



February 2010



Allison Lepretre, Caroline Orillion, Leah Lapoint and Ali Lucas completed requirements for Student of the Year honors. Congratulations to Leah Lapoint for being named Notre Dame’s Student of the Year.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 1/31-2/6 Catholic Schools Week
- ◆ 2/5.....Jeans Day
- ◆ 2/6.....ACT TEST (at ND)
- ◆ 2/10.....Progress Reports—available online
- ◆ 2/15-16.....Mardi Gras Holiday
- ◆ 2/17.....Ash Wednesday / School Liturgy
- ◆ 2/19.....Fish “Fry”day
- ◆ 2/25-2/27....NDHS BB Tourney
- ◆ 2/26.....Jeans Day
- ◆ 2/26.....Fish “Fry”day
- ◆ 3/3.....Advising Packets go home
- ◆ 3/8.....ADVISING DAY

The mission of Notre Dame High School is to educate its students in mind, body and soul with the love of Jesus, the discipline of Joseph and the faith of Mary.

Message from the Administrators...

Dear Notre Dame Family and Friends,

January 29, 2010

The first half of the 2009-2010 school year is history and it is appropriate that we, once again, provide a "snapshot" that allows you an overall view of student body performance during the 2nd nine weeks:

ACADEMIC (2nd 9 weeks)

Total number of grades assigned (includes PE) . 3188
Total number of students involved..... 429
Number of "As" earned..... 1629(**51.1%**)
Number of "Bs" earned..... 865(**27.1%**)
Number of "Cs" earned..... 455(**14.3%**)
Number of "Ds" earned..... 151(**4.7%**)
Number of "Fs" earned..... 88(**2.8%**)

ATTENDANCE (2nd 9 weeks)

Total number of school days in grading period 45
Total number of absences (whole day)558.5
Number of students with at least one absence.....
..... 276 (64.3%)

****REMINDER**-State Law does not permit more than 10 days absences per year in a blocked class. An **excused absence** is still counted as an **absence**, but a student is permitted to make up the work missed. Please stagger routine appointments so that they fall during different times/blocks. The **ONLY** exception to this law is **extenuating circumstances which must fall within certain, strict guidelines** and time limitations. Thank you for stressing the importance of attendance to your student/s.

DISCIPLINE (Summary for 2nd Quarter; Ending January 7, 2010)

Minor Violations:

0-3 violations.....363
429 students.....(84.6%)

4 19 students..... (4.4%)
5 16 students..... (3.7%)
6 3 students..... (0.6%)

**Total minor violations, including 28
Tardies...66 students....(15.4%)**

Fighting 0
Harassment 1
Missed Teacher Detention..... 2
Cell phones.....10
Offensive Language 2
Technology Violation 0
Tobacco 1

TOTAL 26 students (6.1%)

Consequences:


Morning Detentions.....85
Saturday School Suspensions..... 5
Out-of-School Suspensions.....2

Major Violations:

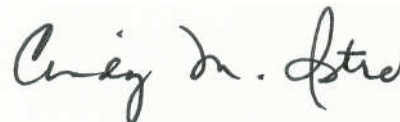
Academic Dishonesty (Cheating)..... 0
Class Conduct.....6
Checking in/out school.....0
Cutting Class (Off Campus) 0
Cutting Class (On Campus)..... 1
Damage to School Property 0
Dishonesty 1
Disobedience/defiant.....0
Disrespect0
Disruptive Behavior 1
Drugs/Alcohol.....1

Please check the online February calendar for upcoming events. Looking ahead, note that on **Monday, March 8th** we will be having a special schedule to facilitate individualized meetings with students and parents for 2010-2011 schedule advising. You will be contacted by a faculty advisor in the next several weeks to set a time for your meeting.

Sincerely,



Lewis Cook, Jr.
Administrator



Cindy M. Istre
Principal

Do Not Miss Out—ONLY 4 Notre Dame Blankets left!!!

Get yours today before they are gone. Price \$50.00 Proceeds benefit the PIO PRIDE Dancers.

WITH FAITH IN OUR FUTURE ... NDHS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We, the Notre Dame High School of Acadia Parish Board of Pastors, School Board and Administration are excited to announce a \$ 3 million Capital Campaign for the construction of a library/learning center and an athletic field house. This addresses an urgent need to modernize and revitalize our existing campus. These renovations ensure that Notre Dame will continue to be a source of high quality education in a Catholic/Christian environment for the students entrusted to our care.

Our Chancellor, Father Gary, states, "It is vitally important to education in our area that Notre Dame address the pressing needs of its facility. The construction of a library/learning center and field house are imperative to viability in the future. I am encouraging all parents, grandparents, supporters and alumni of Notre Dame to become involved in this project."

We face the unavoidable facts that (1) our 55 year old library seats a mere 10 students and received failing marks in the last two accreditation evaluations and (2) our athletic complex, including dressing rooms are cramped, aged and totally unworthy of the Pride and Accomplishments of Pioneer sports programs.

To date, pledges and one time donations total \$ 930,000; \$ 525,000 cash in the bank. The Diocese mandates that we have 1/3 of the project cost in cash prior to groundbreaking (\$1,000,000). Therefore, we ask you to accept this invitation to consider a donation to the Capital Campaign. We realize these are certainly not the best of times to ask for your financial help; however, we do not have the choice of waiting for a more certain, more prosperous economic time. Unless we act now, the library issue alone threatens our overall accreditation when SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) evaluates us later this year.

For information about the Campaign, please contact Development Director, Louise Broussard at lbroussard@ndpios.com or 783-7143.

Going forward, we will update our totals in each newsletter and on the barometers on our website and on our campus. Two upcoming events directly benefit the Capital Campaign: our Lenten Fish "FRY" days and the 5 Mile Walk, scheduled for April 17. Please consider supporting them. We NEED you ... together we WILL meet our goal and break ground in 2010!

Counselor's Corner... by Mr. Terry Gros

At this point in the year, many parents of senior students will be submitting the FAFSA form to determine your eligibility for aid, including TOPS and other scholarships and loans, grants, and work-study. You may submit your application by completing the paper form or you may apply on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov. FAFSA worksheets are available in the Guidance Office and are designed to assist you in filing your FAFSA on the Web application.

Basic FAFSA on the Web Facts:

Q. What is it?

A. FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The primary purpose of the FAFSA is to establish the family's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) which is used to determine the student's eligibility for federal need-based aid programs. The FAFSA is the only application needed for the TOPS Scholarship.

Q. How do I get started?

A. Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov and click "Before Beginning a FAFSA" to get started.

FAFSA Tips

- Fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible. Early submission maximizes your chances of receiving aid in a timely manner.
- Do not leave any fields blank. If a question doesn't apply, enter "0."
- List your information accurately. Do not enter false information as a way to qualify for more aid. Doing so is a federal crime and can be punishable with fines or prison.
- Fill out the FAFSA every year, even if you don't think you will qualify for aid. It may be a prerequisite for scholarships.

SUMMER JOBS FOR STUDENTS!!!!

The Louisiana Lions camp is a summer camp designed for youth with pulmonary, mental, and physical challenges, as well as youth with diabetes.

The Louisiana Lions Club is now accepting applications for summer staff positions including Junior Counselor (ages 16 & 17), Senior Counselor (minimum age 18), Activity Instructors and assistants (minimum age 18). Students with current certifications may apply for Lifeguard positions.

The camping season runs from June 9th thru July 25th, 2010. Staff members are hired for the full season only (seven weeks).

To apply, you may complete a request form or download an application @ www.lionscamp.org You may request an application in any of the following ways:

Voice: 1-800-348-6567

e-mail: jalions@lionscamp.org

Fax: 337-239-9975

Applications must be completed by May 15, 2010.



SOPHOMORES TO TAKE PART IN CAREER EXPO!!!

All NDHS Sophomores will take part in the annual Acadia Parish Career Connections Expo to be held on February 2, 2010. This one-day, tradeshow style event is an opportunity for our students to interact with local business and community leaders throughout the parish. They will explore a variety of career options and become more informed of the day to day tasks of various jobs. The Expo features a Reality Store designed to make students aware of the realities of living expenses and the relationship between the choices they make regarding educational, vocational and career decisions.

If you are a freshman, sophomore, or junior—it isn't too early to start thinking about your schedule for next year. Here are some things to consider:

- * Take a look at the 4 year plan given you when you entered NDHS—how are you doing?
- * Check out TOPS and Board of Regents requirements—what have you fulfilled and what do you still need?
- * What electives might you request that would enhance your schedule and help you with your future goals?
- * Don't fall into the trap of thinking "easy"—think "preparation!"



Important Notes...

UPCOMING ACT ADMINISTRATION (Final Test given at NDHS this school year)

<u>TEST DATE</u>	<u>REGULAR DEADLINE</u>	<u>LATE REGISTRATION</u>
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April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 6-19, 2010
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ACT Prep Course information is available in the Guidance Dept. Please call for details on upcoming courses.

Louisiana High School Athletic Association Academic All State Composite Team Announced



Notre Dame High School is pleased to announce that four students have been recognized by the Louisiana High School Athletic Association. These students have maintained a 4.0 for four years. Congratulations! You are the best of the best.

Pictured (l-r) Ryan Leonards, Caroline Stewart, Hannah Godeaux and Alex Boulet

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR...

Thanks to the generosity of our students and families, our SAINTS DRESS-UP DAY last Friday, raised over \$2,000.00 for the Haitian Earthquake Victims. This money will be sent to the Diocese to be added to the Church Parish collections. Join us in offering continued prayers for those affected by this disaster.

Pios Pound the Pavement...

The Notre Dame Student Council invites you to support our student body's effort to raise money for our ongoing Capital Campaign. These funds will be used to build a much needed library and field house. We are inviting students, alumni, family, friends, and supporters of Notre Dame to "POUND THE PAVEMENT" on the morning of April 17. We will be walking 5 miles through Crowley's historical district, beginning and ending at Notre Dame. We are asking for a minimum donation of \$25 to join the fun. Everyone taking part in the walk will receive a t-shirt. We will be leaving school in three groups: 7AM, 8AM, 9AM. Registration forms are available at ndpios.com.

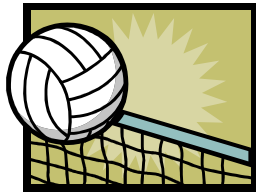


CHECK THIS OUT!

During the Fridays of Lent, Notre Dame will be sponsoring "Lenten Fish 'FRY' days." Want to support our Capital Campaign and eat very well at the same time? \$10 will buy two catfish filets, fries, cole slaw, bread and dessert. Tickets can be purchased on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning each week in the NDHS office. Because we prepare each week based on the number of tickets sold by noon on Wednesday, we are unable to accommodate anyone without a ticket.

JUNIOR PARENTS

There will be an meeting of Junior Parents on Monday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the NDHS Cafeteria. The Meeting is open to all Junior Parents who are willing to help with the Junior-Senior Prom. Your assistance and input would be greatly appreciated!



Attention Volleyball Enthusiasts

YOUNG SPIKERS 2010 will be starting play in the ND gym on Tuesday, March 9th and will end Wednesday, May 5th. All girls between 4th and 9th grades who are interested in volleyball are encouraged to attend. Registration forms are available in the ND front and athletic offices.

For more information, call 783-3519 and ask for Coach Tara Young.

Senior Parents

We need a baby picture of YOUR SENIOR for the Senior Slideshow! Please select one picture of your student, place it in an envelope marked : 'Attention Ms. Kristy Landry ' with your student 's name on it. The deadline is Friday, March 5th. The pictures will be returned once they have been scanned. We want every Senior represented for this event—one the Seniors look forward to each

NDHS YEARBOOK

Any student interested in applying for the 2010-2011 Yearbook Staff...Now is the time! Applications are available in the front office and are due to Mrs. Cuccio in Room 24 no later than Feb. 8, 2010 at 3 p.m.



Attention Parents... Parking Permit Forms for the 2010-2011 school year will be mailed home with the 3rd Nine Weeks report cards.

ALUMNI NEWS

DO YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE ABOUT ONE OF OUR ALUMNI? EMAIL our Development Director:

lbroussard@ndpios.com

WE LOVE TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

BETA NEWS

The BETA TASTING BEE as been moved from March 14th to March 21st due to a calendar conflict. Mark your calendars for this event—it is a favorite!



DRIVER EDUCATION

There will be a class offered starting the week of February 8th. Please pick up a form in the front office—deadline 2/5/10. Students receive a 1/2 credit on their transcript for this course. For more info: Call 783-3519 and ask for Mr. Mike LeMaire