



# PARENT NEWSLETTER

Notre Dame High School, Sherman Oaks, California

April 2017

Dear Notre Dame Families,

As we approach Holy Week I want to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and holy Easter and encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities we have on campus and in our local parishes to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, experience the Stations of the Cross, and attend Mass. (Refer to the news from Campus Ministry for more details.) For those of us who are Catholic, Easter is the most important celebration of the year because it celebrates our Lord's resurrection and his triumph over sin and evil. It is proof of God's promise to us that we will have eternal life.

Because spring is also a time of rebirth and renewal it is a reminder for all of us to make a renewed effort toward a strong finish to the school year. Students, please take this time to work hard and focus on your studies. Parents, please support your student by regularly checking Blackboard and encouraging your student to attend X-period and review sessions for extra help.

Springtime is always a busy time in schools, and while everyone deserves a restful Easter break, every good student knows that taking just a few hours over break to organize notebooks, clean out backpacks, catch up on email, and map out assignments on the calendar can make for a smoother transition back. Once we return from Easter break there are only four weeks left before final exams, and two of those weeks will be dedicated to AP exams. In addition to APs and final exams, juniors (and some sophomores) will also be focused on standardized testing for college (refer to the standardized testing section in this newsletter) so we have, indeed, begun the mad rush to the year-end and it will be here sooner than you realize! Parents, please do take some time over the break to sit down with your student and coordinate your calendars.

Given the popularity of last semester's study week, we will be hosting study week again during the week of May 15. More details will follow in next month's newsletter, but students are encouraged to plan ahead and allocate sufficient time to studying for year-end finals.

Summer school registration is open online and while some classes are filling up fast, others have low enrollment and run the risk of not being offered. If your student plans to attend summer school you are encouraged to register as soon as possible so that we can confirm that there is enough enrollment to run the class. Courses with insufficient enrollment will be cancelled in early May.

Preliminary results from a survey sent to parents last week indicate that we will be adding a Mandarin I program to this year's summer school, and we will offer Mandarin I and II classes, after school, next year. Parents who indicated an interest in having their students take Mandarin will be contacted via email with more details about the program.

With so much that needs to happen within the next eight weeks let's take a collective deep breath and commit to enjoying a happy and restful Easter break with family and friends. May the Lord continue to bless you and may He allow you to return from break rejuvenated and ready to take on the last few weeks of the school year.

Blessings,  
Alice Cotti

# ACADEMIC BULLETIN

## Course Selection for the 2017-2018 School Year

We are in the process of planning the master schedule and budget for next year. At this time student requests are “frozen” and changes cannot be made. Course offerings, teaching assignments, the number of sections allotted for the year, and the department budgets are determined based on the number of students requesting courses at this time. Departments and administration also evaluate course enrollment projections as they determine the courses to be offered for the school’s staffing needs.

In mid-May, each student will receive a copy of their course selection forms and approved course request listing. *At that point, there will be a final, one-week window when students can speak to the counselor to request consideration of any last minute changes to their course requests.* All requests are finalized at the end of the school year and cannot be changed at that point. Please contact your counselor if you have registered for any summer school coursework that changes your submitted course request form.

DATE	2017–2018 COURSE REQUEST PROCESS
April – Mid May Course Request change FREEZE.	<p><b>Course request change FREEZE. Students may not request changes during this time.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department chairs evaluate and approve requested courses. Honors/AP courses requiring pre-requisites are being evaluated and requests approved by the department chair.</li> <li>• Course section offerings are determined by the administration <i>based on the number of students requesting the courses at this point.</i></li> <li>• Determinations regarding closed courses and courses that will be offered are made and course requests adjusted accordingly based on alternate choices made on course requests.</li> <li>• All courses are subject to minimum and maximum enrollments.</li> <li>• Department chairs and administration determine staffing, review the proposed budget and plan teaching assignments and contracts based on approved course requests.</li> <li>• Master schedule for the fall is outlined.</li> </ul>
Middle to late May – exact dates TBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student approvals for honors/AP courses are finalized based on second semester grades.</li> <li>• Students and parents will receive final verification emails showing updated and approved student course requests.</li> <li>• Late/last minute course request change window opens, and changes can be made with input from counselors and subject to course size limitations. Many classes may be full at this point based on initial requests and changes at this point cannot be guaranteed.</li> <li>• AP course meetings regarding summer homework, etc.</li> <li>• All requests are final at the end of the school year.</li> </ul>
Mid July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students receive their schedule of classes for the fall semester.</li> </ul>

## **2017 Honors Night – April 27, 2017**

Notre Dame's annual Honors Night will be celebrated Thursday, April 27 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Almost 400 students will be recognized that evening for their achievements in academics, athletics, service, extra-curricular, and co-curricular activities. *Invitation letters will be sent in mid-April to students who are receiving an award or recognition.* Following the event, a list of students honored will be posted on the Notre Dame website. Students attending are asked to dress nicely for the ceremony. Congratulations in advance to all students who will be receiving an award that evening.

### **NEWS from the COUNSELING OFFICE**

#### **Attention Seniors**

May 1 is National Candidate Reply Day for students who will be attending four year colleges or universities. This means that on or before May 1 you will have decided which college you are going to attend next year. Tuition and housing deposits are also due on May 1. Seniors should continue to update Naviance with details about college applications, acceptances and final decisions. A few weeks after graduation, the registrar will send a final transcript to the one college or university listed on the Naviance Senior Survey. Questions? Contact senior counselors Val Pantell (A-G), Joan Canzone (H-O) or Mae Greenwald (P-Z).

#### **Attention Junior and Senior Parents**

All junior and senior parents are invited to have coffee and conversation with the senior counselors in an open discussion about college admissions on Wednesday, April 26 at 8 a.m. in the Holy Cross Reading Room. Bring your questions; bring your ideas. Be sure to mark your calendar now. This is a fun and informative meeting that we hope you will plan to attend.

#### **Special Summer Programs**

There are a variety of summer enrichment programs available for students at all grade levels at colleges and universities across the country, as well as abroad. These programs offer experiences in many areas including art, music, science, math, medicine, law and more. Students are encouraged to visit the Counseling Office for details. Summer programs are also posted on the Naviance website under COLLEGES, ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS.

#### **College Testing**

College testing – registration deadlines rapidly approaching.

Juniors are advised to take the SAT I and/or ACT exam this spring. Please note that the registration deadline for the May 6 SAT is this Friday, April 7. (Refer to the following chart for June test dates and registration deadlines.) Juniors will have the opportunity to take the SAT I and/or ACT again in the fall as seniors.

SAT II subject exams are required or strongly recommended at some of the most highly selective private colleges and universities. While the SAT II exams are not required for admission to the University of California in most majors, they are required for engineering majors. Students considering a major in engineering at any college or university should take exams in science and math. Most colleges will not except the Math Level 1 exam so if you are taking math please register for Math Level 2 exam. Students may take up to three subject tests on the same date.

Juniors should check the subject exam requirements-now-for the colleges they are interested in so that they have time to register and sit for the tests this spring. Testing requirements are usually listed on the admissions section of each college's website.

While juniors will have the opportunity to take the SAT I or ACT again as seniors in the fall, they should take their subject exams now in the junior year while they are completing the corresponding courses.

Freshman and sophomores in honors or AP courses should also consider taking subject exams at the end of this year that correspond to courses in which they are currently enrolled such as: biology, chemistry, world history, and math or foreign language for those who are in advanced level courses.

For more information about subject exams, and to take some sample practice questions, please visit your Naviance account and click on the link for SAT II subject exams.

Please note the testing dates and deadlines listed below. Register at the College Board/SAT link on Naviance.

### SAT Test Dates

	SAT Test date	Tests offered	Registration deadline	Late registration
<b>SAT</b>	May 6, 2017	SAT I & SAT II	April 7, 2017	April 25, 2017
	June 3, 2017		May 9, 2017	May 24, 2017

### ACT Test Dates

<b>ACT</b>	ACT Test date	Registration deadline	Late registration
	June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 19, 2017

### Junior Parent Meeting – Save the Date

Parents of current juniors are invited to attend an evening with the Notre Dame senior college counselors on Thursday, April 6 at 7 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. The focus of the evening will be what parents should be doing right now to help their children with college choice, applications, writing the college essay and so much more. Guidelines, organizational tips, timelines and Naviance are on the agenda. We hope you'll attend.

### College Visits

Students, especially juniors, are encouraged to visit colleges during spring and summer vacation either locally or in other parts of the country to familiarize themselves with the range of postsecondary institutions available in the United States and to help students think about what types of institutions are best suited for them. Call the individual college or check websites for tour information. Colleges often visit our campus in April and May. Please listen for these announcements, check your email, look for college visits on Naviance, and plan to attend these on-campus events. Yes, bring your snack or lunch.

## Advanced Placement Tests

Advanced Placement tests are nationally scheduled to be administered between Monday, May 1 and Friday, May 12. *The Bulletin for AP Students and Parents* provided by the College Board was distributed to students in AP classes in February. Please ask your child to share this information with you. Should you need additional information, contact Mr. Kearns in the counseling office at kearns@ndhs.org.

### AP students & AP Pre-Administration

Parents of AP students should remind their students that there is a mandatory X-period meeting for all AP students in April.

The schedule is as follows:

- All sophomore AP students should report to the cafeteria on Tuesday, April 4 at 2:15 p.m.
- Juniors and seniors with last names starting with A-K should report to the cafeteria on Thursday, April 6 at 1:45 p.m.
- Juniors and seniors with last names starting with L-Z should report to the cafeteria on Monday, April 10 at 1:30 p.m.

If students have a conflict, please have them see Mr. Kearns in the Counseling Office.

### NEWS from the BUSINESS OFFICE

Tuition and fees for the 2017-2018 school year have been approved by the Board of Directors. **The amount for the year is \$15,600 plus fees and a Parent Advancement Fund donation.**

Description	Amount	Due Date
Tuition	\$15,600	Payment Plan
Registration Fee	600	<b>May 15, 2017</b>
Technology Fee	600	Payment Plan
Student Supplies Fee	150	Payment Plan* (Seniors=\$600)
Parent Advancement Fund	500	Payment Plan
Course and Special Fees	See Table	October 2017
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,450</b>	

## Tuition

Notre Dame offers the following three options for paying tuition, required fees and the parent advancement fund. The registration fee is an annual fee due on May 15, 2017:

- A). ANNUAL PLAN – One payment of \$16,850 due in July 2017
- B). SEMI-ANNUAL PLAN – Two payments of \$8,425 due in July 2017 and December 2017
- C). 10-MONTH PLAN – Ten payments of \$1,685 beginning in July 2017 and ending in April 2018

Notre Dame utilizes TADS to assist the school and its families with the tuition process. All families, regardless of payment plan, are required to register for an account with TADS ([www.tads.com](http://www.tads.com)). TADS charges an annual fee of \$45 per family for all accounts that sign-up for a ten-month payment plan. Those who choose the ten-month payment plan will have the option of having their payments drawn on either the 5<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, or 25<sup>th</sup> banking day of each month. If your selection falls on a weekend or bank holiday, the payment will be withdrawn the following banking day. Additionally, families have the ability to make payments of any amount prior to their selected due date. Any pre-payment will be deducted from the balance due. There is no fee for accounts that choose either the annual or semi-annual payment plans. However, a TADS account is still required so that various school fees can be collected throughout the year if necessary. Payments can be made via electronic bank ACH or major credit card on the date you select. If you choose to pay by credit card, 3% of the transaction amount will be added to your payment. If you need to change your payment date for any reason you must contact TADS two days in advance of your selected withdrawal date. You may change your payment date/schedule once at no cost. Additional changes will incur a \$100 fee. Late payments are subject to a \$35 fee. Invoice notifications will be sent out prior to your selected withdrawal date. Please contact the Notre Dame Business Office for any questions regarding your TADS account.

*Penalties: Charges are assessed for late payments and failed bank drafts (i.e., non-sufficient funds).*

*Books and Uniforms: The cost of books and uniforms is not included in tuition and are the responsibility of the student/family.*

*Mid-Year Withdrawals/Refunds: The July installment under the 10-month plan is not refundable. See the Student/Parent Handbook for a full explanation of the school's refund policy.*

## Required Fees/Gift Participation for ALL Students

**Registration Fee (\$600)** – reserves a place for the student and is non-refundable

**Technology Fee (\$600)** – student hardware, software, infrastructure and iPad program costs

**Student Supplies Fee (\$150)** – yearbook, lock, family directory, student activity card/pass

**Parent Advancement Fund (\$500 per family)** – a tax-deductible gift to the school for equipment, programs and facility improvements that cannot otherwise be provided for by the school operating budget (see the [Parent Giving](#) section in the *Advancement & Alumni* tab at [www.ndhs.com](http://www.ndhs.com) for more information)

### Course and Special Fee Schedule

For the 2017-18 school year, the following fees will be assessed to individual tuition accounts as applicable. Course and special fees are due/drawn in October 2017 based on your selected payment plan and are subject to minor changes based on class size and supplier costs. If any changes or additional fees are required you will be notified in advance of the scheduled withdrawal date.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>FEE \$</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>FEE \$</b>
Acting IV	50	Painting	125
Art I and II	125	Photography I/II	125
Biology (Honors)	50	Science/Labs	30
Competitive Speech/Debate	150	Sports Medicine/Adv	75
Human Anatomy/Physiology	75	TV Production I, II or III	75
Lifetime Fitness	90	AP Test (approx.. per test)	93
AP Studio Art	125	Biology	30
Broadcast Media	25	Physics C (AP)	50
Physics	30	Chemistry (H)	50

### Financial Aid

If you applied and were awarded financial aid, your award will be reflected in your account. Your financial aid calculation has been determined by the information disclosed on your financial aid form. The process we have followed is to award these grants on the basis of need and to allocate our tuition assistance as fairly as possible. We make every effort to assist those with the greatest need and to assist as many students as possible. As a result, Notre Dame High School is not able to fulfill all grant requests. The Notre Dame Tuition Assistance Program requires the consideration of personal financial information and circumstances. The Tuition Assistance Committee and the administration of Notre Dame respect the privacy of information contained on the TADS application and considers such as confidential. Each application is considered individually on the merits of the applicant and the applicant's family and in the context of the financial aid funding that Notre Dame High School is able to distribute. Students and parents are expected to respect the individual and private financial nature of the application process and refrain from discussing financial aid awards publicly.

### Summer School and Discretionary Fees

If you plan to use the student busing service, park on campus, or attend summer school, additional fees will be assessed through TADS. More information on these fees is in your admissions packet.

**FINAL NOTE:** This is not a contract. All tuition contracts will be completed online via TADS with your enrollment.

### ***NEWS from the INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES GROUP (ITSG)***

#### **iPad Collections (Reminder)**

All graduating seniors should plan to return their school issued iPad with corresponding charging brick and USB cable on Wednesday May 24, 2017 after all final exams are completed. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be allowed to keep their iPads over the summer break. Additional information will be shared over the next few weeks regarding the iPad collection process and related requirements.

### **Broken iPads (Required Repairs)**

If you have a cracked, damaged, or broken iPad, please bring the iPad to the Technology Center as soon as possible for evaluation, repair, and/or replacement. Students should not attempt to repair or fix a broken iPad. Any third party alterations, replacements or repairs will result in a fee equal to the full device replacement cost.

### **IT Help Desk System (Online Support)**

For all technical support issues, students can submit an online support ticket by visiting <https://techsupport.ndhs.org> and clicking on the g+ Google sign-in icon (students should log in with their @ndhsstudent.org email address and password). Students who need immediate assistance with technology issues (i.e. iPad problems, Blackboard issues) should visit the Technology Center during normal school hours.

### **Email Security (2-Factor Authentication)**

All Notre Dame issued student email accounts are required to have two factor authentication enabled, which provides a more secure email login and authentication process. If students do not enable this setting in their emails, they will be locked out of their email accounts. The ITSG has already shared instructions on how to setup two factor authentication. For students who need assistance in configuring two factor authentication, please stop by the Technology Center.

### **Enable iCloud (Protect Student Data on iPads)**

Notre Dame High School is not responsible for any lost data on student iPads. All students must activate the “iCloud backup” function and are expected to back up all educational work on their iPad by enabling appropriate cloud-based storage services such as Google Drive, Box, and Dropbox. If you enabled iCloud backup from your device, your data should be stored and protected. To enable iCloud backup, go to Settings, iCloud, enable iCloud drive, and select all the apps that you want saved to iCloud. Students must also go to specific apps (i.e. Notability) and enable cloud based backup. To enable cloud backup for Notability, go to Settings, Auto-backup (select Google Drive, Dropbox, or other service), then go to iCloud and enable the service.

### **iPad Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)**

Per the Notre Dame High School iPad Acceptable Use Policy (AUP), students have NO privacy rights with the use of their iPads. All iPad activity, including communications, internet history, or other uses, are subject to monitoring by Notre Dame High School. Any Notre Dame teacher, administrator, or staff member may inspect and, if they deem necessary, confiscate, any student’s iPad. The school may check a student’s iPad at any time without prior notice. If a student refuses to give the necessary password(s) to gain access to the iPad, the iPad will be confiscated and given to the ITSG, where the device will be restored to factory defaults and all data erased, and the administration will be contacted. Students and parents can view the complete iPad AUP at [NDHS.Blackboard.com](http://NDHS.Blackboard.com).

### **NEWS from the DEANS' OFFICE**

#### **Student Parking for Year 2017-2018**

Student parking spaces are available in the school lots (Woodman, Riverside Annex and Burns Lot) for rising SENIORS at the cost of \$250. Those who parked at the mall their junior year (2016-2017) have highest priority and those who have remained detention free their junior year (2016-2017) are next in line when spaces become available. Whatever spaces are left over are available to any other senior who signs up.

Rising SENIORS need to sign up with the form outside of Ms. McClung's office (No emails) by Monday, May 1. They will be notified of their assigned spot May 19. Payment is not due until we come back for school in August.

For rising JUNIORS, registration for mall parking is \$100 and takes place the first week of school. Forms are located at the Attendance Office.

### **NEWS from the ACTIVITY OFFICE**

#### **Final Senior Events 2017 (See Attached Flier for more Details)**

Grad Nite 2017 – Wednesday, May 24 at 3:30 p.m. – 3:30 a.m. (next morning). Bus or chaperone driven only.  
Senior iPad Collection – Wednesday, May 24  
Graduation Practice – Wednesday, May 24  
Baccalaureate Mass – Friday, May 26 at 7 p.m.  
Graduation – Saturday, May 27 at 9 a.m.

#### **Graduation Gifts**

If you would like to order a traditional double orchid lei or a cobalt blue/22k metallic gold-trimmed mug with the names of all the graduates from the Class of 2017, please place your order by May 4 online at [www.ndhs.org/mugsandleis](http://www.ndhs.org/mugsandleis), or download a form from the website and send your payment to Tito Fuentes in the Band Room. On the day of graduation, the Band Booster Club will be selling graduation balloons, flowers and gifts on campus. We hope that you will support the band by not buying from outside street vendors. Congratulations to all of the graduates and THANK YOU for your generous support of the Irish Knight Band.

### **NEWS from the ADMISSIONS OFFICE**

#### **School Bus for 2017-2018**

We will continue our bus service to the following areas:

South Bay – Westchester  
Westside  
West Valley  
Santa Clarita  
Pasadena

The bus service is \$2,500 for the school year. Please contact Kim Munro at (818) 933-3632 if you have any questions or if you would like to sign up for this next school year.

### **NEWS from the CAFETERIA**

Many student accounts still have negative balances. Since the end of the school year is rapidly approaching, students are limited to a \$10 negative amount in their account. Please check your account balances through EZSchoolPay.

Additionally, with only two months left in the school year, we will be asking seniors to zero out their pre-paid lunch balances by the end of May. Balances over \$10 will be reimbursed; however, a balance less than \$10 will be forfeited. If your senior student has an undergraduate sibling, we are able to transfer balances to them.

Remaining balances in under-grad student accounts will roll over to the next school year for those returning in the fall. Thank you for all of your support in this program and participating in the efficiency of the lunch lines. Feel free to call Brenda Hanna with any questions at (818) 933-3657.

### **NEWS from the THEATRE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Scene Showcase Production**

“Con-nec-tiv-i-ty,” a scene showcase featuring 13 freshman, sophomore, junior and senior students, will be presented in the blackbox theatre on Friday, April 28 at 7 p.m. and Saturday April 29 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased on campus during lunch by students or on line starting Monday, April 24 through our website at [ndhs.org/theatre](http://ndhs.org/theatre).

### **NEWS from the CHOIR**

#### **Choral Spring Concert**

The Notre Dame Choral Department’s Spring Concert “Music from the Movies” is on Friday, April 28 at 3:30 and Saturday, April 29 at 7 p.m. Both performances are in the blackbox theatre on campus, and tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, children and seniors. Come hear music from movie classics like *James Bond* and *Amadeus* and some recent blockbusters such as *Pitch Perfect* and *Frozen!* Email Mrs. Jacklyn Sutley at [sutley@ndhs.org](mailto:sutley@ndhs.org) to purchase tickets, or contact any member of the Choir Program. Hope you can join us to hear our “tales as old as time!”

### **NEWS from the CAMPUS MINISTRY OFFICE**

#### **Stations of the Cross**

On Wednesday, April 12, we will gather in the gym at 9:25 a.m. for a reflective prayer service focused on The Stations of the Cross and the personal Lenten journey we have each made this season. The theme is "Spiritual Metamorphosis," and will highlight ways in which students have put their faith into action this Lent. Families are always welcome to attend.

In addition, there prayer booklets that highlight the Holy Cross Mission and Stations of the Cross available in the St. Joseph Chapel. You are welcome to borrow a booklet and take a meditative walk in the HCC Courtyard, where the Stations are featured. Contact Ms. Abbene, the Campus Minister, for information: [abbene@ndhs.org](mailto:abbene@ndhs.org) or (818)933-3662.

#### **Holy Week**

Holy Week is a time of deep reflection and prayer as we commemorate the sacrificial love of Christ, beginning with Palm Sunday and culminating in the Crucifixion and Resurrection. Parishes throughout Los Angeles offer services this week, and you are encouraged to attend these powerful services in your home parish. For service schedules at Our Lady of Angels Cathedral and our local ND parish, St. Francis de Sales:

OLA Cathedral:

[http://www.olacathedral.org/nstory/10/docs/2017\\_HolyWeekSchedule.pdf](http://www.olacathedral.org/nstory/10/docs/2017_HolyWeekSchedule.pdf)

St. Francis de Sales:

<http://www.saintfrancisparish.org/holy-week-easter-schedule/>

## Christian Leadership Class

For all juniors interested in being a member of next year's Christian Leadership Class, make sure to obtain an application and sign up for an interview in the Campus Ministry Office. This class is open to all students of all faiths who have a desire to serve and enhance the spiritual community of ND through organizing liturgies, leading retreats and participating in active service ministry. See the Campus Minister, Ms. Abbene for details.

### *The Hunting Ground*

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. As a community of faith, we recognize that there is inherent dignity in each human person, and that sexual assault threatens that dignity. In line with our mission to educate the heart and mind, we will host an educational event for senior parents and their children that brings awareness to the topic of sexual assault on college campuses. The event will be held on Monday, April 10 and Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall and will feature a screening of the award-winning documentary, *The Hunting Ground*, followed by a panel discussion led by experts in the field from UCLA, Pepperdine University and CSUN. Seating is limited; to reserve a spot, please R.S.V.P. using School Bookings: [schoolbookings.net](http://schoolbookings.net); Code: c3umc. Contact Reese Abbene in Campus Ministry for information at [abbene@ndhs.org](mailto:abbene@ndhs.org)

## Lenten Food & Clothing Drive

Have you decided to give something up as a Lenten sacrifice?

Have you ever made it through an entire Lent without breaking your sacrifice commitment? Giving something up is great, however another idea is to do good deeds for others during Lent.

We are providing an opportunity for our students (and parents) to do just that with our *Just Because* drive to help make a difference for the poor and the homeless. Bring a can of food or gently worn items of clothing or shoes every Friday during lent. Do you have clothing or shoes you haven't worn in over a year? Here is a chance to make some space in your closet and make a difference for less fortunate folks.

This is how you can make your contribution... Drop it off in the boxes located in the back of St. Joseph Chapel which can also give you a moment for personal reflection and/or prayer. Collecting through April 12.

### **NEWS from the CHRISTIAN SERVICE OFFICE**

This is a reminder that Junior Service hours are due on April 7.

Helpful Hints:

1. Unless they are turning in hours from past years, students should not turn in their current hours all at once. If the student needs to hand in service hours completed in previous years, they must also turn in a typed, one full-page, double spaced, "Reflection Paper" to Mr. De Silva when the project is submitted to x2VOL.
2. If completing service at the same location for 1-2 hours per week, please wait until at least five hours have been accumulated before submitting to x2VOL. Be sure include the dates volunteered in the description section of the program.
3. Students are required to do a minimum five-sentence Reflection of their experience each time a project is submitted. The same Reflection may not be repeated multiple times for their different projects. There are sample Reflections that can use as a reference in the packet.
4. We recommend parents ask the student to see their x2VOL submittal so they can confirm it follows the guidelines.
5. Some students have indicated they are still waiting for their hours to be approved. There are few reasons why work may not yet be approved. 1) They have written the contact's email incorrectly and they need to confirm the correct email address or, 2) Their contact has yet to verify the hours. Please make sure the contact where the hours were completed is informed that they will

- receive an email from x2VOL to verify the hours. If the contact does not receive the email, ask them to check their Spam folder.
6. If your student has questions, please have them first locate the information packet for the instructions. The packet can be found on school's website under Faith & Service/Christian Service. If they need additional assistance, please have them Mr. DeSilva in the Christian Service Office.
  7. Reminder that after their freshman year, parents and relatives may not be used as the service contract to verify the hours the students have completed.
  8. Completion of service hours is a requirement for graduation. Senior students who do not complete the service requirement will not receive their Notre Dame diploma until all hours are successfully completed, submitted and verified.
  9. Service hours for Seniors are now overdue. It is most important that seniors have everything submitted and their hours confirmed by the beginning of May in order to be cleared by the Service Hours coordinator to receive their diploma.

### **NEWS from the ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

#### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

The annual blood drive put on by ND Athletics will be on Thursday, April 6th from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Gym. This is a Gold Late Start school day which means that students do not begin class until 8:45 a.m. We would love to encourage parents and students to sign up with our student-athlete leaders, Cameron Jones and Dean Cotrone or one of their team members. Parents may sign up to donate anytime from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Send an email [athletics@ndhs.org](mailto:athletics@ndhs.org) with your preferred time and we will put you on the schedule. Please call (818) 933-3661 with questions.

#### **Facts about blood:**

- Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- Approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U.S.
- Nearly 7,000 units of platelets and 10,000 units of plasma are needed daily in the U.S.
- Nearly 21 million blood components are transfused each year in the U.S.
- The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately three pints.
- The blood type most often requested by hospitals is type O.
- The blood used in an emergency is already on the shelves before the event occurs.
- It is estimated that sickle cell disease affects 90,000 to 100,000 people in the U.S. About 1,000 babies are born with the disease each year. Sickle cell patients can require frequent blood transfusions throughout their lives.
- According to the American Cancer Society, more than 1.69 million people are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in 2017. Many of them will need blood, sometimes daily, during their chemotherapy treatment.
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood.

#### **Athletic Boosters**

Our end-of-the-year wrap up meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 26 in the HCC Courtyard. An invitation will be sent via Punchbowl to all of our active members of Athletic Boosters. Please be sure to RSVP through the Punchbowl invitation. We will celebrate our outgoing board members and will have a wrap-up (or update from those who will still be in spring season) from all of our coaches. Please be sure to join us this evening and see how you can be involved in the future. If you would like to become a member, please click on the athletic link and join now.

## **Athletics**

Congratulations to both of our soccer teams! Boys soccer are the Mission League Division 1 Champions and our girls soccer are the Sunshine League Division 1 Champions. Congratulations to both boys Coach Patrick Thomsen and girls coach Marcus Meakin and all the players. We are so very proud of you!

### **TADS 2017-2018 Physical Forms**

Remember to book your child's physical exam appointment for the 2017-2018 school year ASAP. Please find the physical exam forms which need to be completed in the TADS 2017-2018 registration under "required documents" the week of April 3. The forms are uniquely barcoded for each student for the 2017-2018 school year so that when you submit them back to TADS, they can be correctly filed. Each student needs a current physical submitted to TADS every year in order to be enrolled at Notre Dame. Physicals will need to be uploaded by June 14 to complete enrollment. Please contact Lisa Schori in the Attendance Office at (818) 933-3648 if you have any questions.

### **NEWS from the IRISH KNIGHT BAND**

#### **Jazz Band at Honors Night**

The Jazz Band will be performing at Honors Night on Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Notre Dame Gym. Come out and support this year's student awards recipients and your Notre Dame Jazz Band.

#### **Jazz Band and Percussion Ensemble Concert**

Saturday, April 29, the Notre Dame Jazz Band and Percussion Ensembles will present a concert at 2:00 p.m. at the Hall of Liberty at Forest Lawn in Hollywood Hills. The Jazz Band will be performing different styles of music, including swing, rock, and Latin. The Percussion Ensemble will perform a variety of music, including their indoor concert percussion competition piece. This will be the last opportunity to see the Jazz Band and Percussion Ensemble in concert this year. The concert is open to the public and there is no admission charge. All are invited to attend.

#### **Dance Flags Compete in Winter Guard Show Circuit**

This season the Notre Dame Dance Guard has performed in the Winter Guard Association of Southern California (WGASC) competition circuit. With two competitions already completed, the ND Dance Guard has made a strong showing, including a second-place finish at Azusa High School, and a first-place finish at the Desert Pines High School competition in Las Vegas, Nevada. There are still three competitions left for you to come see them perform in person.

Friday, March 31 – Arlington High School

Saturday, April 15 – Arcadia High School

Saturday, April 22 – Championships in Anaheim Area

#### **Percussion Ensemble Competes in Indoor Concert Division**

For the first time in six years, the Notre Dame Percussion Ensemble has entered into the Southern California Percussion Alliance (SCPA) competitions in the Indoor Concert Percussion, Scholastic Open division. Under the direction of Percussion Instructor and Assistant Band Director Matthew Pagnotta, the Percussion Ensemble has put together a great show full of energy, technique, and musicianship. In their first show at Great Oak High School in Temecula, the Percussion Ensemble put on a great performance, earning a second-place finish.

Their next show will be the SCPA Prelims on Sunday, April 9, at the Coussoulis Arena at CSU San Bernardino. If they place high enough at Prelims, the Percussion Ensemble will earn a spot at the SCPA Championships the following week at Citizen's Business Bank Arena in Ontario, which would be quite a feat for a group that went into the season having no experience in this type of competition.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

On Saturday, May 13, the Symphonic Band, Intro Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble and Dance Flag Team will present their final concert of the year at 2:00 p.m. The program will feature a wide variety of music and dance performances. The concert will be in the Hall of Liberty at Forest Lawn in Hollywood Hills. Following the concert, the annual awards ceremony for the band program will take place. The concert is open to the public and there is no admission charge. All are invited to attend.

### **NEWS from the ADVANCEMENT OFFICE**

#### **HCMG Luncheon, Auction & Fashion Show** *"Opening Knight"*

Holy Cross Mothers Guild's 42nd Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show  
Sheraton Universal Hotel  
Saturday, April 8, 2017

Get ready to celebrate fabulous fashions, faith, community and fun as Guild parents and Notre Dame senior students present this year's theme *"OPENING KNIGHT - a Broadway spectacular!"*

Registration is on-line at [www.ndhs.org/fashionshow](http://www.ndhs.org/fashionshow). We are also excited to announce that bidding during the silent auction will be done through BidPal. Not only will you be able to bid on your phone throughout the event, but you will have an opportunity to preview all auction items a couple of days prior to the Fashion Show. You can currently preview the Live Auction items, the Grand Raffle and Arm's Length raffle donations and a few of the Silent Auction items on the NDHS website.

Proceeds from the day and advertising income from the program book are placed in the Holy Cross Mothers Guild Scholarship Fund. Mothers Guild members are hard at work preparing for this year's event. For additional information, please contact chairs Nancy Madwin at [nancy.madwin@yahoo.com](mailto:nancy.madwin@yahoo.com), or Naomi Casali at [casalinaomi@gmail.com](mailto:casalinaomi@gmail.com), or Sue Wellman, Assistant to the President, at [wellman@ndhs.org](mailto:wellman@ndhs.org) or (818) 933-3605.

#### **31<sup>ST</sup> Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Braemar Country Club**

One of ND's biggest events is changing venues as the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament moves to the Braemar Country Club in Tarzana on Monday, May 15. Last year's tournament netted a record high of over \$128,000 in support of scholarships. Plan to be a part of the fun! Bring your own foursome, or come as single or twosome and we will pair you up for this best-ball scramble format.

For more information and to register and/or become a sponsor, visit [www.ndhs.org/golftournament](http://www.ndhs.org/golftournament) after April 2nd. The cost is \$275 and includes tee prizes, range balls, cart, green fees, drinks on the course, lunch and a buffet dinner.

If you wish to be a prize donor or have questions, please contact Chris Turkmany '83, Associate Director of Advancement, at [turkmany@ndhs.org](mailto:turkmany@ndhs.org) or (818) 933-3608.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**LATE START DAYS**

Wednesday & Thursday, April 5, 6  
May – No Late Start Days

**SUMMER SCHOOL & CAMP ENROLLMENT**

Open on school website now

**LENTEN FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE**

March 1 – April 12

**HOLY CROSS MOTHERS GUILD FASHION SHOW**

Saturday, April 8

**EASTER BREAK FOR STUDENTS**

Thursday, April 13 – Sunday, April 23  
Offices Open: April 18 – April 21

**HONORS NIGHT**

April 27, 7:00 p.m.

**THEATRE SPRING SHOWCASE**

April 28, 7 p.m. & April 29, 2 p.m.

**CHORAL SPRING CONCERT**

April 28, 3:30 p.m. & April, 7 p.m.

**INCOMING FRESHMAN BBQ**

Saturday, April 29, 4-6 p.m.

**31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Monday, May 15

**BACCALAUREATE MASS**

Friday, May 26

**GRADUATION**

Saturday, May 27

Dates for the 2017-2018 School Year

Senior Portraits	July 31 – August 11
Senior Beach Day	Monday, August 7, 2 p.m.
Freshman Orientation	Monday, August 14, 2017
First Day of School	Wednesday, August 16, 2017
Thanksgiving vacation	Wednesday – Friday, November 22-24, 2017
Christmas vacation	Thursday, December 21, 2017 – Monday, January 8, 2018
Easter vacation	Thursday, March 29 – Sunday, April 8, 2018
Graduation	Saturday, June 2, 2018