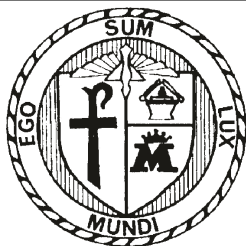




Sister Mary Walter Hickey, RSM
President Emerita

Happy Holidays!



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GOLDEN MASS
Friday, Dec. 20th 1:30 pm



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT EMERITA -

Advent, a Time of Quiet Celebration, Reflection and Hope

Although we have just celebrated Thanksgiving, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Stores are filled with Christmas greenery, holiday merchandise and sale signs. The headlong rush to Christmas Eve leaves many feeling stressed and uptight. And there is another down side as well. The emphasis on the trimmings of Christmas overlooks a beautiful period of the Church calendar – Advent.

The word Advent means “coming” or “arrival”. The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Christ the King in His Second Advent.

Advent is a time for peaceful longing and joyful anticipation – a perfect antidote to the sometimes overwhelming hustle and bustle of holiday preparations. We all need to take time for periods of quiet, reflection and prayer during this special time.

Our quiet hope should give us time to develop peacemaking ideas in our world so torn by war, violence, hate and poverty. Our hope should not be blind optimism, arrogant certainty, or wishful thinking. Rather, our hope should be based on our knowledge that God will not desert us, that we will endure difficult times to see better days. God's love can give us strength to seek peace and demand justice.

So, as we prepare for the Feast of Christmas, let us renew our faith, reflect on God's great love and rejoice in the time when God became human. He became like us to show love and teach us how to be Gospel people – a people of hope, peace and reconciliation.

During this time of Advent, our school community will pray in hope and act for peace. As Gospel people, we will take care of the needs of many families in the Elmira area who need support on Christmas. We will fill our hearts with love and fill baskets with goods to help families enjoy the holiday.

Please join us for the traditional Golden Mass at 1:30 pm on Friday, December 20, 2019.

Blessings during this sacred season of Advent,

Sister Mary Walter Hickey, RSM-President Emerita



FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF SCHOOL -

Dear Fellow Crusaders:

Some people still think I am a little crazy for leaving the warmth of Texas for the chills of New York. This Thanksgiving, I made my way back to Texas after having spent the holiday for the past two years in Elmira. As I was sporting shorts and a t-shirt, I couldn't help but think back to last year when I had run in the Turkey Day 5K with the temperature hovering at twelve degrees.

This year, with reports of incoming bad weather, I decided to cut my trip a little short and returned a day before the snow began to fall. My angst regarding the weather increased as my flight to Detroit was delayed by an hour, thereby cutting into my time to catch my connecting flight...the last one of the night to Elmira. Looking like a contestant on "The Amazing Race", I made my flight. The following night, I went to my car only to discover all four of my doors were frozen shut. The day after that, on the school's "Snow Day", there were some obstacles to overcome to get the school parking lot and driveways plowed. The weather definitely was not on my side.

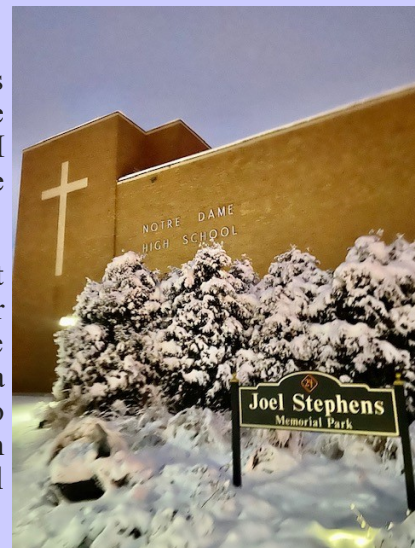
As I left a nearly empty school, I stopped in my tracks as I was about to make my way to my car. The snow contrasted with the darkening sky to create a brilliant palette of white and blue. The snow also muffled the typical surrounding sounds, making it incredibly quiet. Rather than walk straight to my car, I took a few minutes to snap some pictures and then drove over to the Joel Stephens Park to reflect.

As you make your way through the month of December, I challenge you to adjust your mindset to witness the beauty of the season. Instead of seeing long lines, may you see Christ's light. Replace time spent trying to find that perfect gift with time spent with others. Trade selfies for shared experiences, your expectations into discovering the unexpected.

I wish you all a spiritual journey as we prepare for CHRISTmas. I invite our alumni and friends of Notre Dame to join us as we celebrate our very special tradition of the Golden Mass on Friday, December 20, at 1:30 pm. If you are available, we would love to catch up and visit with you at our Alumni and Friends of ND reception in the Notre Dame Gymnasium at 12:15 pm.

May God continue to bless you and your family.

-Deborah Franklin, Head of School



Grades 7 & 8 -

As we approach the New Year with hope for days getting longer once again, I take some time to reflect on my gifts. This year I am so grateful for the gift and privilege of working in and being part of a school community sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy. The teachings and concerns of Catherine McAuley, the founder of the Sisters of Mercy, infuse all that we do here. In the spirit of Mercy, we are taking care of those less fortunate through our Crusader Christmas project, preparing baskets for many families. Check in with your student to see what food item they have been assigned to bring in and what they are planning as gifts for their family.

The junior high thanks all, and there are too many to mention, who helped to make our Snowflake Party/Ball so much fun. We especially thank the Parish of the Holy Name of Jesus for sharing the venue with us.

As is the Notre Dame tradition, our Advent Season will culminate in the traditional Golden Mass, on Friday, December 21, at 1:30, in the auditorium. The Golden Mass is a breathtaking way to pray for all of our families and start the Christmas Season centered in Jesus' mercy. You are all invited to join us in this blessed way to begin our Christmas celebration.

It might seem a little early, but midterms are really right around the corner in January. An exam schedule will be sent out as soon as it is finalized. In 7th and 8th grade, we feel that learning how to prepare for and take exams is a part of our curriculum, just like learning how to write essays and to solve word problems. January Midterm exams include the material covered since school started in September. Our teachers will be helping students to organize their binders and giving students active review projects that teach study techniques. We hope that you will support your students by encouraging test preparation spread over the weeks before midterms.

Need some stocking stuffer ideas? Good pens, mechanical pencils, and a calculator, if your student doesn't have one, would all fit in the "necessary if not fun" category.

The Junior High faculty wishes all of our families a joyful Christmas and 2020 full of God's blessings.

Karen Jennings, Director Gr. 7 & 8
Guidance Counselor Grades 7, 8, & 9

--Campus Ministry

It's impossible for my 8th grade students to imagine being 62 years old! It is not, however, impossible for me to remember being 13. All I wanted for Christmas was a bicycle. In fact, that's all each of my four siblings wanted. But our chances of getting new bicycles were very slim, for my father was a dairy farmer; a man who worked very hard for a small paycheck. Yet, we still dreamed of shiny bicycles and imagined what it would be like to stir up the dust as we raced on the dirt roads. We had opened our gifts and all pretended to be happy with our modest intakes. But as my mother disappeared to prepare our breakfast, her five children could be heard exchanging remarks like, "I knew we wouldn't get them" and "It's not fair that everybody except us has a bike". Our breakfast was unusually quiet, with the sting of disappointment lingering in the Christmas air. A short time later my father secretly summoned us to the living room and shared that he needed our help to surprise my mother. A much needed vacuum cleaner was hidden in the attic and he wanted us to help present it to her. He climbed the ladder into the attic and we waited eagerly for him to hand the big box to us. The Christmas miracle that happened next produced a memory and an emotion that has proven to be indelible. One shiny, new bicycle, followed by another, and another, and even 2 more, were passed from my father's hands to our trembling hands. We screamed and we screeched. We laughed and we cried. We understood the great gifts we had received but it wasn't until I was much, much older that I understood the great sacrifice that a poor farmer and his wife made to show their five children what love looks like. As we prepare to gather food and money to share with the Crusader Christmas Program families, may our entire Notre Dame family give generously and love deeply. May the joy that we provide through our sacrifices be as indelible as the joy of a 13-year old girl with her shiny, green Huffy bicycle. 😊

In the peace and joy of the Infant Christ,
 Marie McCaig, Campus Minister

P.S. I miss you, Dad.



December at a Glance

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| Dec 13 | Beijing Garden Field Trip - Mandarin II |
| Dec 14 | ACT |
| Dec 17 | Christmas Concert 7 pm |
| Dec 19 | Christmas Sweater/Holiday Wear Crusader Christmas Fundraiser |
| Dec 20 | Caroling @ Woodbrook 10:30 am Concert Choir |
| Dec 20 | Golden Mass @ 1:30 pm Charles & Mary Crossed Auditorium |
| Dec 23-Jan 3 | Christmas Recess |



A Sneak Peek into January

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| Jan 6 | School Resumes |
| Jan 16-24 | Mid-term Exams |
| Jan 20 | Martin Luther King Jr Day No School |
| Jan 24 | March For Life - Washington, D.C. |
| Jan 25 | Snowball |
| Jan 26 - Feb 2 | Catholic Schools Week |
| Jan 28 | Open House @ 6:30 pm |

FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT—

College Application Bulletin for Seniors

The college applications are starting to pour into the Guidance Office and we want our Senior Parents to be aware of the deadline in place for application submission: **If your student wants his/her college transcripts to be sent out before Christmas break, the requests must be turned in to the Guidance Office by Friday, December 13th.** This is especially important for any school which has a January 1, 2020 or January 15, 2020 application deadline. *Families need to pay close attention to deadlines for applications, scholarships, and financial aid.* **For the transcript request form click [here](#).**

The list of college acceptances is already growing and the Guidance Office has begun posting our students' names with their acceptances on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Seniors should remember to bring acceptance letters and scholarship award letters to the Guidance Office as they receive them. Letters can also be scanned and emailed to Mrs. Barron.

Scholarship opportunities have recently begun trickling into the guidance office, and will continue coming in the next couple of months. ***We will be posting all scholarships received in our office in Naviance/Family Connection.*** *Students can access Naviance at the following link: <http://connection.naviance.com/ndcrusaders>. The login for the Naviance/Family Connection is your student ND email address. Mrs. Barron recently went into senior classes and showed students how to access this list and also reviewed how to broaden their scholarship search.*

Financial Aid

Reminder to all Senior Families: the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available for submission. The Guidance Office is encouraging all families to submit this as soon as possible. Completing your FAFSA is important as it determines if your senior is eligible for grants, loans, scholarships, and work study opportunities. If you have not yet submitted your FAFSA, make a plan to submit the application before your school's priority deadlines. You can complete the FAFSA application by clicking here: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>.

Graduation

Mrs. Shannon is already thinking about graduation preparations for the Class of 2020. Seniors are encouraged to bring copies of any scholarship awards (even if it is not the college they will be attending) or email them to shannont@notredamehighschool.com with "scholarship award" in the **subject line** for inclusion in the graduation program.

OTHER NEWS FROM GUIDANCE

Testing Results

The results from the October 2019 testing day will be arriving in the Guidance Office and the Guidance Staff will review them with students upon their arrival. Mrs. Barron has already reviewed Pre-ACT result with Sophomores on November 25th, 2019. Sophomores have their score reports, along with an interpretation booklet to share with their parents. Juniors will be reviewing their PSAT results with Mrs. Barron as soon as they become available and Freshmen will go over their PSAT - 8/9 results with Mrs. Jennings when they become available as well. These tests are included in the Guidance Curriculum because they are great preparation for the ACT and SAT, which are college entrance exams that we encourage our Juniors to take in the Spring. The results from our testing day provide valuable information to students, including improvement ideas in different skill areas and predicted ACT/SAT scores. After the classroom guidance sessions with students, students are instructed to share the results at home with their parents. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Barron in the Guidance Office.

ACT Exams

Please note: Notre Dame **will not** be an ACT Testing Center for December 2019. There were not enough registrations for the NDHS location to merit it being open for ACT. The test will still be given, but at other area locations. If you registered to take the December ACT, please check your account for location updates. NDHS is still slated to be an ACT testing site for February of 2020, provided that the number of registrations meet the expectations of ACT. **All area students are highly encouraged to take the ACT exam at NDHS. If numbers continue to shrink as they have, we will no longer be a designated ACT testing site.**

Notre Dame High School First Semester Honor Roll

12th High Honor

Brooke Benjamin, Katherine Bukowski, Erik Charneski, Zachary Donovan, Ryan Eller, Patrick Finnerty, Scott Herlan, Lucy Kaffenbarger, Peyton Maloney, Olivia Murray, Tejasvi Rajbabu, Matthew Rilloraza, Caroline Rogers, Caroline Ronsivalle, Stephanie Smith, Caitlin Steed, Brandon Sun, Victor Tsang, Nicholas Viselli, Alyssa Walker, Evalynn Zick-Dean

12th Honor

Colin Erickson, Yuxi Liu, Patrick O'Toole, Deayza-Marie Peebles, Emma Qualey, Shelby Segur, Kiran Sharma, Colin Tolbert, Taylor VanDine, Benjamin Webster, Madeleine Wirth

11th High Honor

Noah Becker, Elizabeth Buck, Gino DeLeone, Yuboyi Dong, Kathryn Gough, Alexandra Jenkins, Gavin Krusen, Virginia Marion, Nathan Murray, Elizabeth Mustico, Pratha Purushottam, Jeremy Qin

11th Honor

Abigail Beames, Alexandra Cowley, Madalynn DeMuth, Linting Deng, Campbell Dougherty, MacKenzie Gillette, Anna Hochberg, Yutong Lian, Amaya Myers, Renata Russo, Sean Townsend, Madison Watts, Alexandra Welliver

10th High Honor

William Alley, Tara Backman, Emmalie Barkley, Alexia Blitz, Erin Connolly, Maura Devlin, Alisaundre Finnerty, Steven Gough, Erica Macapinlac, Isabella O'Toole, Tyler Richards, Amanda Simpson, Derek Simpson, Rachael Simpson, Tyler Simpson, Riley Soehnlein, Rachel Tsang, Anna Velasquez, Caroline Viselli

10th Honor

Kylee Bakley, Ayden Bellamy, Luca Campanelli, Leah DeFilippo, Sean Franzese, Alexandra Meier, Caleb Miller, Megan Pratt, Owen Stewart

9th High Honor

Ella Chicone, Violet Daly, Donovan Dougherty, Stephen D'Ortona, Oliver Fogarty, Kurt Golden, Isabella Griffin, Isabella Hazelton, Aidan Kelly, Shane Maloney, Shannon Maloney, Ana Mordvinova, Kellan Murphy, Jade Nordin, Allison O'Brien, Natalie Susch, Leila Vargas, Kathryn Welliver, Piper Young

9th Honor

Zharia Ashley, Sophia Herrick, Ava Mustico, Lucy Nanda, Kyle Stephenson, Jack Vakiener, Saviano Waters, Jillian Whittaker

8th High Honor

Divye Agrawal, Isabel Beames, Garrin Dougherty, Madison Fargo, Kevin Green, Grey Haluska, Abigail Hart, Neha Louisnathan, Noemi Marrero, Allyson Marion, Genevieve Motanarella, Simeon Scarselletta, William Schweizer, Mallory Sheehan, Sean Stephenson

8th Honor

Alexis Becker, Nicholas Bowes, Vincent Campanelli, Olivia Haluska, Cameron Neidrich, Ariyanna White

7th High Honor

Kylie Agan, Alexis Collins, Madelyn Crossley, Jack Firestine, Melanie Griffin, Makenna Keough, Sara Looney, Margaret Moore, Riley Murray, Gabriel Patterson, William Preheim, Luke Richards, Natalie Risley

7th Honor

Jessica Als, Raionna Brewer, Molly O'Connell, Regis Farren, Patrick McCarthy, Jackson Potter, Charles Preheim, Joseph Tremblay

ELMIRA DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

Peyton Maloney'20



I have always had a passion for being an active member in my community. Although my hometown may be small, I take pride in its name. That is why every week for the past several years, during the spring and summer season, you could find me at our local farmers' market. Beginning at the age of fifteen, I volunteered at the children's activity booths and assisted the underprivileged youth of Elmira in creating arts and crafts. In the following year, I became a volunteer coordinator for the booth and managed the workers' assignments and activities. Finally, this past year, I graduated to the position of intern for Elmira Downtown Development, the organization that founded and assembles the market each week. Through my diligent work and dedication to the project, I earned this upgrade to a self-created position. I work side by side with the Executive Director of the nonprofit and learn the tricks and trades of the community advisors. Largely targeted towards my goal to study and work in the business industry, my internship includes managing the Downtown Business Improvement District. We provide this business area with the resources to develop a strong marketing campaign, increase public awareness of downtown Elmira, and create beautification projects in partnerships with the city of Elmira. I also work closely with the business community, economic development partners, service organizations, city staff, city schools, and the arts community to make Elmira a better place to live, work and play. Much of my work is displayed in our social media outlets where I strive to capture the attention of the public as well as get the community engaged.

The one-on-one experience I have gained from my community involvement has granted me a wealth of opportunities. I have found my passion for volunteerism. My participation in not only this internship, but in my countless philanthropic groups have led me to become a more diverse, knowledgeable, and humbled young woman. I plan to continue my passion in the years to come, wherever my future may take me.

Welcome



Sandra Williams

Notre Dame High School is pleased to welcome Sandra Williams back to Notre Dame's Science Department. Mrs. Williams is teaching on a part-time basis, instructing classes for College Physics 2, College Physics 1, and Regents Physics. Mrs. Williams received her Bachelor's Degree in Physics with a minor in Mathematics from Drew University and spent two summers at other institutions performing research funded by the National Science Foundation. She then entered the Physics PhD program at SUNY Stony Brook on a full fellowship sponsored by the US Department of Energy.

After two years in the program, she earned her Master's Degree in Experimental Laser and Atomic Physics from SUNY Stony Brook with published research in her field, but found her true love for teaching while mentoring high school laser lab research interns at SUNY Stony Brook. She became NYS permanently certified in both Physics and

Mathematics and taught at West Hempstead Public High School on Long Island, where she was granted tenure before moving to this area for her husband's career as a PhD physicist in 1999. She previously taught physics at Notre Dame High School from 2011-2017, serving as science department chairperson from 2015-17. Her teaching has been recognized through her selection to Who's Who Among America's High School Teachers as well as the WETM Teacher of the Week program.

Mrs. Williams is the proud mother of 2 children, her son, a sophomore Physics major at Cornell, and her daughter, a freshman at CCC pursuing a career as an artist. She and her daughter are both cancer survivors and proud supporters of various organizations that support those battling childhood cancer. She and her husband of 27 years enjoy building and collecting physics toys.

Mrs. Williams is returning to Notre Dame part-time this year and thus is usually only in the building during the morning hours. She can be available for extra help by appointment and will schedule additional extra help near unit tests and large assignments.

Please join us in offering Mrs. Williams a warm welcome.

Notre Dame's Fall Musical *Tuck Everlasting*





Notre Dame Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00pm

Charles & Mary Crossed Auditorium NDHS

Ensembles performing: Junior Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Junior High Chorus, Concert Choir and Select Choir

The concert is free and open to all.



Todd Thomas
Music Scholarship
Holiday Concert

Emma Vakiener'19, our 2019 Todd Thomas Music Scholarship winner will be appearing with Todd **on December 27, 2019, at 7pm at Park Church in Elmira**. Currently a freshman at Ithaca College, Emma will play trumpet and sing at the concert. Don't miss it!!!



Join us in celebrating the time honored tradition of

The Golden Mass

Reception with light hors d'oeuvres and drinks in the
Notre Dame Gymnasium
12:15-1:15

Golden Mass in the Charles and Mary Crossed Auditorium
1:30-2:30

Celebrate with Us

December 20, 2019



The holiday season is upon us in full force! As you prepare and budget for your holiday shopping, please keep in mind the Notre Dame SCRIP Program . [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and enroll.



You may place an order by:

- Stopping into the Advancement Office
- Via Presto Pay with your "Shop With Scrip" account

For the Notre Dame order form click [here](#).

For a full list of available merchants through "ShopWith Scrip", click [here](#).

ENJOY CONVENIENT PICK UP

The ND Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 17, 1-HOUR before the 7 PM show near the Auditorium.

Golden Mass on Friday, December 20, BEFORE the 1:30 PM start time AND after Mass until 3 PM in the Advancement office.

ALUMNI NEWS -**CLASS OF 1999-20th Reunion****CLASS OF 1969-50th Reunion****CLASS OF 1954-65th Reunion**

It was wonderful having so many alumni visit us this summer and fall! We hope you enjoyed your visit! As you may have noticed, we are working diligently to keep our alumni “in the loop” with the ongoing events at Notre Dame. We encourage you to take full advantage of the various programs and events including:

- Social Events
- Faculty and Staff Presentations
- Sporting Events
- Theatre & Musical Productions
- Reunions

If you have suggestions for alumni events in your area or ideas for improving communication, please contact Katie Lilley'97 in the Advancement Office at: lilleyk@notredamehighschool or call 734-2267. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or on all three to see what our student body is up to!

We can't wait to hear where your education has taken you and hope to see you around ND!.

7th ANNUAL NOTRE DAME TURKEY DAY 5K

Our 7th Annual Turkey Day 5K is in the books! There was a great turn out for TD5K despite the less than favorable weather conditions. We are so grateful to everyone that came out on Thanksgiving Day for the race! We are thankful for our TD5K runners, walkers, associates, sponsors, volunteers and donors who came together to make our Turkey Day 5K a success. All in all, we had 500 people register for the race. We are fortunate to have the support of so many.

A special thank you to our race directors, Karen Charnetski and Steve Eller, for their dedication and commitment to Turkey Day 5K. We deeply appreciate all that they have done to make the race a success! We have been very lucky to have had their leadership for the event over the past couple of years. Pictures from the event are posted on the ND Facebook page. Mark your calendars for next year: **Thursday, November 26, 2020**



Results can be viewed at <https://auyertiming.com>

Seeking Photos

Have photos from Notre Dame events? Share them with us to see them featured in the weekly updates, Crusader Connection or on the Notre Dame Facebook page. Photos can be emailed to: barkleym@notredamehighschool.com.

Thank you in advance!

Be sure to like the official Notre Dame High School Facebook page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Notre-Dame-High-School-Elmira-NY/121008778058599>



Like us on Facebook & Follow us on Twitter!



A Few Announcements from Notre Dame....

PHONE MESSAGES: Please be aware that our main office staff is readily available and happy to assist students and parents in communicating with one another in emergency situations. However, we hope you will do your best to limit calls so as not to interrupt instructional time. We do realize and understand that, at times, a last minute call may be unavoidable.

Please contact the Main Office if your student is out ill. Thank you for your support and understanding.

WINTER SCHOOL CLOSING INFO

Now that winter is here, please be aware of Notre Dame's school closing policy. ND follows the Elmira City District for weather related closings and delays. Check these announcements on our local television and radio stations, including stations in Pennsylvania, or call the Elmira City School District weather line at 735-3970.

KUDOS TO -

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Senior High

Reported by Deayza Peebles

Junior High

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Our senior high Student of the Month is **Erik Charnetski** (Grade 12)! Erik is a positive, enthusiastic role model who consistently volunteers to participate, lead, and encourage others to join, no matter what is being asked of him. We see this kind of leadership across the board: on the field, on the stage, in the classroom, in the halls. He helps to bring out the best in others by

bringing out the best in himself. Keep up the great work, Erik!



This month's junior high Student of the Month is **Sean Stephenson** (Grade 8)! Sean is polite, cooperative, attentive, and a pleasure to have around. He never fails to say "good morning" or "hello" when you see him in the hall. Sean is a hard-working student who is very respectful towards not just teachers but all of his classmates as well. Way to go, Sean!



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Nick Viselli (Grade 12) - Nick never misses an opportunity to point out what we should all be grateful for. Whether he is in class, in the halls, or in study hall, he always challenges those around him to be grateful for what they have, find joy in the present moment, and appreciate how much they've grown in their shared time at Notre Dame. He is an exemplary role model and a shining light on a daily basis. We are blessed to have people like him in our lives. It is great to have you back roaming through the halls, Nick!



Gabe Patterson (Grade 7) - In many of his classes, Gabe has consistently demonstrated attentiveness, respect toward peers and adults, and hard work. Gabe is a regular class participant and the quality of his work and behavior serve as fine examples for other students. Great work, Gabe!



Students of the Month are nominated by and selected by vote of the Notre Dame staff.

Eight Man Football

The Notre Dame Football Team wrapped up their season with a record of 5-2, and once again advanced to the playoffs. The Crusaders showed steady progress throughout the season giving it their all right to the very end. The team was selected for the **Richard Colegrove Sportsmanship Award by the New York State Association of Certified Football Officials**. This is a great honor which encompasses schools in a fifty mile radius. No football team has won it as many times as Notre Dame's football program has, winning it three times in the last six years. The team has some quality players returning next season but certainly will miss the service, commitment, and leadership of this years' seniors, they are Erik Charnetski, Stephen Schmidt, Isaiah McKay, Ryan Eller, and Adam Ward. We all say thank you and wish them the best in all of their future endeavors.



All Divisional Section IV Eight Man First Team Football



Mark Tota, Erik Charnetski, Isaiah McKay, Stephen Schmidt, Ryan Eller, Luke Vieira

2019 Richard Colegrove Sportsmanship Award by NYSACFO



GIRLS VARSITY SWIMMING

Although small, we are mighty! Congratulations to the team on a fantastic season with the girls showing steady improvement over the course of the season. Additionally, the team earned the Scholar Athlete Team recognition by NYSPHSAA. We wish graduating senior Caroline Rogers all the best and will miss her leadership on the team!



Caroline Rogers



MacKenzie Gillette



Allie O'Brien



Violet Daly

Section IV Class C Awards

ND 5th place of 10 teams

Section IV Class C Champions

Caroline Rogers 200 IM, 100 Butterfly

Section IV Class C Finalists:

Kenzie Gillette 100 Fly-4th, 100 Breast-6th
Allie O'Brien 100 Back-2nd, 100 Free-2nd
Erica Parks 500 Free-10th, 100 Back-11th
Caroline Rogers 200 IM-1st, 100 Butterfly – 1st
Alex Welliver 100 Free-3rd; 500 Free-3rd
Violet Daly 100 back 17th; 100 Breast-12th

IAC Awards:

ND Team 6th Place of 8 Teams

IAC Champions:

Caroline Rogers 200IM
Allie O'Brien – 100 free, 100 back

IAC Individual Finalists (Championship (A) finalist=top 8; Consolation (B) Finalist=9-16)

Kenzie Gillette 100 Fly-7th, 100 Breast-5th
Allie O'Brien 100 Back-1st, 100 free-1st
Erica Parks 500 Free-9th, 100 Back-12th
Caroline Rogers 200 IM-1st, 100 Fly -2nd
Alex Welliver 100 Free-4th, 500 Free-4th
Violet Daly 500 free- 17th

IAC All Stars (finished in top 3 in at least 1 individual / relay event)

Kenzie Gillette
Allie O'Brien
Caroline Rogers
Alex Welliver



Alexandra Welliver



Erica Parks



Ana Paltrowitz



Erica Parks



Girls Varsity Soccer

Despite having a young team, the Lady Crusaders had a solid season, their efforts taking them to the Section IV Championship game for the 9th time in 11 seasons against Unatego. The girls played a strong game and dominated possession for most of the game but came up just short. The team wrapped up the season with a 12-5-1 record. The team also earned the Scholar Athlete Team recognition by NYSPHSAA.. Best wishes to the seniors, Peyton Maloney and Caitlin Steed, you will be missed!



All IAC All Star Teams

All IAC First Team



Maddie Watts



Leila Vargas



Ella Chicone



Ava Mustico



Rachael Simpson

All IAC 2nd Team

Boys Varsity Soccer

With eleven seniors graduating from last year's team, the young Crusader team entered their season knowing it would be a building year for them. Despite the team's final record, this group of players never backed down, never quit, and developed a sense of family that kept them going through some very difficult games. The team was recognized by the NYSPHAA as a Scholar Athlete Team. Many thanks to the seniors whose dedication and leadership will be sorely missed. Best wishes to Patrick Finnerty, Colin Tolbert and Brody Nemier. With several players returning next year, the future is looking bright for Notre Dame Boys Soccer!



All IAC All Star Teams

1st Team



Patrick Finnerty

2nd Team



Justin McCarthy



Tyler Simpson

Girls Varsity Tennis

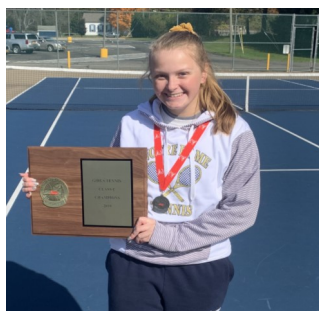
The Lady Crusaders concluded a very successful season with an 11-3 record, capturing the Section IV Class C team title for the first time since 2011! Congratulations to doubles entry Lucy Kaffenbarger and Alexandra Meier, who clinched the Doubles Section IV Class C Champion title, and Evalynn Dean and Renata Russo, who were semifinalists. Kudos to Maddie Wirth for her 2nd place finish and Rachel Tsang who was a quarterfinalist in sectional play. Maddie Wirth (singles) and doubles team Lucy Kaffenbarger and Alexandra Meier all advanced to the state qualifier at Binghamton Tennis Center. The team also earned the Scholar Athlete Team recognition by NYSPHSAA. Best wishes to our graduating seniors (seated front row) Evalynn Zick-Dean, Stephanie Smith, Maddie Wirth, Lucy Kaffenbarger and Olivia Murray. Your team dedication and leadership will be missed!

Section IV Class C Champions



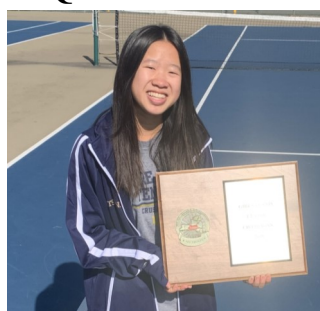
Section IV Class C Individual Awards

Singles 2nd Place



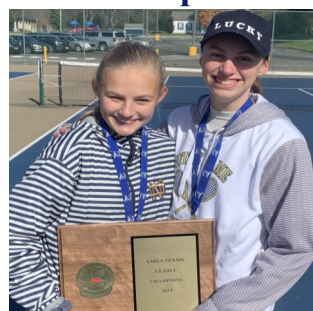
Maddie Wirth

Singles Quarterfinalist

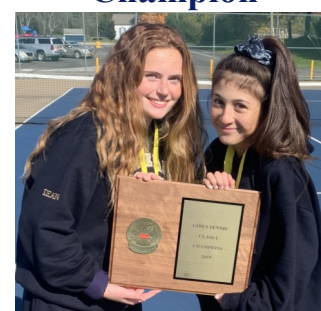


Rachel Tsang

Doubles Champion

Alexandra Meier &
Lucy Kaffenbarger

Doubles Champion

Evalynn Zick-Dean &
Renata Russo

Girls Varsity Cross Country

The Lady Crusaders Cross Country team did something no previous ND girls cross country team had done before, repeating as the IAC league champions and as runner-up for the Section IV Class D championship, losing to the future state champions. During the course of the season they went undefeated in IAC contests, won one invitational, had two second places, and three third places in other invitational action. The team had three athletes Alyssa Walker, Riley Soehnlein and Piper Young advance to the State Meet. Alyssa, Riley, and Piper, along with Alex Cowley and Maura Devlin, wrapped up the season competing at the Nike Cross Country Championship at Bowdoin Park, Wappingers Falls. The girls placed 17th overall ahead of their 19th place seed and were the only class D team in the championship race. There were 167 runners in the girls NY Championship race. The Lady Crusaders finished the season ranked #4 in NYS for Class D. The team earned the Scholar Athlete Team distinction as awarded by the NYS PHAA. Best wishes to our graduating seniors Alyssa Walker and Deayza Peebles, we will miss you!



IAC Champions Section IV Class D Runners-Up



Alyssa Walker

Team Captain
IAC 1st Team All-Star
IAC Scholar-Athlete
Kiwanis Fall Outstanding
Female Fall Athlete
State Meet - 41st
Team MVP



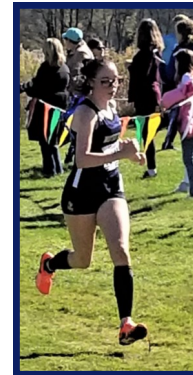
Riley Soehnlein

IAC 2nd Team All-Star
State Meet - 33rd
Team Most Improved
Player



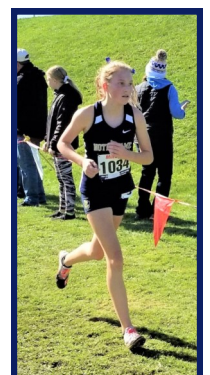
Piper Young

IAC 2nd Team All-Star
State Meet - 34th



Alex Cowley

IAC 2nd Team All-Star



Maura Devlin

IAC 2nd Team All-Star

Boys Varsity Cross Country

The Boys Cross Country team made steady progress throughout the season. The team placed 8th in the IAC and took 3rd place out of ten teams in the Section IV Class D race. The Crusaders were 6-5 in league action and steadily improved during invitationals. Steven Gough, Scott Herlan and Derek Simpson all advanced to the NYSPHSAA State Meet and concluded the season with Steven running in the Nike Cross Country Championship meet. Steven placed 82nd out of 206 runners and 16th in the freshman/sophomore classification. The team earned the Scholar Athlete recognition by the NYSPHAA. Best wishes to our lone senior Scott Herlan, you will be missed!



Steven Gough
IAC 2nd Team All-Star
State Meet Medalist - 15th
Team MIP



Scott Herlan
Team Captain
IAC 2nd Team All-Star
State Meet - 61st
Team MVP



Derek Simpson
State Meet - 88th

Modified Girls Soccer



Modified Boys Soccer

