

Message from the Principal



Principal's Message

The season of Lent is a time of purification and preparation for Easter. We fast and abstain from things that give us pleasure so we're more pleasing to God as we wait for the risen Christ. These 40 days are very important to us as we work toward that end. However, to be a Christian and properly serve God, you must live "by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God (Matt. 4:4) recognizing that His Holy Scriptures "cannot be broken" (John 10:35). Try to go beyond just 40 days, rather live everyday following Him.

The most recent tragic event from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, has again reminded us of the uncertainties we face going out the door every day. Our world is a scary place. Everyone wishes to have a boiler plate guarantee that all will be fine. The reality is not so. I want everyone to know that Notre Dame has emergency plans which are being updated and reviewed with staff. We're working to upgrade security on our doors, add more cameras, and have been practicing lock down drills at different times of the day. I have asked for parent volunteers to meet with me to hear of better procedures and security features which can offer more protection. We will be meeting with the Bethlehem Township Police to review our plans and hear their suggestions as well. School safety is a concern that we'll always be looking at and renewing. Parents ask how they can assist. I believe the most important thing you can do is speak with your child and express the importance of taking the drills seriously. Following protocol may buy minutes for the Police to arrive and save lives.

I will end my message on a happier thought. On February 16 and 17, 341 of our 507 students "danced" for 24 hours to raise \$88,112 for the Four Diamonds Foundation which helps children suffering from Pediatric Cancer. I commend Mrs. Cheryl Fenton on the 10th anniversary year of organizing and carrying out our Mini-THON. This event is paramount to our students as they bond and unite for a most noble cause. Their success pushes us all closer to a cure. I am very proud of all ND students for their accomplishments, but even more so to those who persevered through the toughest hours and didn't lose sight of completing the goal. It was truly a great "full" day to be a Crusader!

Respectfully in Christ,

Mario Lucrezi

Principal

A Message from the Board President



On behalf of the Board, I wanted to acknowledge and thank Mario for his tremendous service to the Notre Dame community. As our motto says, “Faithful, Loyal, True”, Mario not only understood those words but lived them. He was an excellent role model for our students and a true emissary for the mission of Catholic Education. We wish Mario nothing but good fortune in his future endeavors and we will always hold a special place in the Crusader community for him.

The search for Mario’s replacement has started in earnest. We are finalizing the members of the search committee and the internal process we will follow. Members of the executive committee have met with the diocese to outline the selection process. We are advertising the job widely and have already received resumes. We will take our time to make certain that our new principal is an excellent fit for the Notre Dame community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Joseph M. Kelly'.

Joseph M. Kelly, esq

President of the Board

The Most We Can Do

Year of Loyalty
The Theology Department Reflects

The Most We Can Do

"You are worried and upset about so many things, but only one thing is necessary."~Luke 10:41



by Keith Joseph

While leading the group from Notre Dame in prayer at the "March for Life," Mrs. Hillhouse began by reminding us that "prayer is not the least that we can do; It is the most that we can do." A season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, Lent is an opportunity to intensify our prayer life.

When the sisters Martha and Mary hosted Christ and His disciples at their home, Martha busied herself with seemingly important work but Mary "sat at His feet and heard His word." Martha complained to Our Lord, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me" (Luke: 40) We can be too much like Martha and not enough like Mary.

I am often like Martha skipping a planned visit to the Chapel because I have too much work to do. Or pushing the snooze button for more sleep instead of rising early for prayer because I stayed up too late working. Or thoughtlessly working on Sunday instead of mindfully keeping the Sabbath. At these times my mind is clouded with worry, fear, anxiety, and other foolishness.

Although He is gentle, Jesus rebukes Martha: "Martha, Martha! You are worried and upset about so many things, but only one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen what is best, and it will not be taken away from her" (Luke:41)

The spiritual disciplines of Lent remind us to be like Mary. Mary chose to put herself in the presence of God. She chose what is best-- the one necessary thing. That's the most we can do.

UN Representative Anmolsingh



Emma Anmolsingh,
a youth representative for the
United Nations

spoke at a global impact leadership conference in New York.
Her speech was on behalf of the youth of our world.



March for Life 2018



On January 19th, Notre Dame sent two buses of students to Washington, DC for the 45th Annual March for Life. On the way to Washington, we stopped in Baltimore at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the first cathedral built in the United States, to celebrate Mass with Bishop Schlert and other high schools from the Diocese of Allentown. Greg and Chris Bianchi and Declan Fitzgerald served Mass with the Bishop. While in Washington, we marched with tens of thousands of people to take a stand for the dignity and respect for all life. At the end of the march we gathered as a school community and prayed a decade of the rosary. The day was prayerful, peaceful and joyful.

“My experience on the March for Life was an incredible and moving one. I had not gone on any of the trips to D.C. during my previous years at ND, so I decided that I was going to go my senior year. Our stop to have Mass in the Basilica in Baltimore reminded us why we were marching in the first place. When we got to D.C., the weather was practically perfect. Being surrounded by people who were uniting for the right to life was really a moving experience. It was also fun to be surrounded by my friends. Sharing this experience with them was one of my favorite things to come out of this trip. I am so thankful and glad for everyone at ND who helps put this trip together.”

-Beatrice Sидoro '18

“More than two thousand children per day are victims of abortion in the US. Tens of thousands of strangers from around the world came to Washington, DC to participate in the March for Life. I was blessed to be a part of the March for Life. Even though I had to wake up early in the morning to participate, I still wanted to go to Washington. I realized that I could have been one of those unfortunate children who died from abortion. I was born to a young couple. They could have aborted me, but they didn't. They chose life for me and placed me for adoption. This was part of God's plan. This is why it is so important to give unborn children a voice.”

-Gareth DiPaolo '21

MiniTHON 2018



Development News

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are many opportunities for scholarships and financial assistance available to students for the 2018-19 school year that are in addition to our school financial aid. These offerings are made possible through the generosity of our donors and partner agencies and handled through the Development Office. Please visit the school website (www.ndcrusaders.org) under the “Student Life” tab and click on the SCHOLARSHIP drop-down for the current offerings. Please pay attention to deadlines and criteria for each scholarship.

CAREER DAY – LAST CALL

Career Day 2018 has been moved until May 18, 2018. If you are interested in speaking to our students, please reach out to the alumni office at alumni@ndcrusaders.org for information.

Ave Maria Award Honorees

Each year, the Alumni Office with the help of our volunteer committee and the administration, select alumni who have been successful in their personal and professional lives and organizations that have been loyal to Notre Dame High School. We will recognize these honorees at the annual Ave Maria Banquet to be held on April 29, 2018 at 1:00PM. For reservations or information on how to place congratulatory ads, please contact the Development Office at ncaroprese@ndcrusaders.org. We are pleased to announce the 2018 Ave Maria Award honorees:

Edward Breiner, '73, Distinguished Graduate

David Ifkovits, '79, Distinguished Religious Service

Charles “Chuck” Muller, '77, Distinguished Educator

Jeff Dailey Memorial Foundation, The Crusader Award

Anita Franczak Paukovits, '78, Bishop’s Distinguished Catholic Graduate



Grandparents Day 2018

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We will once again host our students and their grandparents and/or “special persons” for a morning of a light breakfast and entertainment in our gymnasium on May 1, 2018. If you would like us to send your child’s grandparent or special person and invitation, please complete and return the form below by March 15, 2018. Invitations will be mailed directly to your guest by April 1, 2018. Students who have a grandparent attending will be permitted to attend the breakfast and show. Due to the size of our gym, attendance will be capped at 300 people. Reservations will be accepted until capacity is met.

Grandparent Contact Information

Grandparent(s)/Special Person Name _____

Student Name _____ Student Grade _____

Grandparent Address

Please return to Development Office by March 15, 2018



Grandparents Day 2017

Wrestling Roundup....



Congratulations to
District XI Champion
Ryan McGuire
Ryan finished 5th in the PIAA
State Tournament and broke
the school record for most wins 129
Ryan will continue his wrestling career
at Millersville University.

Congratulations to District XI Champion
Richie Markulics

Richie took 3rd place at the PIAA State
Tournament at Hershey.

Richie was the only 2A wrestler in the
tournament to finish 6-0 in the consolation
bracket. Richie also achieved his 100th win
this season.



Congratulations to Isaiah DeJesus with a
bronze medal at the District XI Tournament

Isaiah took 5th place at Regionals and
made the trip to the PIAA Tournament with
four other ND wrestlers.



Wrestling Roundup....



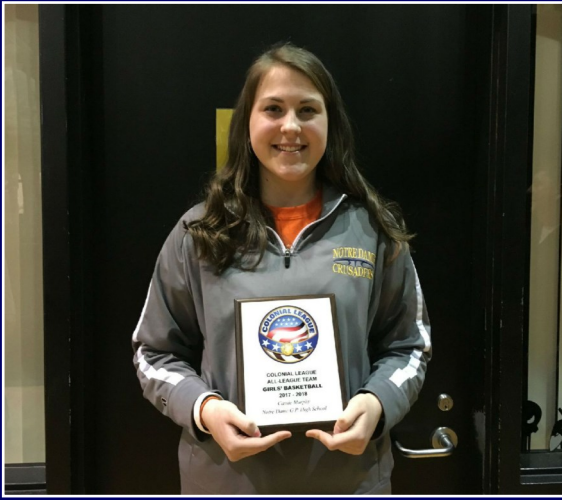
**Congratulations to
District XI Silver Medalist
Nick Vonelli**
Nick finished 3rd at Regionals
and made the trip to the
PIAA State Tournament at Hershey

**Congratulations
to District XI Bronze Medalist
Joshua Bauman**

Josh finished 5th at Regional Competition
and as a freshman made his first trip to the
PIAA State Tournament.



Colonial League Honors



*Congratulations
Cassie Murphy
1st Team All League*



*Congratulations
Olivia Brandt
Honorable Mention*



*Congratulations
Natalie Galle
Honorable Mention*

Colonial League Honors

Congratulations

Jaden Cunningham

2nd Team All League



Congratulations

Zach DeFoe

Honorable Mention



*Congratulations Josh Bauman,
Anthony Morello, Richie Markulics and
Ryan McGuire*

1st Team All League



Post Season Medal Roundup.....



Congratulations to

Gianna Farina

District XI Gold Medal Winner

100 M Breaststroke

200 IM



*Congratulations to
our ND Swimmers*

*Alina Miles and
Gianna Farina on a
great season!*

Post Season Medal Roundup.....



*Congratulations to the ND Boys Basketball Team
District XI 3A Champions*



Thank You Seniors



**THERE WILL BE OBSTACLES.
THERE WILL BE DOUBTERS.
THERE WILL BE MISTAKES.
BUT WITH HARD WORK,
THERE ARE NO LIMITS.**

Preseason Competition



Tyler Ference, Braeden Farrell and Thomas Kitchell competed at the 2018 USATF Indoor National Youth Championships in New York



Congratulations go out to Sophomore Thomas Kitchell who captured the Gold in the 15/16 year old bracket at the USATF National Youth Championships.

Notre Dame Theatre Company

Notre Dame Theatre Company
presents

RODGERS + HAMMERSTEIN'S
CINDERELLA

Friday - April 20 @ 7pm
Saturday - April 21 @ 7pm
Sunday - April 22 @ 2pm

Tickets available at ndtcshowtickets@gmail.com
or 610-438-2105

~ Doors open 30 minutes prior ~

Tickets - \$10

Children 5-12 - \$6 / Children under 5 - Free

Notre Dame High School
3417 Church Road ~ Easton, PA 18045



Rodgers & Hammerstein's CINDERELLA. Music by Richard Rodgers. Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II. New Book by Douglas Carter Beane. Original Book by Oscar Hammerstein II. Orchestrations by Danny Trosh. Music Adaptation & Arrangements by David Chase.

Additional Lyrics By Douglas Carter Beane, David Chase and Bruce Pritikin.
CINDERELLA is presented through special arrangement with R & S Theatricals. www.rsk.com



Notre Dame Theatre Company

NOTRE DAME THEATRE COMPANY



Friday, April 20, 2018 @ 7 pm
Saturday, April 21, 2018 @ 7 pm
Sunday, April 22, 2018 @ 2 pm

TICKET ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

<u>Performance</u>	<u># of Adults</u>	<u># of Seniors/Students</u>	<u># of Kids 5-12</u>	<u>Total</u>
April 20	_____ x \$10	_____ x \$8	_____ x \$6	\$ _____
April 21	_____ x \$10	_____ x \$8	_____ x \$6	\$ _____
April 22	_____ x \$10	_____ x \$8	_____ x \$6	\$ _____

_____ Cash _____ Check _____ Check Number

**** Checks should be made payable to Notre Dame High School ****
with memo Theatre Tickets

Mail Ticket Order to:
Notre Dame High School -- Attn: Theatre Dept.
3417 Church Rd., Easton PA 18045

If you would like your tickets mailed to you, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your order and payment.

Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each show.
Unpaid will call tickets will be held until 15 minutes before show.

Speech and Debate Update



Degree of Special Distinction Pin

Chris Bianchi (500-749 pts)

Congratulations Bianchi Brothers



Degree of Superior Distinction Pin

Greg Bianchi (750-999 pts)

Allentown Diocesan League National Qualifier at Northampton Community College.

The following students won awards:

Dramatic Performance: 4th place, Chris Bianchi (National Alternate)

Extemporaneous Speaking : 4th place, Greg Bianchi (National Alternate)

Also representing Notre Dame were Harper Hogan and Rebecca Koury in Declamation and Eddie Nuber in Student Congress.

Also Eddie Nuber earned the Degree of Distinction from the National Speech and Debate Association.



Campus Ministry Reminder...



This is a reminder that service hours are due at the end of the third marking period, March 26, 2018.

Students who do not complete their service hours will be on social suspension (students may not participate in clubs, theater, drama, band, sports, or other extra curricular activities nor purchase tickets or attend Prom) until their service hours are completed.

Opportunities for service are listed on the Campus Ministry webpage under Student Life.

Service hour forms are available on the Campus Ministry webpage, in the Campus Ministry Office, on the bulletin board outside the Campus Ministry Office and in the Main Office.

Fundraising News

The 4th drawing of the 2017-2018 Fundraising Ticket Series “Luck Of A Crusader” will run from Friday, January 5th with the drawing being held on Thursday, March 15th, 2018 at noon in the Finance Office. Deadline for submitting tickets is Wednesday, March 14th, 2018.

For your convenience, the main office is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm to either pick-up or drop off your tickets.

Please ensure that the “Student Name” section is completed so we can apply credit to your fundraising account.

As a reminder, the 2017-2018 Fundraising quota’s are as follows:

- ☆ \$750 per single child family or
- ☆ \$1,000 per multi child family.

Tickets may be purchased all at once, or spread throughout the year. “The Luck Of A Crusader” is a \$10.00 ticket with a chance of winning \$6,400 in total prizes.

For every 10 tickets sold, you receive a free ticket for that drawing and you can write just one check for all the tickets purchased.

Additional drawing:

Spring Is In The Air - (03/16/18-05/03/18)

Mark Your Calendars!

Fundraising 50% Plan: Once you have met your fundraising quota for the current school year, we will credit your tuition account 50 cents on every dollar over the quota.

Should you have any questions, please contact Cindy Mackiewicz, Student Fundraising Coordinator, at cmackiewicz@ndcrusaders.org



NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL, INC.

S.G.O.C.LIC.#17-00183

Luck Of A Crusader

\$10.00

Drawing Date: Thursday, Mar. 15th, 2018

Noon in the Finance Office

\$6,400 in Prizes

#1—\$1,500 #2—\$1,000 #3—\$500
#4—\$250 #5—\$250
#6-20—\$100 #21-32—\$75 #33-42—\$50

Write check payable to Notre Dame High School.

Make tickets available to your family & friends.

Winners list will be posted on ND website.

Winners will be notified by mail.

Prize eligibility not contingent on purchase.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Student Name: _____

Financial Aid Update



The Facts financial aid window is now open and you may apply for financial aid and need based scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year.

The application deadline is April 15, 2018. Please log in to your Facts Account at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3NW4G> to apply. Families must apply every year to be considered for assistance.

Please contact Lisa Beltz (lbeltz@ndcrusaders.org) or Geoff Gowey (ggowey@ndcrusaders.org) with questions.

Guidance News

Class of 2018

Congratulations to all the members of the Class of 2018 who have worked hard to get their college applications out! As you begin to receive decision letters from colleges, don't forget to update your Family Connection account. Also please bring a copy of any decision notification into Guidance, including acceptance, rejection, deferred decision, etc... Or, if your notification was emailed to you, simply forward the email to rallen@ndcrusaders or buliana@ndcrusaders. We'd like to update your file and share the good news!

Don't forget to use all the [Scholarship Search Tools](#) in your Family Connection account. When you log-in, Scholarship information can be found under the *Colleges* tab

From there, you can search for National Scholarships by completing the National Scholarship Search hosted by Sallie Mae. Parents and students should complete this search together as there are a number of questions that pertain to both. While you're at it, search Local Scholarships, by clicking Scholarship List. Here you will find several local scholarships.



Guidance News

Class of 2018

Seniors, as you receive admissions decisions from colleges, please don't forget to keep the Guidance Office up to date. We are proud of your accomplishments, and want to keep track of all the great places our seniors are headed when they graduate.

Also, don't forget to use the Scholarship Search available in your Family Connection account. Students should know how to access their Family Connection accounts through

<http://connection.naviance.com/notredhs>

If you need a reminder what your log-in information is, contact the Guidance Office and we can help.

Once you log in, from the Home page click the *Colleges* tab. Then, scroll down towards the bottom on the page and you'll see the category *Scholarships and Money*. There you will find the *National Scholarship Search* hosted by Sallie Mae. Parents and students will probably want to look at this together as there are a number of questions that pertain to both.

Class of 2019

FAFSA4caster is a free financial aid calculator that gives you an early estimate of your eligibility for federal student aid. This information helps families plan ahead for college. You must use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) to apply for aid once you've decided to apply for admission and attend college. Parents of younger students can use the tool to receive early estimates, create scenarios based on future earnings, and then establish college funding strategies. Adult students also can use FAFSA4caster to get an idea of what aid they might receive. You can find FAFSA4caster at www.fafsa.gov—click on the appropriate box under “Thinking About College?”

Remaining SAT dates for the 2017-2018 school year:

March 10, May 5, and June 2, 2018

Remaining ACT dates for the 2017-2018 school year:

February 10, April 14, June 9 and July 12, 2018

Sending your official SAT scores to colleges: Test takers receive 4 free score reports every time they register for the SAT. These 4 score reports must be used at the time of registration or within 9 days after the test date. It is highly recommended that you take advantage of these score reports, as additional reports are subject to a fee.

ND Athletic News....



2018 Summer Camps Notre Dame High School - Easton

Camp	Dates	Ages	Time	Director	Contact Info	Cost
Lou Cecala Baseball Camp	June 18 th – 21 st	Ages 6 - 14	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Michael Bedics	610-217-1065 or mbedics@ndcrusaders.org	\$125.00
Boys Basketball Camp	July 10 th – 13 th	Ages 7-18	9:00 am-3:00 pm	Pat Boyle	610-573-1800 or pboyle@ndcrusaders.org	\$150.00
Girls Basketball Camp	June 18 th – 21 st	Grades 4-8	12:00 pm – 5:15 pm	Josh Kopp	610-248-6835 or jkopp@ndcrusaders.org	\$120.00
Football Camp	July 19 th	Ages 6 - 14	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Phil Stambaugh	610-533-4133 or pstambaugh@ndcrusaders.org	\$60.00
Volleyball Camp	August 1 st – 3 rd	Grades 5-8	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Paul <u>Abi-Daher</u>	484-375-8082 or Boulos1010@gmail.com	\$125.00
Soccer Camp	June 25 th – 28 th	Ages 5-14 Boys/girls	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Mike Reilly	610-703-7388 or mreilly@ndcrusaders.org	\$120.00

Student Assistance Program



Student Assistance Program (SAP)

If you know a student who is struggling with something, and could use some extra help, please remember the SAP Team.

SAP is a team of ND faculty/staff trained to remove barriers to learning, a student might be facing.

Through mobilizing resources both in and out of school, the SAP team works closely with parents and families in a confidential manner to ensure students are getting the help they need.

Members of the SAP Team:

Ryan Allen

Sharon Hillhouse

Kelly Weber

Zach Moyer

Jessica Gold

John Tague

Jackie Friel

March Calendar of Events

- March 1 Stations of the Cross in AM
- March 6 Mass at 8:15 AM
- March 7/8 Senior Retreat Days
- March 13/16 Kairos
- March 16 Kindergarten Surprise
- March 21 Penance Service (Periods 1-4)
- March 21 Information Session at ND 6:00-8:00 PM
- March 22 Mass at 8:15 AM
- March 24 Easter Egg Hunt from 12-2 PM grades K-2
- March 27 Living Stations PM assembly
- March 29-April 2 School Closed for Easter Vacation

