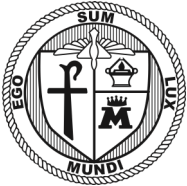




Sister Mary Walter Hickey, RSM  
President



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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT —**

Our hearts go out to the victims and families of the senseless tragedy in Parkland, Florida. This incident gives us pause and reminds us of our responsibility to keep our students safe. We intend to review our plans for a safe environment with our students, faculty and staff. We will be having drills in the next few weeks.

Our faculty, counselors and administrators will continue to work to keep our students safe, answer their questions and provide comfort and support with their questions. We will support their efforts to make change so that they will be safe.

As a school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy we are called to pray, to reflect and to act on the root causes of violence and hate. We have a responsibility to be peace makers and speak out on the power of God's Love and Mercy.

*- Sister Mary Walter Hickey, RSM - President*

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK —**

Now that we're three weeks into the Lenten season (and in the spirit of our recent break from school), I decided to shift gears away from school business this month and focus on Lent.

When I was a kid, Ash Wednesday was one of my least favorite days of the year. To me, it signaled the start of my entire family giving up sweets and having to go to church much more frequently over the next 40+ days. As an adult, I view it more like I see the beginning of the new year. It's a time for reflection and reevaluation of who I am and what I need to do to be the "best version" of myself. (If you are familiar with Matthew Kelly, you know what I'm talking about. If you don't know him, I highly encourage you to look him up online and join his "Best Lent Ever" series).

At Notre Dame HS, we celebrated the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, whereby the students led a moving service as we worshipped together through scripture and music. Aside from the distribution of ashes, one of the most powerful parts of the service was a silent skit whereby Christ triumphed over Satan and his temptations. Through the presentation by the students, it was strikingly evident that the primary character was captive to a multitude of sins. As the skit silently unfolded, it became clear that all the person who was struggling had to do was to have faith. To relieve him of the chains that were binding him, he needed to trust and reach out to Christ. It seems so simple, but it left me thinking about how often do I actually let go of worry and stress and let God take over? When I do ask for help, am I doing my part, not just to help myself but to reach out to others in need?

In the same vein, during Lent, I have often heard Catholics joke, "Whatever you do, don't give up chocolate for Lent!" No, they don't have ties to the confectionery industry; rather, they are suggesting that if you give up something that is a sacrifice but in doing so makes those around you miserable, then it becomes pointless. Taking it a step further, giving up something without actually serving as a benefit to anyone is actually a missed opportunity.

Recently, Mrs. McCaig asked me if I would consider allowing an "out of dress code day" on Friday before our winter break. The money collected would be donated to the Catholic Charities Rice Bowl to help those in need of food. We agreed on a suggested donation of \$5 but that students could give what they felt they could give. On Friday morning, I greeted students happily out of uniform, eager to drop their money in the good will offering bucket for the cause. One girl approached me and said she was going to ask for some money back but had changed her mind. I looked to see her holding a \$20 bill. Clearly, I had plenty of change in the jar I was holding. When I asked if she was sure, she hesitated only for a second, said yes, dropped in her money, and smiled as she walked away. I didn't ask her if that was her allowance money, but I was proud of her. Her friends weren't around. Her parents weren't there. She just wanted to give. As soon as she committed to giving more than she needed, she clearly had no regrets. Instead, she felt good about her decision. That got me to thinking about how much I actually give back to people, with my time, talents and treasure. Yep, there's definitely room for improvement for me in that area as well.

As we move further into this Lenten season I hope you will ponder the words of Matthew Kelly, "**Every moment of every day, every situation, every person we encounter is an opportunity to become a better version of ourselves**". Let's not look at Lent as a time of doom and gloom but as a time to feel God's presence in our hearts and let His light shine brightly through our works. God bless you!

*-Deborah Franklin - Principal*



**SCHOOL CLOSED**

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>

**EASTER MONDAY**  
APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>

**SPRING RECESS**  
April 23 – 27



## 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NEWS —

March roared in like a lion in 2018. Our students started March off with energy as well, on the Chorus/Music trip to Mansfield University for *West Side Story* and by competing in the Third Annual Dumpling Competition.

Applications for scholarships for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will be attending ND for high school are available on the ND website, [www.notredamehighschool.com](http://www.notredamehighschool.com). The due date for all applications is Friday, March 16. Those students applying for the Academic Scholarship must take the Writing Test on Saturday, March 24, at 9:30 am here at ND. I will meet with all of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to explain the scholarships and the application process.

As you may know, high school students in New York State take Regents exams at the end of certain major high school courses to earn credit towards their high school diplomas. Regents exams are often a student's first experience with a one-day high stakes test and nervousness abounds. The best way to prepare for tests like these is to practice and the NYS Tests in English Language Arts and Math are perfect opportunities for our students to gain confidence and get that practice. We are counting on all of our students taking these tests. The English Language Arts test will be held on April 11-12. Besides giving students practice, these tests are very useful in helping us to identify gaps in learning, so that we can help remedy those gaps. This year's tests have been shortened to 2 days each. Like last year, the tests do not have limited time, as long as the student is working productively. The Math tests will be given on May 1-2, during the school day, for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are not taking a Regents (high school) math course. If you have concerns about these tests, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Under the guidance of our DePuy Synthes engineers, STEM Club continues to challenge our students to think about science, engineering, technology and math to solve problems. Our latest ventures are into electronics. We are also currently working on adding a Robotics program for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders for next year.

As Lent proceeds, our junior high students are reaching out to serve. Our work at the community kitchen on the first Wednesday of each month continues. Additionally, we have 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders working hard at Youth Court in both Elmira and Horseheads, and they are volunteering at nursing homes, as Scouts, and in a myriad of other roles. Notre Dame is participating in Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl to feed the hungry globally, as well as to support our own Community Kitchen Ministry.

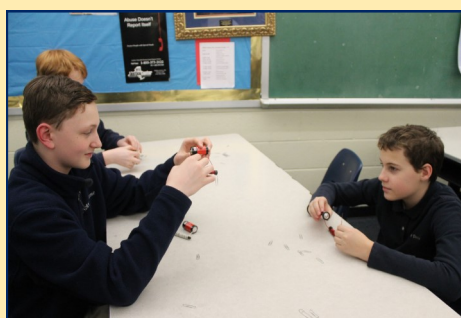
I wish you peace and time during Lent to find God in the ordinary things.

*-Karen Jennings - Director of 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Program*

**WEST SIDE STORY**



**STEM**



**DUMPLING COMPETITION '18**





## Campus Ministry -

For most of my adult life, my Lenten resolution was consistent: "No chocolate for 40 days" in conjunction with "I'll exercise each day"...for 40 days. I wish I could say that my fasting was offered strictly in reparation for my sinfulness but in all honesty, the scales in my bathroom were equally considered.



I am not a cradle Catholic. My parents did not choose my religion. I did! And yet, somehow, I managed to fall into the child-like mentality that giving up something I loved was enough to satisfy my Lenten obligation. In recent years, I have realized how trite my sacrifices have been. I am not knocking the chocolate thing - it is difficult and I frequently failed to honor my promise as the needs of my stomach exceeded the extent of my faith.

What I have learned is that my best personal Lent is not about giving bad things up, but rather creating good changes. What I have decided is that the challenge of changing a behavior is much more beneficial to my soul and my soul is much more important than the numbers on a scale. Mending a broken relationship, speaking only kind words, reclaiming time lost on social media and devoting time to scripture are ways where I am channeling my Lenten energy. I have already failed but I am choosing to be resilient, reminded each day that I am a work in progress!

I hope your Lent is good for your soul. I hope it brings you closer to our Lord. Whether you are giving up chocolate, putting down others or something else, may your offerings be presented to our Lord with sincere and deserving love. He gave us His all, holding nothing back. Even 2000 years later, it's hard to wrap my head around this kind of love. May we all keep Cavalry on our radar, beyond these 40 Days.

*Marie  
Campus Minister*



**SET ME FREE** - On Ash Wednesday, senior members of the Spirit Club presented a powerful skit demonstrating our need to be liberated from the sins that separate us from God. This moving presentation set the tone for our Lenten theme of "Set Me Free". To further support our teens on their Lenten journey, priests will be in school on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with our high school students. Let us all pray for many graces!



## March at a Glance



<b>March 7</b>	Soup Kitchen Gr. 7 & 8
<b>March 9</b>	Conference Day-No School Spring Play 7pm The Haunting of Hill House
<b>March 10</b>	SATs Spring Play 7pm The Haunting of Hill House
<b>March 13</b>	Magazine Drive - Ends
<b>March 14</b>	Junior Retreat Boys Basketball Banquet 6 pm
<b>March 15</b>	<b>FACTS Applications Due</b>
<b>March 14-17</b>	FIRST Robotics Competition at RIT
<b>March 16</b>	Scholarship Application Due
<b>March 16-19</b>	Carnegie Hall - NDHS Choir
<b>March 20</b>	Incoming 7th Grade Scheduling Evening 6:30 pm
<b>March 22-25</b>	Band Trip—Heritage Festival—Boston
<b>March 24</b>	8th Grade Scholarship Essay
<b>March 25</b>	Palm Sunday
<b>March 29</b>	Holy Thursday Living Stations
<b>March 30</b>	Good Friday - No School



## Looking Ahead:

### A Sneak Peak Into April

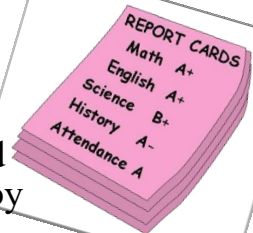


<b>April 1</b>	Easter Sunday
<b>April 2</b>	<b>Easter Monday - No School</b>
<b>April 4</b>	Soup Kitchen Gr. 7 & 8
<b>April 5</b>	Student Showcase Recital 7 pm
<b>April 6-7</b>	NYSSMA Festival
<b>April 7</b>	Math Placement Assessment 9:30 am Incoming 7th Graders
<b>April 11-12</b>	State Test-ELA Gr. 7 & 8

## Progress Report Cards:

It is important you take time to review your son or daughter's progress report that will be issued later this week. You can do this by logging onto School Tool and opening your account. If you need a password reset, please contact the Technology Department.

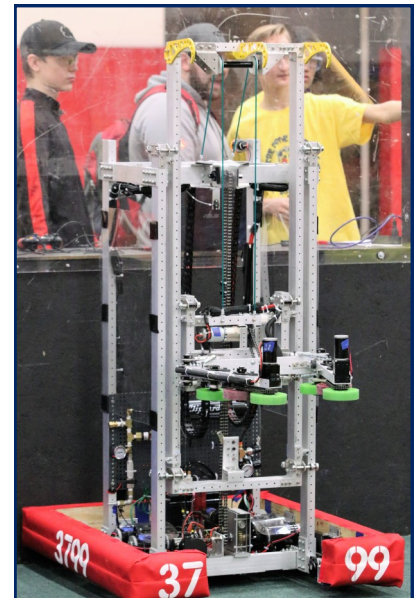
**NEED EXTRA HELP?** Check tutorial schedules click [here](#).



**FIRST Robotics Competition**  
**MARCH 14 - MARCH 17**  
**Rochester Institute Of Technology**



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## Second Marking Period Honor Roll/High Honor Roll Listing -

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors

David Betancourt-Trompa, Ella Chicone, Stephen D'Ortona, Donovan Dougherty, Oliver Fogarty, Isabella Griffin, Isabella Hazelton, Sophia Herrick, Shane Maloney, Shannon Maloney, Kellan Murphy, Jade Nordin, Allison O'Brien, Nora Orruno, Tilly Shepherd, Natalie Susch, Leila Vargas, Saviano Waters, Kathryn Welliver, Jillian Whittaker, Piper Young

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors

Ashton Colunio, Kurt Golden, Aidan Kelly, William MacRonald, Lucy Nanda, Gracie Ringer

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors

William Alley, Tara Backman, Kylee Bakley, Emmalie Barkley, Erin Connolly, Leah DeFilippo, Alisaundre Finnerty, Steven Gough, Erica Macapinlac, Alexandra Meier, Isabella O'Toole, Megan Pratt, Tyler Richards, Amanda Simpson, Derek Simpson, Tyler Simpson, Riley Soehnlein, Owen Stewart, Lindsay Storey, Anna Velasquez, Eshwar Venkataswamy

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors

Ayden Bellamy, Eric Bukowinski, Luca Campanelli, Maximilian Collins, Maura Devlin, Sean Franzese, Caleb Miller, Rhys Raatz, Liam Scarselletta, Rachael Simpson

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors

Gino DeLeone, Madalynn DeMuth, Brandon Hibbard, Emma Leonard, Pratha Purushottam, Alexandra Welliver

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors

Abigail Beames, Elizabeth Buck, Alexandra Cowley, MacKenzie Gillette, Kathryn Gough, Gavin Krusen, Emma Lowman, Virginia Marion, Ireland Munley, Nathan Murray, Elizabeth Mustico

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors

Brooke Benjamin, Katherine Bukowinski, Erik Charnetski, Patrick Finnerty, Lucy Kaffenbarger, Peyton Maloney, Olivia Murray, Tejasvi Rajbabu, Matthew Rilloraza, Caroline Rogers, Caroline Ronsivale, Steven Segal, Brandon Sun, Victor Tsang, Nicholas Viselli, Alyssa Walker, Madeleine Wirth, Evalynn Zick-Dean

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors

Brytney Bonham, Karissa Collins, Ryan Eller, Austin Gleason, Haoyan Gu, Scott Herlan, Shelby Segur, Kiran Sharma, Stephanie Smith, Caitlin Steed, Chloe Stemerman, Samantha Storey, Taylor VanDine, Natalie Witt

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors

Jacqueline Chen, Caleb Colucci, Catherine Craig, Andrew Finnerty, Adrian Haluska, Pauline Macapinlac, Madeleine Meier, Zaine Saeed, Declan Sharma, Harrison Shepherd, Derek Tsang, Emma Westcott, Haozhen Yang

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors

Kevin Bayne, Alyssa Becraft, Daniel Betancourt-Trompa, Emily Bissel, John Booth, Jordyn Fargo, John Gough, Gabiella Guerin, Lindsay McCarthy, Aylish McCloe, Kristen Oplinger, Isaac Scarselletta, Rebecca Shannon, Daniel Stearns, Cassandra Uy, Laurel Vargas, Michael White

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors

Kaitlin Barkley, Macie Barone, Justin Bauco, Matthew D'Ortona, Adeline Dygert, Collin Edger, Caitlin Fitzgerald, Claudia Hatef, Zachary Tavakoli, Camille VanderMeer, Mitchell Vargas

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors

Juliana Bunnell, Jennifer Burns, Jack Chapman, Matthew Connolly, Georgia Cowley, Courtney Crater, Taylor Gray, Gavin Harrington, Elizabeth Hazelton, Oghenedoro Idahosa, James Kaffenbarger, Claire Kubinski, Ethan Leonard, Angelina Liriano, Jillian Perrault, Hannah Prunier, Brooke Rorie, Logan Ruocco, Matthew Smith, Yoseph Tavakoli, Frank Vassallo, Xiaoxue Zhang, Zerong Zhuang, Yuchen Zou

**Congratulations to all and keep up the good work!**

**FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT—****Junior Parents College Information Night**

A college information night will be held on **Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-7:30 pm** in the Notre Dame Library. Parents should expect to hear information on the following topics: the college search process, the college application process, SAT/ACT exams, and an introduction to financial aid.

**Scheduling**

Mrs. Barron and Ms. Tighe will be going into classes for students in all grade levels 7-11 to discuss next year's courses and taking initial requests from students. Students will have individual meetings with their counselor in the coming months to solidify these requests. At these meetings, students will receive a copy of their course requests, which they must return to the guidance office with a parental signature before anything is entered into the system.

**Senior Scholarships**

Seniors are encouraged to log onto their [Naviance](http://naviance.com) accounts and view the scholarship list, as we are still receiving information regarding local scholarship opportunities. Students can log in using the following link: [naviance.com/ndcrusaders](http://naviance.com/ndcrusaders). Students should use their ND email address as the username connection.

**Junior High Scheduling Night**

There will be an Incoming Junior High Scheduling Evening on **Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** for new Jr. High students and their parents.

**SENIORS!!!**

Seniors need to inform the Guidance Office of their college acceptances and any and all awards that they receive from all colleges and scholarships they hear from. Please submit a copy of your award letter to Tina Shannon in the Guidance Office. Copies may be scanned and emailed to: [shannont@notredamehighschool.com](mailto:shannont@notredamehighschool.com). We are proud to list the many awards the seniors receive in the NDHS Graduation Program.

*The Notre Dame Guidance Department operates on a Open Door Policy, stop by anytime with any questions or concerns.*

**The Notre Dame Great American Sale  
has something for everyone!**

The Notre Dame Great American Sale has something for everyone. Students, Parents, Guardians, Family and Friends are invited to access the sale catalog via this link: <https://ndspring2018.weebly.com/>.

Student participation is essential for this sale to be a success! ND students are eligible to dress out of uniform once they sell \$125 each or \$200 per family and can be out of uniform for the remainder of the sale. Families that prefer the "buy-out" option can simply send in their payment and the out of uniform benefit is available to their student(s). Students that have sold their quota or have chosen to buy-out will be given a wristband that indicates their eligibility to dress out of uniform. *If they are not wearing a wristband they may not be out of uniform.* Please remember, when students are out of uniform sweat pants and jeans/pants with holes, rips or tears are not permitted.

The Notre Dame Great American Sale supports the everyday operations of our school, and we encourage every family to participate.

**Thank you for your support!**

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FRIDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>**



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## **Questions?**

Please contact Pat Demuth in the Main Office at (607) 734-2267

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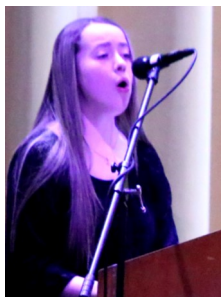
## Music Department Notes

- ♦ **March 13** - Master Class with Daniel Bates, Opera Singer
- ♦ **March 16 – 19** Notre Dame Chorus @ Carnegie Hall with National Youth Choir (an honor choir)
- ♦ **March 22 – March 25** - Heritage Festival, Boston, MA . *If students have not turned in their medical form or permission slip, they are not getting on the bus.*
- ♦ **April 5** @ 7pm - Student Showcase Featuring ND Soloists & Small Ensembles
- ♦ **April 6 - 7** - NYSSMA Solo Festival at Corning Painted Post High School. Students are busy getting ready for the NYSSMA Solo Festival. Students are working to learn a solo on their instruments, as well as to improve their sight reading skills. If you have a student going to NYSSMA, remind them to practice!
- ♦ **April 12:** Thursday Morning Musicales Scholarship Competition
- ♦ **May 30 @ 7pm** - Spring Concert The concert will feature both junior and senior high performing ensembles. It will be held in the NDHS Auditorium.

## Carnegie Hall & Heritage Festival - Boston

March, which is Music in our Schools month, is an exciting time for the Music Department at Notre Dame. The month was kicked off with a performance for sixth grade students visiting Notre Dame from Holy Family Elementary, St. Mary Our Mother School, Namaste Montessori in Ithaca, and also a few sixth grade visitors from area schools. The performance was energetic and engaging and a true expression of our music students' passion! As the performance unfolded, our young nervous visitors could not resist the enthusiasm of our talented Notre Dame musicians and became full participants in our performance. At the end of the same week, our choir students enjoyed taking a trip to see West Side Story at Mansfield University. Not only did the students enjoy the production, they had a wonderful opportunity to take a sneak peek back stage and meet many of the college students involved in the production of this award winning musical.

Over St. Patrick's Day Weekend our Notre Dame choir will be headed to **Carnegie Hall** to perform with the **National Youth Choir**. This year, the National Youth Choir will be under the direction of Dr. Anton Armstrong, world-renowned conductor of the St. Olaf Choir. This will be the choir's second year performing with this amazing choir. In 2016, the Notre Dame Choir had earned a qualifying score at the Washington Heritage Festival. Choirs with qualifying scores are invited for the next three consecutive years to perform with the National Youth Choir (an honor choir) at Carnegie Hall. ND Chorus Director, Krista Easton, is helping students to prepare the challenging repertoire from a range of eras and styles. To master the music, our Notre Dame Vocal Students are spending plenty of time practicing at school and at home. Upon arriving in NYC our ND students will rehearse with the National Youth Choir comprised of choral students from many schools and ultimately perform at Carnegie Hall on Sunday afternoon, March 18<sup>th</sup>.



Georgia Cowley

Chorus member Georgia Cowley, a Senior at Notre Dame stated, "It is an amazing opportunity to be able to sing at Carnegie Hall for a second time! It is an experience like no other, and Carnegie Hall itself is truly breathtaking. I am blessed and incredibly lucky to have been able to sing on such a famous stage. As a young musician that will be studying music in college, it is amazing to have the bragging rights to say that I have sung on the Carnegie Hall stage not once but twice! Our choir family would not be where we are today without the help of Mrs. Easton, for whom I am truly grateful!"

At the end of March the Notre Dame band will be heading off to participate in the **Heritage Festival in Boston, Massachusetts**. The Heritage Festivals are adjudicated festivals, where the ensembles perform for a panel of renowned conductors, teachers, and professors and receive feedback and scores. Additionally, some time is also spent over the weekend giving the students the chance to do some sightseeing. Last year the band travelled to Nashville, Tennessee, to participate in the Heritage Festival and also had the opportunity to visit the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville Zoo, RCA Studio B where they recorded a few pieces of music, and also visited the Parthenon in Centennial Park, Nashville, Tennessee (a full-scale replica of the original Parthenon in Athens). Matt Connolly shared, "Heritage Festivals have definitely been one of the most enjoyable things about my time at Notre Dame. Not only do I get to enjoy and experience different things with my friends, but, I am also able to better myself as a musician."



Matt Connolly



## Music (con't) -

### Master Class with Daniel Bates

We are excited to welcome opera singer Daniel Bates to Notre Dame in just a couple of weeks! Native of Elmira, Mr. Bates studied at the San Francisco Conservatory and now travels the country performing with Florida Grand Opera and Opera Saratoga companies. He is in town preparing for a local performance, "Viva Italia! Italian Opera Highlights" with fellow opera singer, Elena Galvan, on March 18th at 3:00pm at the Park Church in Elmira. You can learn more about Daniel Bates at [www.danielbatestenor.com](http://www.danielbatestenor.com).



Mr. Bates will be visiting our high school choir students on **Tuesday, March 13th**, to give a presentation and lecture about his life as a performer, his development as a singer, and advice for young singers. A lucky handful of students will have the opportunity to be coached in a vocal Master Class for two hours after school by this resident expert. These students are preparing challenging vocal solos for the upcoming NYSSMA Solo Festival and music scholarship contests. Master classes are usually given at the college level and above, and are a chance for advanced students to receive expert advice from a distinguished master in their field. In a master class, all the students observe and listen as the master works with one student at a time. Given in a private setting, a handful of Notre Dame students will perform their pieces, receive live feedback and demonstration from Mr. Bates, and perform again while applying these techniques. In the classical performance world, master classes are considered to be one of the most essential elements in developing a young musician's technique, and one of the best ways to prepare for competition or performance. We are honored to give our students this opportunity.

## Kudos To -

### Notre Dame High School's Class of 2018 Valedictorian and Salutatorian



**Left: Justin Bauco (Valedictorian) &  
Right: Caudia Hatef (Salutatorian)**

**Congratulations!  
What an incredible achievement!**

## As Featured in the Maryleaf -

*Reported by Harry Shepherd*

### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



#### Erin Connolly (Grade 8)

Erin always goes the extra mile to ensure that she succeeds. She also brightens both the classroom and her friends' lives.

Way to go, Erin!



#### Gino DeLeone (Grade 9)

Gino is known for his kindness and helpfulness, in addition to his excellent work ethic. He is also a great example for everyone around him.

Great job, Gino!

## HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD

On Thursday, February 8th, several Notre Dame Seniors from area parishes were recognized with the Hands of Christ Award by the Most Reverend Bishop Salvatore Matano. To receive the Hands of Christ Award, you must be a high school senior, demonstrate a Christian attitude, attend Mass and be active in your parish.



Pictured Left to Right:  
**Matthew Connolly, Camille VanderMeer, Chis Rocchi, Mitchell Vargas,  
 Most Rev. Salvatore Matano, Claire Kubinski, Kaitlin Barkley, Juliana Bunnell**



### **Sophomore Retreat at Tanglewood A Time for Reflection and Friendship**

On a beautiful Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, our campus minister Mrs. McCaig took the sophomores to Tanglewood for retreat. Along with faculty helpers, Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. Stanley, and Mrs. Jennings, our students participated in prayer, discussion, tours of the Nature Center, and outdoor time in the snow. Mrs. Macapinlac organized the chili lunch with all the trimmings, donated by generous parent chefs. Serious conversations occurred, revealing the students' vulnerable hearts and caring natures to each other. Our American sophomores generously introduced their Chinese classmates to the joys of sledding, with much laughter, shouting, and hot chocolate after-treats. Tanglewood provided a lovely place to "retreat" away from school and to strengthen the bonds among the Class of 2020.

Freshmen **Madalynn Demuth, Ireland Munley, Tiara Rodzai, and Amaya Myers** responded to **Mrs. Sharon Birdsall's** request to help out at an evening of pampering for teen mothers at the Southside Alliance Church on January 9. Our girls offered manicures and make-overs along with friendship and camaraderie to the young moms. Mrs. Birdsall is a dedicated Social Ministry volunteer in Chemung County and she was thrilled with the generosity, kindness, and compassion shown by our girls that evening. After the event our girls showed that the positive spirit went in both directions and asked to be included in similar future events. Later on Mrs. Birdsall brought our girls roses to acknowledge their giving spirits. Catherine McAuley would be proud to see our ND girls living out the Mercy charisms.



**Mrs. Birdsall's Angels::** Tiara Rodzai, Amaya Myers, Mrs. Birdsall, Madalynn DeMuth, Ireland Munley



## CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS '18





## ALUMNI HAPPENINGS —

## ALUMNI NEWS

### *“Share ~ Connect ~ Celebrate”*

We are proud of our alumni and we love to hear what you are up to! If you graduate, get married, change jobs or locations, welcome a new member of the family, or have other news you'd like to share, please let us know!

You can share your news by emailing Tracy Brunton at:

[bruntontracy@notredamehighschool.com](mailto:bruntontracy@notredamehighschool.com)



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If your child is home sick, please call the main office and leave a message indicating your student will be out for the day.

Thank you.



### JOEL STEPHENS MEMORIAL PARK

There are cobblestone blocks available to purchase in the beautiful Joel Stephens Memorial Park. Blocks are \$500 each, which includes the inscription of your choice. A wonderful way to honor or memorialize a loved one.