



NOTRE DAME
HIGH SCHOOL
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Catholic Schools—
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JANUARY 2012



Upcoming Events

- ◆ Return to school after holidays (teachers).....January 4
- ◆ Return to school (students).....January 5
- ◆ End of 2nd Quarter.....January 5
- ◆ Feeder School Registration.....January 10
- ◆ In-House Registration.....January 11
- ◆ Transfer Student Registration.....January 12
- ◆ 8th Grade Testing.....January 14
- ◆ HOLIDAY-MLK.....January 16
- ◆ Sophomore Class Retreat.....January 18
- ◆ Junior Class Retreat.....January 19
- ◆ Catholic Schools Week Begins.....January 30

Message from the Administrators...

Dear Notre Dame Family and Friends,

December 20, 2011

As we near the holidays, the pace quickens here at Notre Dame as well as at our homes. Mid-term exams are underway and it is our hope that adequate preparation was part of each student's busy schedule. The second quarter will end January 5th. Please contact us after the break if you have concerns regarding your child's academic progress.

Activity at NDHS doesn't stop when we are on a break—our basketball and soccer teams will be in action. Come out and support our student athletes.

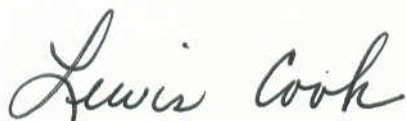
Registration for next school year takes place on January 10th (Feeder Schools), January 11th (In-House) and January 12th (Transfer). While we realize the sacrifice required by many of our families to provide their student/s with a quality Catholic education, we believe that this is one of the most loving gifts a parent could bestow upon a child—an education that will enrich them for their lifetime.

Students return to school on Monday, January 5, 2012 and it will be an "A" day. It is our hope that the much-needed break will enable both students and faculty to return rejuvenated and ready for the second half of the school year.

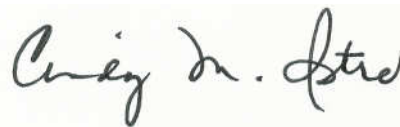
We want to thank you for your cooperation with our pick-up/drop-off. This has been a great help in controlling traffic in the front of school where buses must have access to load and unload.

As 2011 comes to a close, we are thankful for the many blessings this year has brought. We are grateful for the support afforded us by our parents, relatives and friends. We extend to each of you the blessings of the season and wish a very safe and restful holiday to all.

Sincerely,



Lewis Cook, Jr.
Administrator



Cindy M. Istre
Principal

ATHLETIC NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS to Sarah Simar who placed first in the 200 IM and second in the 500 freestyle at the State Swim Meet. In doing so, Sarah set a new school record. She made the All Acadiana top 12 team, and the All District and All State teams. Fantastic!

CONGRATULATIONS to Alaina Savoy and Mallory Chiasson who were named to the All-State Volleyball Team, Division IV and Coach Tara Young who was named Coach of the Year. Congratulations—we are proud of you.

January signals the time when students and parents will want to be completing financial aid and TOPS applications. The Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) is the application for both federal and state student financial aid programs. The FAFSA is the only application needed for the TOPS Scholarship.

HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY FOR TOPS?

To apply, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) @ www.fafsa.ed.gov or the TOPS On-line Application @ www.osfa.la.gov. The FAFSA must be completed by students who qualify for federal grant aid, and by students who are seeking other forms of federal aid. The TOPS On-line application may be completed by students who can certify that they do not qualify for federal grant aid. *In the event of a budget shortfall, students completing the TOPS On-line Application instead of the FAFSA will be the first to lose their TOPS award. Therefore, we advise all students to complete the FAFSA.*

UL-LAFAYETTE SCHOLARSHIP NOTES:

The UL-Lafayette Academic Scholarship Application Deadline is January 31, 2012. Go to www.ull.edu for information concerning guidelines and eligibility.

How do you get scholarship applications?

- * ULL Scholarship Office
- * ULL Admissions Office
- * NDHS Guidance Office
- * download your application @ www.ull.edu

STANDARDIZED TESTING SCHEDULED FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN:

On January 14, 2012 standardized testing will be administered to all 8th grade students entering NDHS next fall (with the exception of those students coming from OLI who have already taken the test). The Explore(a test in the ACT family), designed to help 8th graders explore a broad range of options for their future while also preparing them for high school coursework, will be the assessment tool used. *Check-in and seating will begin promptly at 8:00am in the North Wing of NDHS. Examinees will need to have 2 pencils and an approved calculator.*

ACT UPDATE:

The next ACT Assessment is scheduled for **February 11, 2012**. The deadline for regular registration is **January 13th**. Paper registration packets can be obtained in the Guidance Office. You can also register on-line at www.act.org.

Attention Volleyball Players/Parents

YOUNG SPIKERS 2012

Two different sessions will be held:

4th-6th grade Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 PM
7th grade Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 PM

Sessions will begin the week following Mardi Gras. For more information:

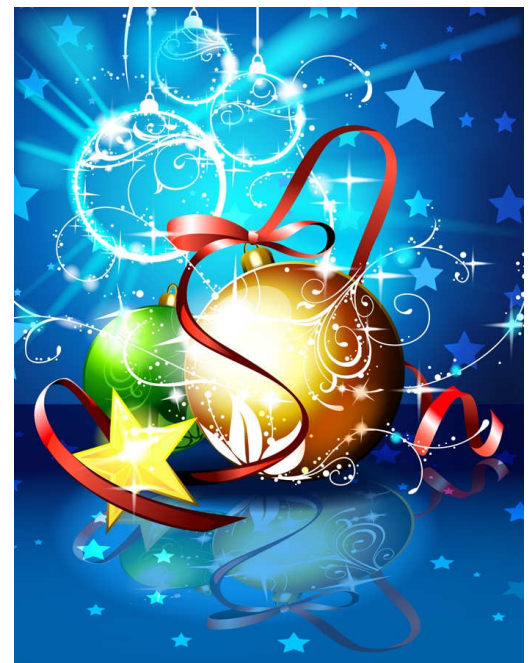
Contact Coach Tara Young

tyoung@ndpios.com

783-3519 (school-leave message)

“I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all year.”

—Charles Dickens



THANKS

A big thank you to all who contributed to the FACS Thanksgiving Pie Sales and the Fruit/Dessert sales. Your support and dedication is greatly appreciated.

...From the Desk of the Dean by Coach Nolan Theriot

A few reminders for when we return after the holidays:

- ◆ All student cell phones must remain in the student's automobile or locked in the student's locker between 7:45 am and 3:00 pm.
- ◆ Undershirts for boys and girls should be **solid white short sleeve only.**
- ◆ Violation cards will be picked up on January 6th during 1st period and each student will be issued a new violation card for the 2nd semester. Students without a signature on their 1st semester card will be invited to our "0" violation party on January 30th and will be eligible to win prizes.
- ◆ Rubber bracelets with inappropriate "sayings" are not allowed. Wearing one of these bracelets will be a uniform violation, the student's card will be signed and the bracelet confiscated.

****Please encourage your student to keep their 3 "free" tardies for those times during the semester when emergency situations arise that are unavoidable (e.g. flat tire, severe weather conditions, fender bender.) Some students utilize them carelessly and then regret it later during the year. Thank you.****



Dear Parents,

With the spring semester approaching, some of your children may be looking ahead to Prom. The Notre Dame High School policy regarding dances and prom may be found on pages 58-59 in your Parent-Student Handbook. Parents, we are asking your HELP to assure that your son or daughter adheres to these policies. We have some particular concerns regarding the **modesty** of some of the girls' formal wear. The bodice of the gown must be cut so that there is no visible cleavage. Although this is contrary to many of the styles currently being worn by some, we are called to **modesty** and **chastity**. The way in which we dress makes a statement about our intent. Please discuss this with your student and start looking far in advance for appropriate attire that meets the standards set forth in the handbook by our Chancellor, Administration and Advisory Council. Thank you for your support.

...Registration Reminder

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year is quickly approaching. Only ONE application per family is necessary and may be turned in on the earliest deadline which applies to any of the students in your family.

Tuition Assistance Forms will be available in the Notre Dame High School Front Office.....	January 10-12
Registration for Incoming Freshmen from feeder schools.....	January 10
Registration for Currently Enrolled students.....	January 11
Registration for Transfer Students.....	January 12
Deadline for paying standard registration fee. After this date, a late fee will be assessed.	January 31
Deadline to return Tuition Assistance Applications to the Notre Dame Business Office	April 16

Please read the information on the registration form carefully. All forms MUST be signed by parent/s and student/s and no registration will be accepted without these signatures. Your signature indicates your acceptance of ND's rules and regulations and serves as a "contract" between you and the school.

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2. *PERSONALIZE* your ad with a message for your student.
3. *SELECT* any pictures you want to include.
4. *SUBMIT* your ad to be published.

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Ad Information

Check the box by the ad you would like to purchase:

Full Page - Black and White	\$250.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
1/2 Page - Black and White	\$125.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
1/3 Page - Black and White	\$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
1/4 Page - Black and White	\$90.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
1/8 Page - Black and White	\$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
1/16 Page - Black and White	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
1/24 Page - Black and White	\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

To reserve space for your personal ad, please submit photos and payment no later than April 4, 2012. Information should be delivered to the school office or mailed; please address to the attention of "Yearbook." Ads cannot be accepted after this date due to printing deadlines.
If you have any questions, please email ecuccio@ndpios.com.

Enclosures:

- _ A Check for \$ _____
- _ CD with digital photos and message
- _ Hard copy photos (labeled) and message
- _ Message with layout sketch

Please Note:

If you would like your photos returned, please include your name, phone number, address, and email on the back of the picture.