



Sister Mary Walter Hickey, RSM

Welcome Back!



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT —

Dear Parents and Friends,

On Monday, September 24 the school community will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy, the feast chosen by Catherine McAuley, the founder of the Sisters of Mercy, as a patronal feast. It is also the day on which Catherine opened the first House of Mercy on Baggot Street in Dublin, Ireland. We remembered Catherine's deep faith and her service to the poor, the sick and the uneducated.

Catherine chose Mercy because there was a need for it – a need then and a need today. Mercy calls us to be compassionate, to be empathetic, and to respond to the needs of others. It is a call to action.

In 19th Century Ireland, when Catherine founded the Sisters of Mercy, it was a time of urbanization. With people moving into cities, there was much poverty, women were abused and children were neglected. She saw the plight of the poor, especially women and children. She responded to this need by setting up the first House of Mercy in Dublin. She said, "The poor don't need help tomorrow or next week, they need it now", and she used her own resources to help them.

In a gospel reading Jesus spoke to his wrangling apostles about service. When the mother of James and John asked the favor of special seating in the Kingdom of Heaven, he answered by telling them that it was not for him to decide but for His Father. They were challenged to follow his example, "NOT TO BE SERVED BY OTHERS BUT TO SERVE".

How do we combine Catherine's commitment to service and the gospel message? We do so by following the words she gave her friends in community. "There are three things which the poor prize more highly than gold, tho' they cost the donor nothing; among these are the kind word, the gentle compassionate look and the patient hearing of sorrows."

A Kind Word: Encouraging another when there is doubt; asking a person how they are doing and mean it; telling another that you are so sorry to hear about their troubles and responding to their immediate need.

A Gentle Look: Making another feel loved and welcome; by not being indignant or exasperated; by not being haughty or cliquey giving the impression that you are better than the other, but by being gentle, loving and kind.

Patient Listening: Listening to the same story over and over again when you are visiting. A gentle listening ear makes a big difference to a lonely person.

We are all challenged to make kind words, gentle looks and patient listening a goal for this year and remember like Catherine we are called not to be served by others, but to serve. In doing this our school will be a reflection of God's abundant mercy.

- Sister Mary Walter Hickey, RSM- President



Spirit Week

October 1 - Sports Day

October 2 - Holiday Day

October 3 - Color Day

October 4 - Luau Day



October 5 - Blue/Gold Day
Pep Rally 2pm-3pm

Rededication 6:30 pm
Brewer Memorial Stadium

ND vs. Unadilla Valley
Kickoff 7pm

October 6, 2018
Homecoming Dance
Details to follow

From the Principal's Desk -

It's amazing what a difference a year can make. Last September, I was fretting about the new year, from holding my first faculty meeting, asking questions regarding orientation schedules, addressing the students and meeting parents for the first time. Now that I know I have an incredible faculty and staff, proactive students, and parents who will do anything for Notre Dame HS at a moment's notice, I've been able to rest easier. We are ready for the 2018-19 school year!

When I served as an assistant principal, my boss at the time told me that his favorite day of the year was the day before school started. He explained that as he walked the halls checking that everything was clean, put in place and all set for our students, he reflected on the upcoming year of new possibilities. That's one of the great aspects of working in a school environment. Each year, we get to press that reset button, learning from years past regarding what could have done better and starting anew, determined to make each year better for our students. It's fitting that this year's theme song selected by our Student Council officers is, "Anything Can Happen".

Last year, I spent a majority of my time listening and learning, as I transitioned to another state, a different school system, and a new title. I thank all of those who patiently navigated me through uncharted territory. This year, my mission is to return the favor by being a servant leader. I look forward to spending less time behind closed doors in meetings and more time interacting with students, faculty/staff and parents. I've already been meeting with the Student Council officers, and their enthusiasm for the new year is contagious. I'm excited about the new ideas they're bringing forth, such as taking our school spirit to new heights during Homecoming Week and beyond.

I'm also enthusiastic about the new faculty and staff we have joining us for the new year. Having been able to start the interview process earlier this year, we had a solid selection of candidates from which to pool and were able to take our time in ensuring we had a good fit to meet the expectations of our students and parents as well as the culture of Notre Dame HS.



Landscaping around the Notre Dame Campus

I've eagerly awaited for the return of our students, faculty, and staff to see what's taken place over the summer to give the school a fresh look. From paint and plants to new flooring and more, we deeply appreciate the generosity of the Gough family for donating materials and labor to give our school a little makeover of love. It put smiles on many faces as we began the new year! When you visit for our "Crusader Welcome Night", I hope you will take the time to check out the new enhancements to our school.

I look forward to a terrific year ahead!

- Deborah Franklin—Principal



Freshly painted hallways showing our Crusader spirit !



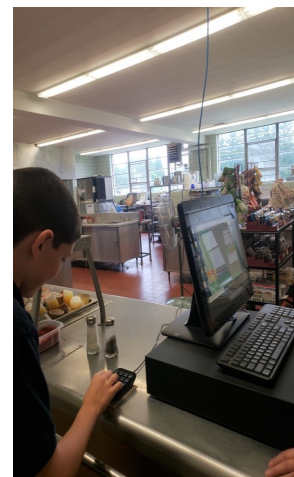
New 20 passenger bus for transporting Ithaca students to St. Mary Our Mother School & Notre Dame.



Auditorium restrooms received a full makeover including new paint, flooring, bathroom stalls, sinks and fixtures. The lobby now proudly acknowledges our benefactors Charles and Mary Crossed.



Not only did our cafeteria receive a fresh coat of paint and some splashes of Notre Dame pride with the school's logo and seal, the green tile has been replaced with beautiful navy tile. Additionally, the school lunch program is now incorporating software for track lunch payments .



Beautiful new shelving for student art display donated by Sue LaVelle's father.



New table rounds and chairs graciously donated by Mina Barron & Tina Shannon in Guidance provides students quiet work space.



Navy blue accent walls in the classrooms and new carpet in the technology and theology classroom.

7th and 8th Grade -

My favorite September sound is the ringing of happy student voices echoing over the ND campus after school. Welcome back!

All the students have already learned so much. Besides a big leap right into academics, they adapted to the new schedule in 5 minutes, learned locker combos and lunch codes, and made friends with all our new students. Sister Catherine Macauley, who founded the Sisters of Mercy, taught all of the sisters to welcome everyone with kindness and a cup of tea—and our students and faculty continue that tradition with enthusiasm and alternatives to the cup of tea. “Sister Anne Marie Doyle” served fruit punch and cookies to our new students on that very first hot day!

Our students have jumped right in to classes and extra-curricular activities. We have junior high students in the play, on modified and varsity teams, and hoping to join Robotics. Applications are available in the office for Elmira Youth Court, which is an amazing experience for all students grades 7-12. ND students have been involved in Elmira Youth Court since it first started. Horseheads has a Youth Court as well. Watch your email for the details for the Junior High Robotics team shortly and encourage your student to listen for announcements of other clubs and activities every morning.

Mercy Day is Monday, September 24, and we hope that all of you will join us in celebrating by attending our assembly at 8:30-9:10AM in the auditorium, by asking your students to share the joy of the assembly when they get home, and by participating in our Mercy activities throughout the year.

Welcome to all of you to the Notre Dame Community, 2018-19.

—Karen Jennings—7th & 8th Grade Coordinator

First Days of School



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Dear Notre Dame family-

As we enter into our new school year, I can think of nothing more critical to our mission than prayer!



*Lord, give us a spirit of openness, understanding and patience.
 Bless all the members of this school community as we begin this new year.
 Bless all the benefactors of this school for their generosity and belief in our mission.
 Bless all the parents and guardians who are our partners in this educational endeavor.
 Help each of us to grow closer to you in our daily interactions.
 Be with all those who feel alienated in our school community.
 Help us to always live, play and pray with charity in our hearts.
 Be with us when we grow weary and anxious.
 Send your spirit into our hallways, our classrooms and our hearts.
 Be with us on the field, on the track, on the court and in the gym.
 May we honor you with our gifts of music and art.
 Help us to be grateful for the food we will receive and those who will prepare.
 Protect, guide and uplift our administration, teachers and staff.
 Bless the Sisters of Mercy, here at Notre Dame and throughout the world.
 And send your Holy Mother to intercede for all of our needs.*

Amen.

Blessings and in prayerful anticipation for the best year ever,

Marie McCaig,
Campus Minister



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63rd HOMECOMING!

October 5

HOME



**Please join family, friends and classmates
of Joe Brewer'64**

**Rededication Ceremony
Brewer Memorial Stadium 6:30 pm**

7pm Kickoff ND vs. Unadilla Valley



September at a Glance



- Sept 24** Feast of Our Lady of Mercy
- Sept 27** **Crusader Welcome Night - 5:30 - 7:00 pm**
- Sept 28** Candy Drive Ends



WELCOME BACK!!

Looking Ahead: A Sneak Peak Into October

- Oct 1** **Spirit Week**
- Oct 2** McAuley Award Dinner
- Oct 3** Soup Kitchen - Jr. High
Financial Aid Info Night 7pm
- Oct 4** Freshman Retreat
Homecoming Bonfire 7-9 PM
- Oct 5** Homecoming
Rededication Brewer Memorial Stadium
- Oct 6** SAT
Homecoming Dance Grades 9-12
- Oct. 7** Sophomore Class Cookie Dough Sale
- Oct 8** Columbus Day - No School
- Oct 10** Testing Day PSAT, PreACT,
Jr. High Field Trips
- Oct 16** *The Crucible @ The Clemens Ctr.*
AP Seniors & Juniors
- Oct 19** Conference Day - No School
- Oct 20** ACT



NOTRE DAME PARENT COMMITMENT

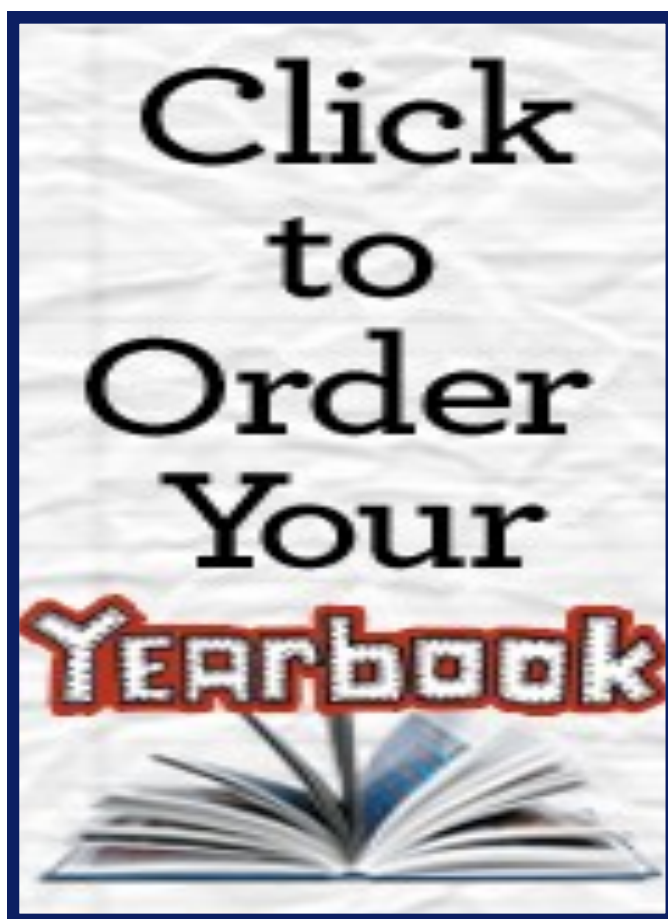


Office is coordinating the efforts of our dedicated parents and guardians.

If you have not signed up for your volunteer assignment, please contact the Advancement Office immediately. ***You will be contacted if your commitment has not been expressed.***

As always, the option for helping Notre Dame make up the difference between education and tuition is to become a **Super Crusader** - a single donation of \$1,200 will be gratefully accepted through the Advancement Office.

If you have questions, please contact Kelley Cousin, Director of Advancement & Alumni relations at: cousin@notredamehighschool.com.



FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT-

The 2018-2019 Academic Handbook is on the Notre Dame website. Parents and students are encouraged to download/print a copy as it is filled with important information. To find this document, simply click [here](#).

Junior and Senior Financial Aid Seminar

The Financial Aid Seminar for Juniors and Seniors and their parents will be held on **Wednesday, October 3 at 7PM in the ND Library**. The Guidance Department will share with students and parents information about the financial aid process. Those who plan to attend this informational meeting should email Mrs. Barron at barronm@notredamehighschool.com. An accurate count of attendees will aid in making sure enough literature is available to hand out. Thank you!

College Application Process

The Guidance Office will be submitting college applications and relevant documentation through *NAVIANCE*.

Seniors are encouraged to:

- 1) Establish a Common Application Account
- 2) Log into their school-provided NAVIANCE account
- 3) Link Common Application Account with NAVIANCE Account
Mrs. Barron will be reviewing this process with Seniors on 9/20 & 9/21.
- 4) Seniors are also encouraged to begin asking for Letters of Recommendation to be used in the college application process. A completed Personal Facts Sheet or Resume is helpful for seeking these letters.

College Information Visits

- University of Pittsburgh @ Bradford 9/21 11:00 am
- Elmira College 9/24 @ 11:00 am
- Allegheny College 9/25 @ 1:30 pm
- Keuka College 9/26 @ 12:00 pm
- Walsh University 9/26 @ 1:30 pm
- LeMoyne College 10/3 @ 9:30 am
- Binghamton University 10/12 @ 1:00 pm
- SUNY College at Oneonta 10/15 @ 11:00 am
- Rochester Institute of Technology 10/18 @ 8:30 am
- SUNY College at Brockport 10/18 @ 9:30 am
- Canisius College 10/18 @ 10:45 am
- Niagara University 10/19 @ 8:30 am
- SUNY College at Geneseo 10/19 @ 10:30 am
- St. John Fisher College 10/22 @ 11:00 am
- The University of Scranton 10/29 @ 12:30 pm
- Lycoming College 10/30 @ 9:30 am
- Mercyhurst University 10/30 @ 12:30 pm
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges 11/5 @ 1:30 pm
- The University of Tampa 11/15 @ 11:30 am
- Mansfield University of Pennsylvania 11/16 @ 9:30 am



For More Information Regarding ACT Dates
Click [Here](#).



For More Information Regarding SAT Dates
Click [Here](#).

The Notre Dame Guidance Department operates on an Open Door Policy, which encourages students to stop by for help and guidance with academic issues and concerns as well as any other topic.



FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Immediate Opportunities for Notre Dame Musicians



THE YOUNG MEN'S CHORAL FESTIVAL (American Choral Directors Assoc.)

YMCF (grades 7-9) - October 26, 2018. A one-day musical festival for male singers in grades 7-9 to rehearse, watch, learn from, and perform in a Men's Choir. No auditions necessary. Participating students will spend the day in rehearsal, workshops, a master class, and give a final performance with the MU Steadmen at Mansfield University, PA at 4pm that afternoon.

AREA ALL STATE (New York State School Music Association)

Junior High Area All State (grades 7-9) Festival November 2-3, 2018.

Senior High Area All State (grades 10-12) Festival Nov. 16-17, 2018.

Any student who performed a vocal or instrumental NYSSMA solo at last spring's festival and is enrolled in a school performing ensemble for the 2018-19 school year is eligible to use their solo score as an audition for either of these festivals. Students will be notified in early October whether or not they've been accepted.



Forms for these festivals are available from Mrs. Easton, have been available via Google Classroom, and were handed out during choir in a packet of information to be sent home on the first days of class.

Notre Dame High School Choirs - 2018-19 Public Performances

The Notre Dame Concert Choir and Select Choir will be performing, of course, in our annual department-wide school performances this year: **Monday, December 17 at 7:00PM (Christmas Concert) and Sunday, June 2nd at 4:00pm (Spring Concert)**. But our high school choirs have also been invited to perform at several exciting events this year. The first event was the **Irish Festival on Saturday, September 8** at the Hibernian Center in Elmira. Students from Notre Dame will be performed Irish songs and solos at this outdoor festival. Choir members sang a beautiful Irish Blessing, the Star Spangled Banner & the Irish National Anthem during the flag raising ceremony. In December, we are happy to be collaborating with the **Cantata Singers** and performing with them on their "Illumination" concert that we will host in the David & Mary Crossed Auditorium right here at Notre Dame High School on **Sunday, December 16 at 4:00PM**. The concert is free and open to the public. Finally, the Notre Dame high school choirs have been hired to give a performance as part of the **Lake Side Arts Series** at St. John's Episcopal Church in Skeneatles, NY on St. Patrick's Day: **Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 4:00PM**. Tickets to this concert are \$10 each, and proceeds will be split to benefit the Lake Side Arts and the Notre Dame Choir Fund. So, mark your calendars! We look forward to these exciting performance opportunities to let the public see our young musicians shine, and encourage you all to tell your friends and family, and join us in supporting the performing arts at Notre Dame!

NDHS Uniform Policy



Notre Dame students, grades 7-12, are required to follow a specific dress code set by the school. All students shall be appropriately groomed and dressed and are to present themselves in a clean and neat manner while on school property and at school functions.

For more information on uniform policy details, please click [here](#).
To order uniform tops, click [here](#).



McAuley Award Dinner

Tuesday, October 2, 2018
 Elmira Country Club
 6:00 to 7:00 pm - cocktail hour
 7:00 pm - dinner

2018 McAuley Recipients

**Bishop Emeritus Matthew H. Clark
 Mr. Richard'58 and Mrs. Carol Crossed**

For registration information click [here](#).



Notre Dame High School – 6th annual **TURKEY DAY 5K**

November 22, 2018

SAVE THE DATE 5th Annual Turkey Day 5K!

Join us on Thanksgiving morning for our annual Turkey Day 5K run! To register online click [here](#).

GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY DRIVE

Gertrude Hawk Candy Bars: a "sweet" way to raise money for NDHS. For this project to be successful each student must sell at least one box of Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Bars - a product so good, it practically sells itself!

If you aren't "sweet" on selling candy, a \$50 donation will indicate your intention to opt out. Please note "candy opt out" on your check memo line.

Candy related payments will be reflected as an incidental billing on your FACTS Tuition Management Account.



ND's SCRIP PROGRAM

Convenient and helps decrease your tuition!

The Notre Dame Scrip Program is an easy way for you to help raise funds for the school on items you already buy: gifts, gas, hotels, and goods. You can download the **updated** scrip form from the ND website under the [Crusader Cards](#) tab or stop by the ND school office and purchase scrip on the spot. **Plus:** save money on next year's tuition!





THANK YOU to Mrs. LaVelle, Mrs. Leeber, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Liriano and Mr. Young for making our summer camps a huge success!

School Lunch Information

The Notre Dame cafeteria sells hot lunches during all three lunch periods. The menu features a selection of 2 to 3 main choices daily, plus fruit and vegetables. Menus for each month can be found on the homepage of the ND website.

Each lunch costs \$3.50 per person and includes an entrée, 2 sides and a beverage. Additional milk can be purchased for \$0.50. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to send in a check, made payable to Notre Dame High School, for \$70, to cover the cost of 20 lunches.

The cafeteria also has a snack shack where chips, cookies and ice cream are sold. Additionally, the cafeteria has two vending machines where students can purchase bottled water, juices or snacks.

September menu click [here](#).

