



PIONEER PROGRESS

Monthly News from Notre Dame High School of Acadia Parish



THIS MONTH AT ND

Rayne Catholic Night at the Game
Friday, October 4, 7pm, Gardiner Memorial

Living Rosary
Monday, October 7, 9:24am
ND Practice Field

Homecoming Week
October 7-11

End of First Quarter
Thursday, October 10

Freshman Retreat
Wednesday, October 16

Cornerstone Guy's Group Meeting
Wednesday, October 16, 6pm, Location TBD

Rice Festival - School Closed
Thursday, October 17, 11:30am Dismissal
Friday, October 18, Closed

Inaugural Girls' Group Meeting
Monday, October 21, Details Coming Soon!

Rosary Congress
Monday-Friday, October 20-25, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel

Sophomore Retreat
Wednesday, October 30

Pioneer Pride is Alive and Well

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the first quarter! The start of the school year has filled me with hope for the future of Notre Dame. Our Administrative Team, Faculty and Staff are working hard to provide students with opportunities to grow in faith, advance academically, and get engaged in student life. It's clear that Pioneer Pride is alive and well!

You may have heard about our partnership with Vitality 360, a local firm who is focused on helping Catholic-based organizations prepare for the future. We will be looking for your input and support as we work toward the advancement of our mission. Our work is just beginning. We are committed to ensuring the long-term success of Notre Dame, and that starts with strategic planning.

As always, I invite you to join us on campus. We offer many ways for you to engage in our faith, show your Pio Spirit, and support our school. There is no better time to visit ND than Homecoming Week, which is quickly approaching. See page 2 for the full schedule!

With gratitude for your support and trust,

Mr. Prudhomme

[SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)



[ATHLETICS CALENDAR](#)



Homecoming on the Horizon

We welcome students, families and alumni to join us for our Homecoming festivities! It's a great time to celebrate the time-honored traditions of academic and athletic excellence rooted in our Catholic faith.

This year, we honor the graduating classes of **1975, 1985, 1995, 2005, and 2015**. If your class is planning a reunion, please send details to the [Development Office](#).

We look forward to seeing our students, alumni, family and friends throughout the week! Bring your best noisemakers and wear RED to the game on Friday night. **Let's Go Pios!**

2024 Homecoming Court

The following seniors were selected by their peers for the 2024 Homecoming Court (in order as pictured on front cover):

- Mia Kate Guillot**, daughter of Benji & Jessica Guillot of Crowley
- Gretta Katherine Lejeune**, daughter of Ross & Kelli Lejeune of Iota
- Paisley Alyse Vincent**, daughter of Nicholas Vincent & Heidi Simon of Rayne
- Rebecca Nicole Frey**, daughter of Aaron & Lydia Frey of Iota
- Annelise Marie Daigle**, daughter of Duke & Alison Daigle of Crowley
- Mary Elizabeth Gattle**, daughter of Thomas Gattle & Kimberly Gielen Fogleman of Crowley
- Alexandra Renee' Meche**, daughter of Cullen & Renee' Meche of Church Point
- Theresa Francis Burleigh**, daughter of Patrick & Melissa Burleigh of Rayne
- Ella Marlene Frank**, daughter of Kevin & Kate Frank of Roberts Cove
- Riley Anne Shuff**, daughter of Terry & Sandy Shuff of Crowley
- Anne Elise Swacker**, daughter of David Swacker & Nicole Swacker of Crowley
- Marie Angelle Thibodeaux**, daughter of Chris & Staci Thibodeaux of Hathaway
- Kate Elizabeth Andrus**, daughter of Mitch & Hallie Andrus of Church Point

HOMECOMING WEEK OCTOBER 7-12

Parade

Thursday, October 10, 5:30pm
Court Circle to ND Campus

Gumbo Cook-off

Thursday, October 10, 6pm
ND Campus

Mass & Presentation of the Court

Friday, October 11, 11am
ND Gym

Pep Rally

Friday, October 11, 2pm
ND Gym

Football vs Lake Arthur

Friday, October 11, 7pm
Gardiner Memorial Stadium

Crowning of the Queen

Friday, October 11, Halftime
Gardiner Memorial Stadium

Homecoming Dance

Saturday, October 12, 8-10:30pm
Crowley Rice Festival Building

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Our Football, Volleyball and Cross Country Teams are off to a great start! Come out and support our Athletes! View the Athletic Calendar

Counselor's Corner

Our search for a new guidance counselor continues! Interested parties can [submit an application via email](#). Our administrative team is offering support for testing, college readiness and student counseling in the interim.

As we close out the first quarter, we encourage parents to review grades and reach out directly to faculty with any concerns.

If your student is planning to apply for college, it's not too early to begin asking faculty for letters of recommendation.

10/15 - College Fair

ND Gym
Class Rotations from 1-2:30pm
Open to Parents 2:30-3pm

10/23 - PSAT

ND Library
Pre-Registered Sophomores & Juniors

11/18 - FAFSA Meeting

ND Library, 6pm



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YEARBOOK ADS ON SALE NOW!

Yearbook will be selling ads from October through December.

Parents, family members and friends can purchase an ad for their FAVORITE STUDENT. Ads for local companies, churches, groups and organizations are also available!

Contact a member of yearbook or Mrs. Vidrine, ovidrine@ndpios.com.



Cornerstone Guys' Group Inspires Start of Girls' Group

The Cornerstone Guy's Group kicked off year two with a presentation from Judge Scott Privat. With more than 40 people in attendance, it was a great time for fathers, sons, grandfathers and more to grow together in faith. Make plans to join the next event on

We are excited to announce the start of a girls' group. Mrs. Rachel Meyer and Mrs. Jenny Didier will be organizing the inaugural event on Monday, October 21. Stay tuned for details!

GET YOUR ND FAN GEAR!

The Official Store of the Notre Dame Pioneers



You Can Find Jesus Here

Our Campus Ministry Team kicked off the year by hiding hundreds of miniature Jesus figures around campus. Students and staff were constantly reminded of the presence of Jesus here at Notre Dame. A select few were also rewarded for finding a "Golden Jesus."

Now 120 members strong, the group met recently to discuss upcoming events and ways to live our faith here on campus. In addition to participating in the Living Rosary and Rosary Congress, the students will be making rosaries in conjunction with the St. Joseph Rosary Makers during lunch on October 31.



**SIGN UP FOR THE
ROSARY CONGRESS**



Pictured below are students who were recently commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers: Alex Meche, Kate Andrus, Gretta Lejeune, Annalise Maloz, Annelise Daigle, Becca Frey, Paisley Vincent, Mia Guillot, Catherine LeLeux, Lillian LaPoint, Grace Broussard, Riley Shuff, Nick Fogleman, Anne Swacker, Fr. Mike Vidrine, Ava Arceneaux, Ava Ardoin, Luryn Trosclair, Lainey Stanford, Mary Gattle, Marie Thibodeaux, Ella Frank, and Connor Broussard.

YOU CAN FIND JESUS HERE

- Adoration & Confession*
Mondays, 7am, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel
- Student Body Mass*
Tuesdays, 9:24am, ND Gym
- Thursday Mass*
As Announced, 7am, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel
- Spiritual Direction*
Thursday Mornings by Appointment, Fr. Brent Smith
- Rosary*
Fridays, 7:15am, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel
- First Friday Mass*
7am, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel (Replaces Rosary)

ND CAMPUS MINISTRY



October Month of the Rosary

Join us throughout the month of October as we pray the rosary!

ND students will join on the practice field for the **Living Rosary** at 9:24am on Monday, October 7. Second grade students from our feeder schools have been invited to join us. Everyone is welcome!

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel is host to the **Annual Rosary Congress** of Crowley, October 20-25. All of the faithful of the Diocese of Lafayette are invited to join in perpetual prayer and adoration.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS COMMISSIONED

ReProm Raises \$250,000

Parents, alumni and friends of Notre Dame joined to celebrate their glory days in May. Under the leadership of Emily Hensgens, the event drew a record-setting crowd that raised a quarter of a million dollars for Notre Dame!!! Funds have been applied to the debt on the north wing renovations. More than 60% of the \$1.3 million project has now been retired.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the event and part of this amazing effort to support our school!

A huge shout out to our Court Members!

- King David Hensgens and Queen Mayme Cook Brown
- Joey Webb and Judy Dill Guillot
- John Beslin and Janet Reiners Hebert
- Chad Gielen and Claire Mayeux Kelbaugh
- Duke Daigle and Paula Lamm
- Kade Comeaux and Kellie DeRouen Duhon
- Dale Serie and Shanna Monk
- Ross Thibodeaux and Jennifer Habetz Hetzel



ALUMNI EVENTS

2009 Championship Football Team Reunion

Friday, October 4, Gardiner Memorial Team members are invited to join for jambalaya at 6pm on the south (left) side of the field, with team recognition planned for halftime.
[RSVP Now](#)

Spirit Squad Alumni Night

Friday, November 7, 7pm
All cheer and dance alumni are invited to come cheer on the Pios and join in some halftime fun.
[Register now to receive info on practices.](#)



Attention ND Alumni: Update Your Info and Stay Connected



Athletic Jackets Presented to Seniors

Congratulations to the seniors who earned athletic jackets: (First Row) Lainey Stanford, Marie Thibodeaux, Lillian LaPoint, Kate Andrus, Ali Coignard, Ellen Domingue, Anne Swacker, Alex Meche, Gretta LeJeune, Paisley Vincent, Annelise Daigle, Ava Ardoin, Madalyn Reiners; (Second Row) Ava Arceneaux, Riley Hoffpauir, Chloe Guidry, Malayna Daigle, Kaiton Hayes, Abigail Landry, Becca Frey, Mia Guillot, Annalise Maloz, Riley Shuff, Grace Broussard, Elizabeth Hensgens, Ava Foreman; (Third Row) Seth Miller, Parker Faust, Jack Medus, Joshua T Hebert, Peyton Terro, Jake Johnson, Kagen Semmes, Gavin Gallet, Evan Dauphine, Nick Gotte; (Fourth Row) Leyton Faul, Huntson Hebert, William Prevost, Jackson Casanova, Nick Menard, Cooper Broussard, Luke Simon, Joshua G Hebert, Nylan Billy, Henri Pommier, Jacob Signorelli, Cameron Foreman, Matthew Mixon; (Fifth Row) Tate Savant, Felix Trisler, William Gautreaux, Kade Figard, Aiden Leonards, Colin Sittig, Boyd Boudreaux, Landon Mouton, Parker Meagher, Lane Gautreaux, Nick Fogleman, and Elis Gros.



Seniors Awarded Academic Sweaters

Academic Sweaters were presented to seniors who have maintained a 3.3 cumulative GPA or higher in six semesters of high school in either college bound or honors track. Congratulations to: (First Row) Audrey Mahaffey, Lainey Stanford, Kate Andrus, Malayna Daigle, Alex Meche, Annalise Maloz, Riley Shuff; (Second Row) Marie Thibodeaux, Lillian LaPoint, Ava Arceneaux, Mia Guillot, Becca Frey, Mary Gattle, Catherine LeLeux; (Third Row) Henri Pommier, Nick Fogleman, Chloe Guidry, Ellen Domingue, Ava Foreman, Riley Hoffpauir, Aiden Leonards; Fourth Row: Matthew Mixon, Leyton Faul, Evan Dauphine, William Prevost, Parker Faust



- 1- Anna-Claire Menard
- 2- Brayden Frey
- 3- Hayden Bergeaux
- 3- Benjamin Fogleman
- 3- Jack Murray
- 4- Jacob Gibson
- 7- Gracie Hensgens
- 9- Savannah Russell
- 12- Cameron Foreman
- 14- Blair Carriere
- 15- Kate Ardoin
- 15- Peighton Simoneaux
- 15- Emmalie Faulk
- 16- Ella Schmaltz
- 17- Kenley Sonnier
- 18- Alec Kirkpatrick
- 18- Isabella Wimberley
- 20- Tate Savant
- 20- Grant Dorr
- 21- Natalie Trahan
- 24- Gabriel Menard
- 27- Ellen Domingue
- 28- Layla Gaspard
- 29- Beau Hetzel
- 30- Anne Swacker
- 30- Greta Forestier
- 31- Jack Vondenstein

- 4- Fr. Mitchell Guidry
- 8- Mr. Randy Schexnayder
- 11- Coach Mark Jones
- 14- Dr. Diana Broussard
- 27- Coach Jimmy McCleary

OCTOBER

*The Mission of Notre Dame High School is to educate its students in mind, body and soul with the **love** of Jesus, the **discipline** of Joseph and the **faith** of Mary.*

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