teacher of the Year
Mrs. O'Sanna Vidrine



message from the
PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Dear NDHS Family and Friends,

As our year speeds by, we are looking forward to the 2024-2025 school year. You will soon be receiving an email or phone call from your student/s' faculty academic advisor. On March 11th, we will have our all school advising during which every student will be the beneficiary of "academic coaching". Each student should receive information regarding their standing with TOPS and progress toward meeting graduation requirements. Cumulative gpa, TOPS gpa, ACT scores and scheduling core classes as well as choosing electives should be topics of conversation. It is our goal to give the best possible advice and to answer any questions or concerns. Our administrative team will also be present to help meet this goal. The partnership we have in the education of our students allows us to work together toward doing the best job possible!

Spring sports are well underway and we are proud of our student athletes and coaches and respect their commitment and work ethic. Our goal is to continue to concentrate—not just on winning—but on good sportsmanship and being a school of integrity and class--worthy of our Patroness.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, we encourage you to join us for weekly mass, adoration, reconciliation, Encounter Night (March 13th) or any of the many other opportunities to help prepare our hearts for the beauty of Easter. We ask your continued prayers for our school.

Sincerely,

Mr. Prudhomme

3/6 ... Stuco Radio Cake
Auction
OLOL Blood Drive

3/8-9 ... Dance Team
and Tryouts

3/11 ... No School - Student
Advising

3/12 ... School-wide ACT testing
Early Dismissal

3/13 ... End of 3rd Quarter

3/14-17 ... ND Spring Play
Grand Opera House

3/20-22 ... Cheerleader Practice
and Tryouts

3/28 ... Holy Thursday, 11:15
dismissal

3/29-4/7 ... Easter break



COUNSELOR'S
CORNER

Important March Events:

ACT District Testing

When: March 12, 2024, 8-12am

Where: NDHS

What: Freshman will take the Pre-ACT, Sophomores and Juniors will take the ACT along with those Seniors who signed up to test.

Seniors not testing do NOT come to school this day.

Academic Advising Day March 11, 2024

Scholarships for Seniors!!!

New scholarship opportunities are posted on our senior google classroom.

Please refer to this page regularly for updated scholarship information.

College Planning Event: April 10th - 6pm

Admission Representatives from LSU Eunice, McNeese, UL Lafayette, SOWELA, and SLCC will be on campus to discuss admissions, scholarships, financial aid and programs of study at their institutions. A representative from the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance will also be available to answer questions about TOPS. Parents and students will be able to select sessions of interest. This event will be a great opportunity to help you and your student learn about all of the opportunities available.

More information will be forthcoming. Please plan to attend!

Next ACT @ NDHS: April 13, 2024.

Register @ act.org by March 22nd to avoid late fees.

Important Registration Tip: Don't forget to upload your picture during registration!

A photo is required in order to be admitted to the test site.



RELIGION NEWS

The season of Lent is one that affords us all the opportunity to renew our commitment to the Lord and to living up to the standard that He calls us to as His sons and daughters. The seasonal disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us to recenter and focus our lives on what truly matters.

While these disciplines are being daily taught in the classroom, our school family also wants to provide an opportunity to live them out. For the next several weeks, we have sought to incorporate opportunities to pray, fast and to give alms into our schedule here at school.

Fr. Brent has issued the chancellor's challenge to our students, and faculty for this time of Lent. Please continue to uphold that challenge as we journey through the 2nd half of Lent. In addition to that challenge, we are offering several opportunities to receive the Sacraments and pray as a community. Please see our social media for a list of weekly Campus Ministry events and opportunities to enhance your Lent.

We have several opportunities coming up in March to aid in your spiritual growth during Lent. March 13 at 6pm will be Campus Ministry's Spring Encounter Night featuring John Angotti. March 16 Campus Ministry will host our first ever Girls Retreat at Edelweiss featuring Laura Huval. We are so excited to have 30 girls signed up for this event, please pray for the students attending the retreat. St. Joseph's Church is hosting a High School Retreat at the Opera house on March 16. Please see the attached flier for the QR code to sign up.

Along with Prayer, we are called to practice both Fasting and Almsgiving.

Each year, Notre Dame works to raise funds to build a home in Haiti through the "Hearts for Haiti" program. To date, we have been able to build more homes than any other entity participating in the program throughout the United States. Friday jeans days during Lent continue to be our Hearts of Haiti fundraiser. Hearts for Haiti t-shirts were graciously donated by a Notre Dame alum. If you would like to buy a t-shirt please see Mrs. Lavergne. T-shirts are \$20 and all money raised will be added to our Lenten Fundraiser.

If you are a student, we want to encourage you to participate in the fundraiser, with your dollar(s) serving as alms for the poor. If you are interested in helping out with this endeavor and would like to financially contribute to help us reach our goal, you can send a check to school, made out to "Notre Dame High School" and by writing "Hearts for Haiti" in the memo line.

We pray that this season, filled with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving would be one of great spiritual growth in each of our lives! That we would daily be led closer and closer to the Cross of Christ and the Tomb of His Resurrection.

In Christ,
Notre Dame Religion Department



IMPORTANT INFO

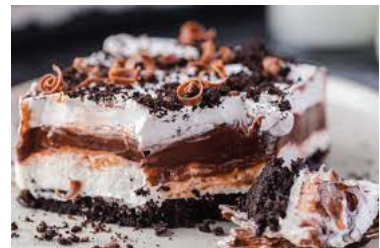
All accounts need to be paid in full (through May) or finals will not be given. This includes subsidies that were not paid for by the church, cafeteria balances, athletic fees, and chromebook payments. Deadline for seniors is May 1 (for all those who are not on autodraft). Deadline for underclassmen is May 15th.

The deadline to submit tuition assistance applications for the 2024-2025 school year is April 15th.

Please call Juli at 337-783-3519 with questions.

STUDENT COUNCIL RADIO CAKE AUCTION WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

info to come



With the spring semester upon us, many are looking ahead to Prom. Please note the revisions to the Notre Dame dance dress policy which have been approved by our Chancellor, Father Brent and ND Administration (emailed to families on December 14, 2023). *The Notre Dame High School policy regarding dances and prom may be found on pages 55-56 in our handbook on our website, ndpios.com.* Modesty is a top priority at Notre Dame High School. If an administrator deems the dress/skirt does not follow policy and/or is inappropriate, the student will not be allowed to enter the event. If you are uncertain as to whether your dress/skirt is acceptable, please email a picture of yourself in the dress/skirt to an administrator for approval.

These guidelines also apply to non-NDHS dates.

These changes are effective immediately. Thank you for your support.



BULLETIN BOARD

From the Athletic Department

Reminder that athletic dues must be paid for all student athletes, trainers and managers. The fee (per year) is \$150.00 for each student athlete.

Also: Spring sports are in full swing - all athletes must have their proper paperwork turned in to the athletic office. Returning athletes must turn in a current physical, permission to participate and proof of insurance. The physical and permission forms are available on the Notre Dame website under "Athletics". New athletes must complete the "First time athlete" packet located on the website. It includes the LHSAA approved physical form and all other required forms. A copy of the student's insurance card is also required for proof of insurance. All forms must be TURNED IN TO THE ATHLETIC OFFICE BEFORE A STUDENT MAY PARTICIPATE IN COMPETITION.

Letterman Jacket Measurements is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27 in the Athletic Office. Junior athletes/parents will receive an email soon with details.

Mary Baronet
Athletic Secretary



Pio Pride Dance Team recently competed in the Dance Team Union National Competition in Orlando, FL. They placed 2nd in the small varsity hip hop category and 8th in medium senior spirit showdown. Congratulations, ladies!



Congratulations to the 24 students who recently participated at District Literary Rally at LSUE! They did a phenomenal job and those placing in the top two in their respective subjects will move on to State Rally on March 23 at LSU in Baton Rouge!
We are proud of you! Best of luck at State!

They are: (kneeling, left to right), Ava Arceneaux-2nd place-French II, Claire Mouton-1st place French I, Emily Murray-1st place-Spanish II, Audrey Mahaffey-4th place-Advanced Math:PreCalc, Alyson Hebert-3rd place-Biology, Annalise Arceneaux-2nd place-Fine Arts. Seated-: Catherine LeLeux-1st place-English III, Mary Claire Thomas-1st place-Physics, Alex Welch-2nd place-Environmental Science, Katie Doucet-1st place-Adv. Math:Statistics, Ella Schmaltz-1st place-English I, Kate Ardoin-1st place-English II, Mary Himel-2nd place-Biology II. Standing: Alex Satchell-1st place-World Geography, Charlie Hunt-1st place-Physical Science, Zack Hebert-2nd place-Civics, Eli Pommier-1st place-Geometry, Maksim Scarborough-1st place-Spanish I, Ashton Orillion-1st place-Algebra II, Christopher LeLeux-1st place-Calculus, Nicholas Fogleman-3rd place-Chemistry, Christoher Holmes-1st place-Algebra I, Henri Pommier-3rd place-US History. Not pictured: Emma Domingue-4th place-English IV.



BIG NEWS!



Congratulations to **Mrs. Cecile Tauzin** ND '84-Notre Dame's Supporter of the Year. We are thankful for her commitment to Notre Dame and our recent chapel renovation.

Congratulations to Hayden Johnson on signing to continue his academic and athletic career in football at Louisiana Christian University in Pineville! Pictured with Hayden are mom and dad, Kate and Michael. Standing: stepdad-Neil Comeaux, ND Head Coach Louie Cook, sister Emma and stepmom-Amber





BIRTHDAYS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1- Parker Menard
1- Gracie Bearb
2- Felix Trisler
2- Leyton Faul
2- Nate Guinn
3- Reid Thomas
6- Alex Meche
6- Jemma Miller
8- Nicholas Fogleman

10- Mia Hoffpauir
10- Phillip Carlson
11- Jackson Trahan
15- Audrey Mahaffey
16- John Michael Cramer
18- Max Herbert
20- Drew LeJeune
22- Annalise Fruge'

22- Ian Fruge'
23- Abigail Hayes
25- Stevie Monteilh
26- Blake Hebert
28- Luryn Trosclair
28- Seth Miller
29- Lydia Brown
30- Audrey Morgan
31- Mariana Guinn

4- Mrs. Jenny Didier

18- Ms. Rachel LaCroix

28- Ms. Tina Navarre (cafe')

MARCH



ND Radio Cake Auction



Call in to bid on delicious
homemade treats!

Wednesday, March 6
6:30pm - 9:00pm

Tune in to 1450 AM KSIG,
Sunny 95.1 or stream online at
www.sunny951.com

Call in to bid at 783-3519.

*Benefitting ND Student Council



Tinker Bell

By Patrick Flynn. Based on the works of J.M. Barrie.

presented by

Notre Dame High School Drama Club



March 15th - 7:00pm

March 16th - 7:00pm

March 17th - 2:00pm

Join us at The Grand Opera House of the South
Tickets available at thegrandoperahouse.org



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Dance Team Auditions

Notre Dame Pios Pride Dance Team

Must be submitted by: March 6th

Application

Permission Slip

Report Card - Copy

**One teacher recommendation letter
(teacher must personally send letter)**

PARENT MEETING

**March 7th
5pm room 17**

All four papers can be emailed to

Dance@ndpios.com

**or mailed/dropped off at Notre
Dame's front office.**

AUDITION

March 8th:

4:00pm-8:00pm

March 9th

9:00am-12:00pm



**ANYONE INTERESTED
IN TRYING OUT FOR
NOTRE DAME
CHEERLEADING**

PARENT/STUDENT MANDATORY MEETING

MARCH 11, 2024
ND LIBRARY @ 5:30 PM

SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE
MARCH 4 - MARCH 8



PRACTICE

MARCH 20 & 21

3:30-5:30

ND GYM



MARCH 22

4:00

ND GYM

QUESTIONS CONTACT: CRISTINA DOUCET @
CDOUCET@NDPIOS.COM

Varsity Baseball Schedule

Friday, March 1	SHVP @ Miller	6:15
Saturday, March 2	Iota @ Miller	2:30
Thursday, March 7	@ Eunice	6:15
Friday, March 8	CH Point Coupee @ Miller	5:15
Saturday, March 9	@ Opelousas	1:00
Tuesday, March 12	DeQuincy @ Miller	6:00
Thursday, March 14	Welsh @ Miller	6:00
Friday, March 15	Zachary @ Miller	6:30
Saturday, March 16	Sterlington @ Miller	10:00
	LCA @ Miller	12:30
Tuesday, March 19	@ Grand Lake	5:00
Thursday, March 21	Vinton @ Miller	6:00
Saturday, March 23	Dunham @ Opelousas Catholic	12:30
	OC @ Opelousas Catholic	3:00
Tuesday, March 26	Lake Arthur @ Miller	6:00
Wednesday, March 27	Loureauxville @ Miller	6:00
Thursday, March 28	@ Dequincy	5:00
Monday, April 1	Welsh @ Miller	5:00
Wednesday, April 3	@ N. Vermilion	6:00
Thursday, April 4	Grand Lake @ Miller	6:00
Saturday, April 6	@ Iowa	6:15
Tuesday, April 9	@ Vinton	5:30
Thursday, April 11	@ Lake Arthur	6:00
Saturday, April 13	@ STM	1:00
Monday, April 15	@ Erath	5:30

Lady Pio Varsity Softball Schedule

Fri/Sat, March 1-2	Acadiana Tournament	TBA
Monday, March 4	LCA @ Home	5:00
Tuesday, March 5	@ NISH	5:00
Thursday, March 7	@ Lake Arthur	5:15
Friday, March 8	Jennings @ Home	5:00
Monday, March 11	DeQuincy @Home	5:15
Tuesday, March 12	@ Grand Lake	5:15
Thursday, March 14	@ Welsh	5:15
Fri/Sat, March 15-16	@ Evangel Tournament	TBA
Tuesday, March 19	@ Grand Lake	5:15
Thursday, March 21	Vinton @ Home	5:15
Fri/Sat, March 22-23	CHNI Tournament	TBA
Monday, March 25	@ Mamou	5:00
Tuesday, March 26	Lake Arthur @ Home	5:15
Wednesday, March 27	@ Breaux Bridge	5:00
Thursday, March 28	@ DeQuincy	5:15
Tuesday, April 2	Welsh @ Home	5:15
Thursday, April 4	Grand Lake @ Home	5:15
Tuesday, April 9	@ Vinton	5:15

TRACK SCHEDULE

Friday, March 1	Cecilia High
Friday, March 8	Breaux Bridge
Friday, March 15	Sam Houston
Friday, March 21	Jennings
Friday, March 27	Teurlings
Friday April 3	Kaplan
TBD	Vinton (District)
TBD	UL-Lafayette (Regional)