



PIONEER PROGRESS

Monthly News from Notre Dame High School of Acadia Parish



THIS MONTH AT ND

A Spirit of Gratitude

We are well into the second quarter of the school year, and it's a great time to pause and reflect on the many blessings bestowed on our school.

First and foremost, thank for choosing Notre Dame High School. We appreciate your investment in Catholic education, and we remain committed to providing an academic experience that is rooted in our faith. So many of you go above and beyond to support our school, and your generosity is appreciated.

To the faculty and staff who are at the heart of this school, we thank you for your commitment!

To our Chancellor, Fr. Brent Smith, and our Board of Pastors and Advisory Council, we thank you for your leadership and guidance.

I encourage you to join me in prayers of thanksgiving throughout this month! When we open our hearts and choose to focus on our gifts, the spirit of gratitude and thanks can shape our perspective!

With gratitude,

Mr. Prudhomme

All Saints Day Mass

Friday, November 1, 9:24am, ND Gym

Open House for Incoming Freshmen

Tuesday, November 5
8:30am Students, 6pm Parents

Senior Night - Football, Cheer, Dance OLI & St. Francis Night at the Game Spirit Squad Alumni Reunion

Thursday, November 7, 7pm, Gardiner Mem.

Veterans' Day Mass

Tuesday, November 12, 9:24am, ND Gym

Fall Encounter Night

Wednesday, November 13, 6pm, Chapel

LOFSA Seminar for Senior Parents

Monday, November 18, 6pm, Library

Thanksgiving Break

Monday-Friday, November 25-29

[SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)



[ATHLETICS CALENDAR](#)





Kate Andrus Crowned as Homecoming Queen

During half-time ceremonies at the October 11 Homecoming game, senior Kate Andrus was crowned Homecoming Queen and Gretta Lejeune was recognized as First Maid. Mrs. Aline Gossen Wilmore, Queen of the class of 2015, and Mrs. Amy Casanova, Queen of the class of 1975, along with Dr. Karrie Kilgore, Queen of the class of 1985, and Mrs. Margaret Hundley Richard, Queen of the class of 2005, assisted in the ceremonies.

Homecoming week was filled with activities including a lunchtime tailgate, powder puff football game, student activities, and dress days. Pioneer Pride and lots of school spirit were shining bright!

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL!





BETA BAKE SALE
 FUNDRAISER FOR HURRICANE RECOVERY
DURING LUNCH - NOV 4, 6 & 8

Open House for Incoming Freshman

It's hard to believe, but we are already gearing up for next year as we welcome 8th grade students to our campus on Tuesday, November 5, for Notre Dame Day Open House.

Help us spread the word about the great things happening at our school and invite your family and friends to learn more. Strong enrollment is critical to the growth and longevity of our school, so we ask that you add this to your prayer intentions and support our efforts to build the future of Notre Dame!



Join us at ND!
Learn more at our Open House events!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

8:30 AM: STUDENT OPEN HOUSE

Students will attend mass, tour campus and learn more about life at ND. Students from Our Mother of Peace, Rayne Catholic, St. Francis and St. Michael have been pre-registered and transportation will be provided to and from Notre Dame. *All other students must register by calling 337-783-7143.*

6:00 PM: PARENT OPEN HOUSE

Join us at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel on campus for an informational session. Invite a friend and register using the QR code below.

PRIVATE TOURS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT
 FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 337-783-7143

**2025-26 STUDENT APPLICATIONS OPEN IN DECEMBER
 ENROLLMENT BEGINS IN JANUARY**

**PARENT OPEN HOUSE
 REGISTRATION**



REMINDER: Mid-Term Exams are slated for December 17-20

Mid-terms must be taken according to the assigned schedule unless approved by the administration prior to the start of exams. Per diocesan policy, please ensure your financial accounts are current PRIOR to the start of Mid-Term exams on December 17. [Contact Juli](#) if you have questions about your account.

Counselor's Corner

Our recent College Fair was a huge success! With 17 institutions represented, students had the opportunity to learn about options for the next step in their education.

Now it's time to start thinking about TOPS! Our Registrar, Mrs. Joan Mouton, and Assistant Principal, Mrs. Kristina Lavergne, recently visited Junior classes and shared copies of their transcripts and reviewed how to calculate their TOPS GPA and overall GPA. Remember that TOPS also requires completion of the ACT, so be sure to register for upcoming exams. Senior meetings take place soon!

Next ACT Test Date: December 14
Registration Deadline: November 8
Late Registration: November 22 (+late fee)

Senior parents are invited to join us on Monday, November 18, in the library, for a **LOFSA Meeting**.

Quick Links for Career and College Planning
[Learn More about Higher Ed in Louisiana](#)
[Learn More about TOPS](#)
[Create a LOFSA Account](#)
[Register for the ACT](#)



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.

SUBMIT YEARBOOK PHOTOS

Use the link below to share your favorite photos of school life with the Yearbook Staff!

- Enter the School Code: pios (all lowercase)
- Confirm School Name: Click OK
- Complete your info and agree to terms of use.
- Click on upload photos.
- Select Photo.
- Select Photo Library.
- Choose Photo(s) and click add.
- Describe your photo(s) including grade, names, description.
- Click submit.

Please note that submissions will be used at the discretion of the Yearbook Staff based on limited space and other restrictions.

SUBMIT PHOTOS 



Congratulations to our Academic All-State Honorees, Audrey Mahaffey, Volleyball, and Aiden Leonards, Football.

GET YOUR ND FAN GEAR!

The Official Store of the Notre Dame Pioneers



Faith Encounter Night to Feature Mike McCoy

Both our new girls' group and the Cornerstone Guys' Group will join forces for our **Fall Encounter Night** on **Wednesday, November 13, at 6pm**, in Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel on campus.

Our Guest speaker will be Mr. Mike McCoy. A native of Erie, Pennsylvania, and a graduate of Cathedral Prep High School, Mike graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a BA in Economics where he played football and was an All-American. He was chosen UPI Lineman of the year and was sixth in the Heisman Trophy balloting his senior year. He was the #1 draft choice of the Green Bay Packers where he played defensive tackle. He played eleven years in the NFL – seven with Green Bay, two with the Oakland Raiders and two with the New York Giants. Mike is President of Mike McCoy Ministries. He speaks primarily in Catholic Schools across America and abroad. He has also been a speaker for the National Catholic Educators Convention, Catholic Men's Rallies, Bill Glass Ministries in prisons and to parents and coaches through the Notre Dame Play Like a Champion program.

Following the speaker, we will have praise and worship music and adoration.



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, 7:15am, 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



CANNED FRUIT DRIVE

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

ANY CANNED FRUIT COCKTAIL, PEACHES, PEARS, PINEAPPLE, OR MANDARIN ORANGES

SPONSORED BY CAMPUS MINISTRY

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO MRS. HELEN'S SOUP KITCHEN

PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS IN THE BOXES OUTSIDE MRS. LAVERGNE'S OFFICE



Thanks to our Campus Ministry Core and Krewe Teams for amazing Freshmen and Sophomore Retreats!

National Giving Day Pledged for New Bleachers

Our school gym is at the heart of so many activities that unite our students and families - from weekly mass to athletic events, student activities, meetings, kid camps, and more - the gym provides a gathering space that brings our community together.

Safe and functional bleachers are a crucial part of this gathering space. As we eagerly await the delivery of new bleachers, we ask for your support to help cover the cost of this investment in maintaining our campus.

Notre Dame will be participating in National Giving Day through the iGiveCatholic platform. Donating to our campaign for new bleachers is quick and easy! Wouldn't it be amazing if EVERY ND FAMILY could take part in this endeavor?! Whether you can pledge \$5 or \$5000, every contribution counts. Through the generous pledges of a handful of supporters, we will be able to match your donations! As always, we appreciate the many ways you support Notre Dame and Catholic education! Follow our social pages for updates and links to our iGiveCatholic giving site!

NATIONAL GIVING DAY

DECEMBER 3, 2024

Help us raise funds for new bleachers!



**ALUMNI
UPDATES**

Spirit Squad Alumni Night

Thursday, 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**



Memorial donations are a great way to honor your loved ones! Honorees are recorded in our Memorial Book and included in our weekly mass intentions.

Beta Club Earns School of Distinction Designation and Prepares for Convention

The Notre Dame Beta Club earned recognition as a *2023-24 National Beta School of Distinction*. The club increased membership from the previous year by more than 10%, which is a driving factor for this achievement.

National Beta School of Distinction is an honor for Beta clubs striving towards academic achievement, exemplary character, demonstrated leadership and service to others. With an ongoing quest to instill these qualities in more students, the National Beta School of Distinction Award is designed to reward those schools that show an increase in membership for the current school year. This year, only 22% of Beta Clubs across the country received this award.

In a congratulatory letter to the school, Bobby Hart, CEO said "This national award speaks highly of your commitment to academic excellence and illustrates your dedication to preparing students for their future."

At the start of this school year, another 28 students were invited to Beta Club membership, with the initiation of new members slated for the spring (picture below).

Members of the club recently attended the Regional Leadership Summit in Lafayette where they joined dozens of schools from across the state. Amaya Bellard, Alli Coignard, Ava Arceneaux, and Ellen Domingue competed in two competitions, Collaboration Connection and Lead Outside the Box, qualifying to compete at the National Convention in Orlando, FL, this summer. In Collaboration Connection, students had to work together using problem-solving and communication skills to complete a task. In Lead Outside the Box, students were given a real-world problem and tasked with finding a creative solution which they demonstrated in a two-minute presentation and fielded questions the following day.

The club will be hosting a service project and accepting donations during the first week of November to raise funds for fellow Beta clubs in areas affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Bake sales will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday during lunch.

Next up for the club is State Convention, January 29-31, at the Cajundome. Club sponsor, Victoria Hebert, noted, "We are so proud of the students' hard work, especially our Beta officers, and we can't wait to see what they can achieve through the remainder of the year!"



New Beta Inductees pictured include Bottom row: Annalise Arceneaux, Erin Domingue, Kate Trahan, Madeline Richard, Audrey Morgan, Marin Guchereau, Ellie Brouillette, Addison Zaunbrecher, Anna Mooney; Middle row: Audrey Fusilier, Ella Schmaltz, Eleanor Credeur, Karoline Loewer, Brianna Tor, Emilee Bergeron, Amaya Bellard, Bella Smith; Top row: Charlotte Prevost, Thomas Andrus, Ben Fogleman, Charlie Hunt, Sam Cramer, Ellis Gray, and Haleigh Melancon.



Happy Birthday, Pios!

- 1- Claire Clouette
- 2- Aiden Leonards
- 6- Noelle Dorr
- 7- Annalise Maloz
- 10- Jacob Cantrell
- 10- John Hensgens
- 11- Kaden Granger
- 11- Arden Rue
- 11- Lukas Cahanin
- 13- Zachary Mixon
- 13- Jack Miller
- 15- Anna Kirsch
- 17- Marie Thibodeaux
- 18- Riley Shuff
- 19- Nicholas Vondenstein
- 20- Theresa Burleigh
- 20- Evan Dauphine
- 21- Hayden Boudreaux
- 23- Ryleigh Oestrieher
- 24- Tate Guidry
- 25- Boyd Boudreaux
- 25- Maddox Andrepont
- 25- Cate Romero
- 25- Zac Lyons
- 25- Maddox Morgan
- 26- Ava Foreman
- 27- Matthew Mixon
- 30- Tylee Alleman

- 6- Mrs. Diana Ronkartz
- 13- Ms. Brenda Alleman
- 14- Mr. Jacob Tonglet
- 19- Mrs. Donna Frugé
- 25- Ms. Victoria Hebert
- 30- Ms. Angie Bertrand

NOVEMBER

*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.*