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Congrats to Mary Himel & Zack Hebert who were crowned Prom King and Queen!

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message from the
ADMINISTRATORS

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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,
Mr. Prudhomme

5/5 ... Athletic Crawfish Boil

5/6-9 ... Senior Exams

5/7 ... Senior Farewell
Mass & Awards,
ND Gym, 9:30am

5/14 ... Graduation Practice
Church Point, 10am

5/15 ... Sr. Athletic Banquet
Rayne Civic Center
6:00pm

5/17 ... Graduation, 9am
Our Lady of the
Sacred Heart Church
(No School)

5/21... Junior Ring Mass,
ND Gym, 9:30am

5/20-23 ... Final Exams



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

What a great year it has been! I enjoyed my first year at Notre Dame, and I have lots of plans for next year. We are almost to the finish line. PIOS, stay the course!

FINALS

Please remind your students to begin studying early for finals. Finals are worth 10% of a student's overall grade. They can impact a student's GPA. Encourage your student to get a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast as well.

ACT TESTING DATES

TEST DATE Deadline to Register, no late fee

June 8, 2024 May 3, 2024

July 13, 2024 June 7, 20204

<https://www.act.org/>

*Students who have not initially qualified for TOPS can take the tests during June and July to try to obtain eligibility. If the required score is obtained during June or July, the student only loses one semester of funding. It's worth the effort.

Go here to find out about all things TOPS related. <https://mylosfa.la.gov/students-parents/scholarships-grants/tops/>.

Girls and Boys STATE -- Current juniors have the opportunity to attend Girls and Boys State this summer!

LA Girls State

The 2024 session of ALA Louisiana Girls State will take place from Sunday, June 16, 2024 through Saturday, June 22, 2024 at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA. Louisiana Girls State is a program with a long history of building connections, developing leaders, and educating younger generations on the duties, privileges, and responsibilities of being an American citizen. Girls State is a unique and exciting government-in-action learning program in which the American Legion Auxiliary guides young women to become knowledgeable stewards of freedom, democracy, and patriotism.

LA Boys State (LABS)

LA Boys State is held June 23-29 also at Northwestern. LABS is the premier leadership development program for high school students in Louisiana. LABS is sponsored by the Louisiana Department of the American Legion. It is an engaging experience where you will "learn by doing" and an opportunity to learn about civic engagement and service. LABS is not a seminar where you attend lectures and presentations or watch videos. The same is true for Girls State.

Send your student to me if they are interested.



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, Encounter Nights, Cornerstone, girls prayer group, retreats, the mission trip, Catholic Schools Week, Lenten activities and all of the other Campus Ministry activities that we sponsor here on campus.

Our feeder school retreat teams saw nearly 40 students sign up to facilitate retreats for the 8th graders in those school communities. Our Cornerstone was attended by 20-30 men who gathered once a month to dive deeper into the faith. Our Thursday Morning Mass as well as Friday morning Rosary were well attended. Our fall Encounter night packed to the chapel and the spring night was also well attended. And for the first time in over 5 years, we had a group of students go on a mission trip to open their hearts to the ideals of service. This summer will have a group of students attend the Steubenville South Conference, where they will gather with other high school students from all over the state with one common goal in opening their heart to God in prayer and spirituality. These were just a few of our incredibly successful campus ministry endeavors that make Notre Dame the amazing faith community that it is!

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 Kristina Lavergne at klavergne@ndpios.com.



Congratulations to the 4 seniors who received over \$40,000 in scholarships at UL-Lafayette and participated in their annual academic signing! They are: Anna Zaunbrecher, Mary Claire Thomas and Zack Hebert. Not pictured: Jack Cassedy. Nice Job, Seniors!



Happy Birthday!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| 1- Jack Guidry | 15- Annelise Daigle | 22- Hannah Bearb |
| 2- Amaya Bellard | 16- Walker Venable | 22- Landon Mouton |
| 5- William Prevost | 16- Jayden Andrepont | 25- Mary Gattle |
| 12- Jackson Casanova | 18- Brianna Tor | 25- Katie Doucet |
| 13- Emily Abshire | 19- Eleanor Credeur | 31- Lane Gautreaux |
| 13- Andie Miller | 19- Aylei Theunissen | 31- Luke Simon |
| | 19- Keeffer Kelbaugh | |

13- Mrs. Mandy Miller
14- Mrs. Cheryl Fruge'

16-Mr. Gary Thacker
28- Mrs. Sheila Rothermel

MAY





Lady Pio Volleyball Camp July 18, 19, 20

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

ATHLETIC NEWS

The Athletic Crawfish Boil is this Sunday, May 5. 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 15, 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.

2024-2025 Notre Dame High School Student Council and Class Officers:

Student Council Board 2024-25

President- Ava Arceneaux Vice President-Kate Andrus
Secretary-Rebecca Frey Treasurer-Lilli LaPoint
Historian-Marie Thibodeaux Parliamentarian-Annalise Maloz

Senior Class Officers

President-Mia Guillot Vice President-Anne Swacker
Treasurer-Tesie Burleigh Historian-Paisley Vincent
Class Representatives-Gretta LeJeune & Audrey Mahaffey

Junior Class Officers

President-Ava Yates Vice President-Alyson Hebert
Secretary-Maksim Scarborough Treasurer-Gillian Hensgens
Historian-Mia Hoffpauir
Class Representatives-Emily Abshire & Alice-Ann Dorr

Sophomore Class Officers

President-Ella Schmaltz Vice President-Annalise Arceneaux
Secretary-Kate Trahan Treasurer-Charlotte Prevost
Historian-Avery Futch
Class Representatives-Anna Mooney & Addison Zaunbrecher

Student Spotlight

Trent Broussard-Rodeo



When did you begin riding and what made you want to ride?

I started rodeo around age 3 with sheep then moved up to calves from ages 5-8. My whole family rides - my dad, uncles & grandpa so it was inevitable

What events do you compete in?

I started team roping around freshman year and calf roping my junior year. I compete in both saddle bronc riding and team roping but saddle bronc riding is my favorite. I travel for competition rodeo pretty much every weekend. I have traveled to Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Wyoming and Arkansas for competition.

What is up next for you with regards to riding?

I just signed a scholarship with McNeese to continue my academics and riding career.

What are you involved in at ND?

I am a member of AG/FFA and represent Notre Dame on the high school rodeo circuit.

Trent is a Notre Dame Senior. He is the son of Trent and Lannah Broussard of Estherwood. He is the oldest of six siblings (all of whom ride except one).



ReProm '24

Join us for a great night of FUNdraising!



IN MY GLORY ERA NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Saturday, May 4

Rice Festival Building

Doors open at 6:30

**Adam Leger Band & DJ following
Dinner Buffet. Cash Bar. Casual Attire.
Silent Auction. Cash Raffle Drawing.**

Visit:

<https://givebutter.com/c/NDHSReProm2024>



PIO BARBIE CHEER PARTY



ND CHEER CAMP 2024

JULY 29TH- JULY 31ST

9AM TO NOON

ND GYM

REGISTRATION:

\$75 PER PARTICIPANT

AT THE DOOR:

\$85 PER PARTICIPANT

AGES 3-12 & SQUADS

THINK PINK MONDAY:

DRESS IN YOUR BEST BARBIE PINK!

BARBIE TUESDAY:

DRESS AS YOUR GROUPS BARBIE

3-4: CHEERLEADER BARBIE

5-6: MERMAID BARBIE

7-9: WESTERN BARBIE

10 & UP: MALIBU BARBIE

SQUADS: ROCKSTAR PRINCESS BARBIE

BARBIE PIO PRIDE WEDNESDAY:

SUPPORT YOUR PIOS BY WEARING

RED, BLUE AND WHITE!

PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE ND FRONT OFFICE OR AT

NDPIOS.COM UNDER THE INFO CENTER > DOWNLOAD FORMS!

PARENT SHOWCASE WEDNESDAY JULY 31ST @ 10:45

