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**Feast of the Ascension Mass** 

May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8:35 am Charles & Mary Crossed Auditorium Celebrant Fr. Joe Marcoux All Welcome!

## Message from the president

This is an attempt to update you regarding the tuition and enrollment process at Notre Dame High School. It is a constant effort to make the enrollment process for Notre Dame Students more efficient. As you know, we have moved toward tuition management through the FACTS program.

Families who wish to pay their child's tuition in full prior to July 1, 2018 can mail or deliver the payment to the ND Business Office. Please note that the payment must be received no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> should you choose this option.

FACTS Tuition Management requires every ND Family to create and maintain an account which reflects ND charges and payments throughout the year. Parents or guardians use the FACTS account to select a tuition payment schedule and confirm preferred method of invoicing. Please be aware that even if you have made a one-time payment in full, a FACTS account is required.

## Payment options include:

- A one-time payment in full accepted at ND Business Office before June 30<sup>th</sup> or through FACTS on July 1st
- Two payments of half of your student's tuition due July 1<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>
- A 10 month option beginning July 1st.

## The enrollment process includes

- Submission of a registration or re-registration form & fee
- Confirmed tuition payment plan
- Selection of Parent Volunteer Commitment
- Signing of the Code of Conduct.

A student will not receive a school schedule unless all aspects of the enrollment process have been completed.

We appreciate your involvement in your child's education and are here to help! If you have questions regarding any aspect of the enrollment process, please call the Business Office.

In Mercy,

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Sister Mary Walter Hickey, RSM—President

## GIVE BACK DAY

No School May 25, 2018



## **PROGRESS REPORTS**

Available on May 14, 2018



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## FROM PRINCIPAL -

I'm not sure how this school year has seemed to fly by yet our winter seemed to drag incessantly, but alas, spring has finally arrived. This past week, it happened to be Senior Night for the softball, baseball and tennis teams all on one night. That's the first time it really hit me that this year is quickly coming to an end. I vividly remember how I felt the morning I addressed the study body for the first time in September, and now it's almost time for graduation. As I visited with parents and looked at the seniors' smiling faces, I had mixed emotions of having had the pleasure of getting to know them this past year and sadness that I did not have the opportunity to know them for longer than ten months. For the first time at Notre Dame HS, this graduating class will have been together for six years, and the bond they've created will no doubt stretch across state lines, colleges and life experiences.

They still have a little time to squeeze in some more memories. There's Senior Prom, the senior trip to Hershey Park, and Crusader Day. I was thrilled when I watched the video that Mary Foster and Matt Smith created to announce that this year's Senior Mercy Movement Day would be "Down for Downes" and beamed with pride that the senior class was excited about this opportunity. Mrs. McCaig's initiative of Mercy Movement Days truly honors the vision and hope of our foundress, Catherine McAuley so many years ago. Of course, there's Project Graduation, as the seniors will venture off to..... nope! My lips are sealed, but I have no doubt that they will have a great time.

To the senior class, I sincerely thank you for all that you've done to make my time with you so special. I've enjoyed your friendliness, your enthusiasm, your sense of humor, and your dedication to our school. To the rest of the student body, I look forward to a successful year ahead.



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## 7th & 8th GRADE NEWS ~

May Crowning and Ascension Thursday, MayFest, , Memorial Day weekend—May is a joyous month of solid learning, sports, special events, and the pull to be outdoors in the sunshine.

I am so happy to announce that the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be joining the Notre Dame Student Council for the first time this year. The students will elect grade level reps and vote in the Student Council Officers Election. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders will elect one rep to represent their class during their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year, while the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will elect a rep for their freshman year. Election speeches will be given on Thursday, May 17, and elections will be Friday, May 18. Thank you to Mr. Olisky for facilitating this change that integrates the junior high more closely with the high school.

The Junior High STEM (science, engineering, math and technology) Club will have its last meeting of the year on Thursday, May 10, 3-4PM. We are very grateful to Cody Russo, who took over team leadership from founder Diana Rudz, and his engineering team from DePuys Synthes. Our students have participated in activities ranging from electronics to structure design to vehicle building. We are looking forward to continuing STEM Club and adding junior high level Robotics next year.



Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders worked very hard on the NYS ELA and Math exams. These exams will give us insight to how effectively we are addressing NYS Learning Standards and gave our students practice for Regents exams that will be coming in their future. The NYS Science Performance Test will be given to Science 8 students on Wednesday, May 23, and they will take the NYS Science Written Test on Monday, June 4.



Career Day was held on Thursday, May 4, during the last 3 periods of the day. We are very grateful to Mrs. Jean Coons of the Career Development Council for organizing this event. We thank our generous presenters, both alumni and parents, who gave of their time and talent to share their careers with our students: Mrs. Emily Richards, Mr. Bill Agan, Mr. Andrew Philpott, Mr. Steve Miller, Mrs. Kelly Gray, Mrs. Stacey Jerzak, Miss Nicole Watts, Mr. Sean Murphy, and Mrs. Caitlin DeFilippo. We also thank our own Mrs. Sue Tanner, who shared her expertise from media to theater.

You are all welcome to join us for the Ascension Thursday Mass on Thursday, May 10, at 8:35 AM, in the auditorium and for May Crowning, on May 31, at 8:30AM. Mass will give us time to pray and reflect on the meaning of the entire Easter season, while May Crowning offers the chance to dedicate ourselves to Mary, Crowning our Mother. The junior high students always are impressed by the May Court, seniors chosen by their peers as role models who live out Mary's strengths.



Final Exams start on Monday, June 11. All teachers will be working with students to help them succeed. A complete exam schedule will be shared with all students and families shortly. Enjoy this glorious month and see you all at

Mayfest, on Saturday, May 12.

Karen Jennings -

Director Gr. 7 & 8





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It's difficult to believe that another school year is about to close! While we rejoice as we consider weeks of summer vacation, we also lament the loss of another Notre Dame senior class. Where has the time gone? I recall being a new and inexperienced teacher and the daily challenges presented by *some* 8<sup>th</sup> grade members of the Class of 2018! These same students I now consider to be Notre Dames finest and beloved. There *is* a God who works great miracles! :)

I am very excited to share a parting gift from the Class of 2018. On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, these students will offer a Crusader Carnival where members of the developmentally challenged community will join us for a day of games, prizes and food in a carnival atmosphere. Our seniors are working enthusiastically and diligently to provide a most memorable experience for those whose lives we honor and value. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, we are offering a "Dress Down for Down's Day" with all donations applied to funding our carnival. A bake sale is also being planned. I cannot think of a more appropriate way to acknowledge that all life is a precious gift; that every person has value and is perfect in the eyes of our Creator. If you are free, please stop by on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to join in our celebration.

To wrap up the month, on May 31<sup>st</sup> we will celebrate "Mary's Day" with our service at 8:30 am. Please consider joining us as we recall the role our Blessed Mother has played in our salvation. Her "Yes" was a game changer for all humanity!

In faith, Marie Campus Minister

## FROM ADVANCEMENT OFFICE -

Notre Dame Parent Commitment Sign Up & Tuition Information Session

Wednesday May 23, 2018 5PM-7PM ND Cafeteria Thursday May 31, 2018 5PM-7PM ND Cafeteria

Please come to Notre Dame to secure your volunteer service choice & ask questions regarding FACTS Tuition Management.

The volunteer positions are available during these sessions before being posted electronically, and will be filled as the requests are received.

Please contact the Advancement Office if you are interested in maintaining your current Parent Commitment assignment for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. Your request must be approved and confirmed by the program, department or event chairperson.

Not only will parents and guardians be able to sign up for Parent Volunteer Commitment, questions regarding FACTS Tuition Management will be addressed.

All ND Families are invited to attend

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## FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT—

The year is quickly coming to an end and soon graduation and all things related will be here. The Guidance Office is still asking that any scholarship or grant award letters be brought in so that this information can become part of the graduation program. We want to include any recognition each student has received, even if it is not from their destination college.



## **Graduation Announcements and Tickets**



Guidance will be meeting with the Seniors in the near future to give them a packet of announcements for their graduation. These packets have ten announcements for each student but there are more available should families need more than just ten to send to friends and relatives. These announcements **are not invitations** to graduation and they do not have the individual student's name on them. Seniors should have name cards printed or include a senior picture when they send out announcements. If families would like to order name cards, we recommend Herff-Jones, and you can visit their website to order: <a href="www.herffjones.com">www.herffjones.com</a>.

Graduation Seating will be handled differently this year. Seniors will be given two parent tickets for graduation. In the event that they have step parents, they should notify the Guidance Office for additional tickets in the reserved parent seating section. The tickets for the parent section are seat specific and students will be given parent tickets after a lottery drawing. In addition to the parent tickets, students need to get General Admission tickets for any additional guest. Anyone attending the NDHS graduation needs a ticket for admission, but seating will not be assigned other than the parent seating. Therefore, it would be important to 1) get the number of tickets needed and 2) arrive in a timely fashion to secure your seat. General admission tickets are not seat specific.

Please email Mrs. Tina Shannon the number of tickets that are needed for admission. shannont@notredamehighschool.com

## **Scheduling**

Counselors have been meeting with students to solidify course selections for the 2018-19 school year. Parents, please be on the lookout for a form to sign confirming your students choices of courses. A schedule will not be created for a student who has not been re-enrolled for the 18-19 school year. Please note that these are course requests, and while we always give our best effort to make everything work, unfortunately, we can never make a guarantee that every request will "fit" into a student's schedule. Once schedules are finalized, an email will be sent to families indicating that they are available for access on SchoolTool.

## **Junior Information**

At this point, Juniors should be well into the college search process. Fall will creep up quickly and it will be time for college applications to be completed before we know it. As a general rule of thumb, students apply to 5-8 colleges or universities. Some apply to fewer, some apply to more. However, it's strongly suggested that you narrow your list to a manageable number. Be sure to include a variety of schools: from open admissions to highly selected schools. Don't forget to plan for those college campus visits!

## **Mercy Learning Online**

There are a variety of Mercy Learning Online courses available over the summer that students can currently enroll in. Registration is open and students are encouraged to see Mrs. Barron as soon as possible to sign up for these courses. Mercy Learning Online courses run from **June 18-July 20, 2018,** and cost \$275 per course. Any student interested in taking an online course must turn in a registration form and check by May 1st.

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## First Marking Period Honor Roll/High Honor Roll

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

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

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

Oliver Fogarty, Aidan Kelly, William MacRonald, Owen Munley, Ava Mustico, Shannon O'Connell, Gracie Ringer, Jack Vakiener, Leila Vargas

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

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

## 8th Grade Honors

Erik Bukowinski, Luca Campanelli, Dylan Clark, Maximillian Collins, Grant Crossley, Elena Fowler, Sean Franzese, Caleb Miller, Megan Pratt, Liam Scarselletta, Caroline Viselli

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

Abigail Beames, Noah Becker, Gino DeLeone, Kathryn Gough, Brandon Hibbard, Gavin Krusen, Elizabeth Mustico, Pratha Purushottam, Alexandra Welliver

## 9th Grade Honors

Wayne Bellucci, Elizabeth Buck, Madalynn DeMuth, MacKenzie Gillette, Emma Leonard, Virginia Marion, Ireland Munley, Nathan Murray, Renata Russo

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 Ronsivalle, Steven Segal, Brandon Sun, Victor Tsang, Alyssa Walker, Madeleine Wirth

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

Brytney Bonham, Karissa Collins, Ryan Eller, Haoyan Gu, Scott Herlan, Shelby Segur, Kiran Sharma, Stephanie Smith, Caitlin Steed, Chole Stemerman, Nicholas Viselli, Evalynn Zick-Dean

11<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors
John Booth, Jacqueline Chen, Caleb Colucci, Catherine Craig, Andrew Finnerty, Pauline Macapinlac, Madeleine Meier, Zaineb Saeed, Rebecca Shannon, Declan Sharma, Daniel Stearns, Derek Tsang, Emma Westcott, Haozhen Yang

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

Alyssa Becraft, Daniel Betancourt-Trompa, John Gough, Gabriella Guerin, Adrian Haluska, Aylish McCloe, Tiyah Moffe, Harrison Shepherd, Cassandra Uy, Laurel Vargas, Luka Vlasic, Michael White, Mary Zwirko

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

Kaitlin Barkley, Justin Bauco, Matthew D'Ortona, Adeline Dygert, Collin Edger, Camille VanderMeer

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

Jennifer Burns, Matthew Connolly, Georgia Cowley, Courtney Crater, Hayley Cronin, Caitlin Fitzgerald, Mary Foster, Gavin Harrington, Claudia Hatef, Elizabeth Hazelton, Oghenedoro Idahosa, Christopher Johnston, Claire Kubinski, Isabel Milazzo, Jillian Perrault, Hannah Prunier, Brooke Rorie, Logan Ruocco, Matthew Smith, Zachary Tavakoli, Mitchell Vargas, Zhenglin Xu, Xiaoxue Zhang, Zerong Zhuang

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

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*** **	May at a Glance
May 8	AP Art History AP Physics I
May 9	AP English Literature
May 10	Ascension Thursday
May 11	Junior Day
May 12	MayFEST 10am - 3 pm
May 13	Mother's Day
May 14	AP Biology & AP Physics C: Mechanics AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
May 15	AP Calculus
May 16	AP English Language and Composition
May 17	Senior Signing Day/College Day
May 18	Student Council Elections
May 22	Discover ND Day
May 23	State Testing Science Performance Grade 8 Mercy Mission Day-Seniors
May 25	No School—"Give Back Day"
May 28	Memorial Day
May 30	Spring Concert 7 pm Blood Drive 8:30-1:30 pm
May 31	Mary's Day - 8:30 am Prayer Service & Coronation of Mary

## A Look Ahead ~ June



June 1	Freshman Mer	cy Mission Day
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June 2 SATs

June 4 M/S Science Grade 8 Written

June 5 Senior Banquet

June 6 Athletic Awards

Soup Kitchen Gr. 7 & 8

June 7 Awards Assembly

June 8 Senior Trip

Last day of classes

June 9 ACTs

June 11 Final Exams Begin

June 12 Mark Twain Scholars Dinner @ 6pm

**June 14** Baccalaureate Mass @ 7:30 pm

**June 15** Graduation @ 7:30 pm



## **SENIOR PROM**



Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 11 pm Elmira Country Club

> Elmira DJ: TJ Hower

\*Guest permission slips must be turned into Mr. Stanley ASAP

Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High Spring Concert Wednesday, May 30 @ 7:00 pm

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## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY —

On Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> the **Notre Dame National Honor Society** Inducted 20 Junior and Senior students into their chapter. Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character are the four pillars that guide the National Honor Society Organization. To be inducted, students must submit a resume that is reflective of these pillars, have an average of 90 or better and demonstrate active involvement in their community. Students also participate in an interview that is conducted by a committee comprised of Notre Dame Faculty. Thank you to alumni Colton Hillman '15 who was the guest speaker at the induction ceremony.

## **Congratulations:**

Daniel Betancourt-Trompa, Emily Bissel, John Hunter Booth, Jacqueline Chen, Caleb Colucci, Abigail Connolly, Catherine Craig, Andrew Finnerty, Pauline Macapinlac, Madeleine Meier, Zaineb Saeed, Isaac R. Scarselletta, Rebecca Shannon, Declan Sharma, Harrison Shepherd, Daniel Stearns, Derek Tsang, Cassandra Uy, Emma Westcott, Claudia Zhang







## Beijing Garden Chinese Restaurant Field Trip

On April 17<sup>th</sup>, Mandarin II students had the chance to use what they learned in class and headed off to a real Chinese restaurant "Beijing Garden", in Elmira, NY. Five of Mandarin III students also joined them. Mandarin II students have been learning about "Chinese food and ordering in a restaurant". Students learned some names of Chinese dishes and drinks. They also made their own menus in Chinese and did role-play conversations between waiters and customers. Students also learned how to make comments on food. When asked what they liked about the experience, Sophomore Evynn Johnston replied "I think it's a good chance for us to socialize with other students learning Mandarin." While Ireland Munley remarked, "I enjoy the food and their service is quick." "It's very interesting and I enjoyed spending time with my friends." Sophomore Anthony Lyon said. "I'm glad we had the opportunity to use what we learned in class." Sophomore Victor Tsang commented.





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## Sophomores Participate in MERCY IN THE ... SCHOOL

The Sophomore Class just finished the memoir MERCY IN THE CITY by Kerry Weber, a Mercy Associate and Editor of *America*, the Jesuit magazine. During Lent, Ms. Weber does volunteer work to "live out" the 7 Corporal Works of Mercy. Upon completion of the book, the Class of 2020 conducted some works of mercy throughout the school the week of April 16-20. Students invited the entire Notre Dame community to participate in a collection drive of linens, blankets and towels for Second Wind Cottages, a homeless shelter in



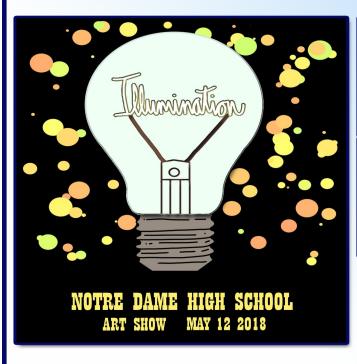
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# MayFEST

"Fun for the Whole Family"

CRAFT VENDORS ♦ BAKE SALE ♦ FLOWER SALE ♦ CHICKEN BBQ ♦ FACE PAINTING
CHARACTER APPEARANCES ♦ GAMES FOR KIDS ♦ MAKE & TAKE MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT
VISIT FROM SOUTHPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT ♦ STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

# Saturday, May 12, 2018 10 am - 3 pm



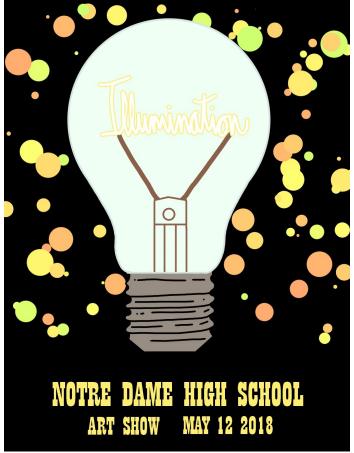




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The NDHS Art Show will showcase student art work from students in all grades 7-12.



Registration Form Click <u>Here.</u>

Do you have a student interested in Sailing?
Seneca Junior Sailing is now accepting registrations for the 2018 racing season.

## Seneca Junior Sailing - 2018

## Program Overview

### Core Program

The core program consists of Saturday sessions that will cover three phases:

- Dock-side orientation meeting. (May 26, 11:00-noon)
- Basic sailing and boat handling. (June 2, 9, 10:00-noon)
- Sailboat racing rules and tactics. (June 23, 30, 10:00-noon)
- Sailboat racing competition. (July 7, 14, 12:45-5:00pm)

Training sessions meet on Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Races are held on Saturday afternoons with the crew meeting at 12:45 p.m. and returning to port around 5:00 p.m. Students are encouraged to stay for the post-race social gathering at the marina from 5-6 p.m. and parents are encouraged to join as well.

For more information or for registration details, click here:

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## ELMIRA NOTRE DAME TENNIS CAMP

JULY 16th-JULY 20<sup>th</sup>

**GRADES 6-12** 

Session 1: 8-11am Session 2: 12-3pm
Location: Elmira Notre Dame Tennis Courts

COST: \$75 per camper (2nd child: \$60)

Elmira Notre Dame Tennis will be hosting a tennis camp led by head Coach Max Young. The camp will include instruction of basic tennis skills along with match play, games. Camp instructors will include: players from both the boys and girls tennis team. Grades 6-12 are welcome to attend. Students are asked to bring a lunch for our break session. (11am-12pm)



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REGISTRATION FORM CLICK HERE.

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# ELMIRA NOTRE DAME SOFTBALL SLUGGERS

AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup>-AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup> GRADES 2-6

Elmira Notre Dame High School 8:00 am - 3:30 pm Fee: \$200

Elmira Notre Dame will be hosting a softball camp led by Madison Klossner. Madison is currently a student at St. John Fisher College. Assisting Ms. Klossner is Shailei Kraft, who attends Dominican College. The camp will include instruction of basic softball skills through the use of a variety of drills and games. The week will be wrapped up with a "Fun Friday" theme. Players in grades 2-6 are welcome to register. Students are asked to bring a brown bag lunch for the break session. (11am-12pm)



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