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ND's 60th Anniversary Celebration

Notre Dame High School will be celebrating our 60th Anniversary on March 11 at Sacred Heart University. As the first Diocesan high school, this is a very exciting and special time for our school. The 60th Anniversary Celebration is a time for our school community - parents, faculty, alumni, and friends - to celebrate Notre Dame's past and exciting future.

NOTRE DAME High School Anniversary Celebration

Celebrating 60 Years of Excellence

All proceeds from our 60th Anniversary Celebration will directly benefit Notre Dame students with funds raised being used to strengthen our academic, arts and athletics programs, technology infrastructure, and various Campus Ministry and service projects. We hope you can attend this very special event in ND's history.

The following awards will be presented to those individuals who have made a difference at Notre Dame and in the community:

- The 2017 Lancer Legacy Award recipients are **Janet Haffner** (Carole Surina Educator Award), **Anne McCrory** (Sister Marion Rielly Leadership Award), and **Peter McGuinness '75** (Notre Dame Community Impact Award).
- The 2017 Notre Dame Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees are **Daniel Augustine '70, Anita McBride '77, Frank Martire '65, and Garrett Mendez '05.**
- The 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees are **Frank Carrano '99, David Mihalov '02, Michele Mihalov Miller '04, Ken Burns '06, and the 1999 State Championship Hockey Team**
- 25+ Year Anniversary Faculty and Staff Awards will be presented to **Mary Guarino, Claudia Miller, Jim Minei, Carl Philipp, Wayne Sakal, Fr. Bill Sangiovanni, Frank Sweeney, and Sherrie Zembrzuski**

For ticket information, please visit the 60th Anniversary website by clicking here here or contact **Theresa Marzik** at tmarzik@notredame.org.

For more information on Notre Dame's history click here. To view the invitation to the event, click here. To view our sponsorship form, click here.

ND Happenings

Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who received the honor of February Student of the Month. Students were selected based on faculty nominations: **Ruth Salazar '20, Josh Ortiz '19, Gawion Eaddy '18, Megan Jankovsky '17.**

NAMES Assembly

On Thursday, February 23, Notre Dame hosted an all-day assembly with the intent of bolstering the school climate and ensuring an atmosphere of respect. After setting some ground rules and watching a powerful video of students from other Connecticut high schools share their personal stories and the impact words have had upon their lives, our facilitator, Ann-Marie, shared her own story of growing up facing constant verbal attacks from her peers. The microphone was then handed off to our students - six of whom served on our student panel and shared their own personal stories. Following the panel, the mic was opened up to any student who wanted to share their story of being the recipient of hurtful words and/or actions - of not being treated with the respect all deserve. Students then had the opportunity to discuss the day in small groups and suggest ideas to be brought to the whole school community, during the closing ceremony, to make ND an ever better place for all. The day was certainly powerful and left all in attendance with the idea of how important it is to be ally for all. Special thanks to all those involved in the program, especially **Ms. Taccone** and **Mrs. Seperack** who helped plan the day.

Ash Wednesday

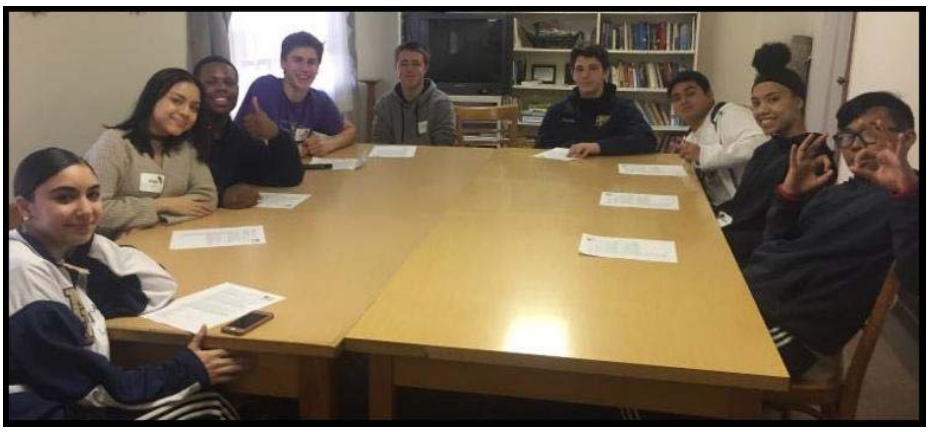
On Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, the Notre Dame community gathered in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit on the Sacred Heart campus for mass and the distribution of ashes. **Fr. Luke**

celebrated mass. The following students participated in the mass: Gift Bearers: **Olivia Ramos, Mary Biasetti and Trevor Sabia,** Readers: **Isaac Bjerklie, Mary Keden, Chelsea Ortiz,** Prayers of the Faithful: **Micah Brantley and Brittany Fulton,** Altar Servers: **Chris Polley and Nick Emanuel.** Special thanks to **Mr. Chuba** and the ND Chorus, as well as **Mr. St. Onge**, for sharing their vocal talents with us.

Sophomore Class Retreat

The Sophomore Class retreat was held on Friday, February 24. The theme of the day was mercy and the students heard witness talks from **Micahel Falbo, Monica Ortega, Andre Escaleira Jr., Mr. Vigliotta, Miss Medoff, Father**

Luke, and Miss Mazal. It was a wonderful day of faith, fellowship, and community building. Students also played games, had food and free time, met in small groups, and prayed together. The retreat team included seniors: **Liv Silva, Arianna DeNitto, Colin Burke, Pedro Oliveira, Gabe Bitencourt, Billy Scovill, Liv Keden, Audrey D'Amico, Izzy Manzo, Tony Addorisio, Connie Tucker, Josh Jeudy, and Brandon Cegelka** and juniors: **Lexi Rodriguez, Brianni Davillier, Daviann Cisneros, Medalissa Kampmann, Chridel Turtillien, Janay Lamothe, Deven Pierre, Zuquila Mbachiantim, Jacob Rainey, Hailey Searles, Margaux Atkins, Emily Carlson, Emma Sweeney, Richard Despeignes, Dasha Bazile and Karen Garza.**



Students Hear Presentation on Social Media in Our Society

On Tuesday, **Tom Pincince**, from Central Connecticut State University, spoke to the student body about the power of social media. Mr. Pincince reflected upon his own experiences, shared some stories of high-profile athletes using social media in negative ways, and explained how college admissions officers are reviewing social media as part of the admissions review process. Students were reminded to always think before posting - make sure the information is True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary and/or Kind.

Students Volunteer at Elementary School

On Thursday, members of Campus Ministry went to Dunbar Elementary School in Bridgeport to help in the classroom of alumna **Rebecca Gress '05** and a few of her fellow colleagues. Participants included **Alejandro Sanchez '17, Alex Coppola '18, Micah Brantley '18, Amanda Wilkins '18, Deja Bynoe '18, and Tyler Oullette '19.**

Intro Graph Students Create Comics

Students in Intro to Graphic Design completed a small group project where students storyboarded a comic strip idea, staged and took the photographs, and then utilized Adobe Photoshop to give the photos a comic style effect. They then put the comic strip together, adding thought bubbles, speech bubbles and various graphic effects in a program called Comic Life.

It's Research Season in the English Department!

It's research season in the English Department! Many English classes are applying the skills they have been working on all year to independent research projects. Humanities students are busy researching roles for their Medieval Fair. On Monday, they will be dressing up in costume, cooking tasty treats, and giving presentations about art and daily life in the Middle Ages. Juniors are busy with their the newly updated American Studies research project. English IV classes are compiling sources for their critical inquiry projects. Some freshmen

classes are creating projects that apply multiple intelligence theory to their independent reading books.

Student Update

IMPORTANT!!!! Student Service Hours - Due by THIS FRIDAY, March 10
Students and parents are reminded that approved service hours are due on x2VOL by this Friday, March 10 for all students. Students who fail to meet this deadline will receive a five point deduction in their third quarter religion grade and be ineligible for the Honor Roll. Please see Miss Medoff with any questions.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

On Monday, March 13, Notre Dame will host our annual Blood Drive for the American Red Cross. Alumni and parents are welcome to join in our effort. With whole blood and its components of red cells, white cells and platelets, the Red Cross potentially helps 3 individuals in need with every pint collected.

The event (in the ND gymnasium) is being coordinated by the National Honor Society. If you would like to participate and donate, please contact **Dr. Mary Callaghan** at mcallaghan@notredame.org. She can outline the basic requirements for donation and also schedule an appointment for you at your convenience. Reservations can be made for every 15-minute interval from 7:45 AM to 1:15 PM. Please bring a photo ID, or two other forms of ID, and your Red Cross Donor Card (if you have donated in the past).

SHU Journey

Current Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors are invited to apply for a very unique summer experience - the SHU Journey. This is a six day residential experience of faith education, self-discovery, small group discussion, community services, prayer and liturgy, music ministry, keynote speakers and fun activities for high school youth. The 2017 program will take place between June 25 and 30 on the Sacred Heart University campus. There are no costs for each of the 24 selected

students and each student will also receive a $500 scholarship for participating. To apply for the program or to learn more, click here.

Become a CONNected Catholic This Lent

All are invited to attend a young adult mass at the Basilica of St. John in Stamford on April 6 at 7:30 pm. Holy Hour and Reconciliation will precede the mass starting at 6:30 pm.

All are invited to attend Catholic Underground at St. Ann's in Black Rock on March 18 (Fr. Joseph Gill) and April 8 (Chris Bray). Holy Hour begins at 7:30 and the artist performance begins at 9:00 pm.

There will be a Young Adult Stations of the Cross on March 31 at 7:30 pm at the Basilica of St. John in Stamford. All are welcome. For more information about any of these Connected Catholic events, visit their Facebook page: **CONNected Catholics**

All Students Welcome

There will be a special Lenten Night of Worship for Youth on Friday, April 7 at 7:00 pm at Immaculate High School in Danbury. Youth from across the Diocese are invited to this special night of worship music and an inspiring message with Catholic speaker and musician **Chris Bray.** There is no cost to attend. To RSVP or for more information, email **Evan Psencik** at epsencik@diobpt.org.

Singers Wanted

Any student looking to share his or her vocal talents should consider auditioning for the Diocesan Choir for Youth - C 4 Y. For information about the program, click here.

NCYC

Join **Bishop Caggiano** and more than 23,000 young people from around the country at the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianpaolis, IN this November. The Diocese of Bridgeport will be traveling together as a group. The cost is $575 per person. This includes conference registration, bus transportation, hotel accommodations, and t-shirts. For more information contact Evan Psencik at epsencik@diobpt.org.

For information about the many opportunities for the youth of our Diocese, visit theChurchNeedsYou.org.

Bottle Collection Drive

The 2017 Barcelona - Paris Travel Team will be sponsoring a Bottle Collection on March 18 in the ND teachers' parking lot from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. All recyclable plastic bottles and cans (no glass please) are appreciated.

Please email **Mme Zac** at eanderson@notredame.org or **Mrs. Guarino** at mguarino@notredame.org with any questions.

Parent Update

Reminder

Students and parents are reminded that, per the student handbook, if students are not in school (or are sent home sick), they are not to attend any after-school or evening events, including practices or games.

Faith-Filled Text Messages

Parents are invited to receive a tip each Monday via text designed to help you assist young people encounter Jesus Christ. Text "FirstTeachers" to 84576. This information is made possible by the Diocese of Bridgeport Leadership Institute. For more information, visit www.formationreimagined.org.

Financial Aid Deadline is Approaching

Parents are reminded that families must reapply for financial aid annually. Parents must have their 2016 taxes completed in order to complete the process. The cut off date for filing is April 1, 2017. Click here to begin the process.

Yearbooks On Sale

2017 Yearbook orders are now being taken. To purchase online, click here. Enter code 14196 and place your order. If you prefer, students can bring cash or check for $80 (payable to Notre Dame) to the Main Office as well.

Advancement / Alumni Office Update

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Do you shop on Amazon? Now you can earn money for ND just by shopping. Go to https://smile.amazon.com and log into your Amazon account. Search for Notre Dame Catholic High School and begin shopping. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to ND. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know, same products, same prices, same service.

60th Anniversary - Limited Edition T-Shirts

To celebrate Notre Dame's 60th anniversary, we are selling limited edition t-shirts for only $20. This is a fun way to commemorate this special year and a great gift

for the past, current or future Lancer in your life! Orders can be placed by emailing parentassociation@notredame.org. Youth sizes available upon request.

Parent Association Update

Limited Edition 60th Anniversary Blanket - On Sale through March 22
In honor of our 60th Anniversary celebration, we have beautiful woven blankets on sale for just $75. These high quality blankets would make a special keepsake for your favorite Lancer or graduating senior! Order forms and your cash, check or card payment can be sent to the attention of **Theresa Marzik** by March, 22, 2017. Any questions, please contact parentassociation@notredame.org.

Parent Association Meeting
Please join us for the next Parent Association meeting on Wednesday, March 15 at 6:45 pm in the ND library, immediately following the Athletic Association meeting. We will discuss fundraising ideas for next year as well as volunteer opportunities. Please join us!

Guidance Department Update

SAT Prep Classes Begin Next Week

First Choice College, our SAT partner, will be conducting SAT prep classes for the May SAT at Notre Dame beginning on March 7. Classes will be offered on Tuesday afternoons from 2:30 - 5:30 pm. Students will receive a total of 24 hours of instruction, 3 full-length practice test, access to a proprietary scholarship search program and unlimited retakes of the course over the next year. Students from Notre Dame can use this discount code: NotreDameClassof2018 to save $50 on tuition for this class. For further information, or to register for the course, please email James Maroney at jmaroney@firstchoicecollege.com with any questions.

Scholarships for Seniors

Scholarships for seniors who will be attending college in the fall of 2017 have been posted on Naviance. Look under scholarships and see what scholarships are out there. If you have any questions, please stop by the Guidance Office.

To view other scholarships available, try visiting the following sites: Fastweb www.fastweb.com, Colleg Board www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org, Scholarships.com www.scholarships.com, U.S. Department of Labor www.careerinfonet.org/scholarshipsearch.

WyzAnt Scholarship	6/1
The Saint Ann society of Norwalk, Inc	4/22
The Danny Wallace Foundation	4/28
Student View Scholarship	4/20
Online Essay Contest	3/28
Nursing Scholarship	6/30
New Scholarship for Women in Technology	
Mutual Security Scholarship	4/30
Dr. B. L. Smykowski Scholarship (Polish)	4/7
DNA Day Essay Contest	3/10
Dennis Malone Memorial Scholarship, Inc (CT Parks)	4/19
Connex Credit Union Scholarship	3/24
2017 OSM Scholarship	5/19
$1,000 Moolahspot Scholarship	4/30
Long Hill Garden Club, Inc.	4/18
Dunkin Donuts	3/15
American Fire Sprinkler Assoc. Scholarship	4/15

Daughters of the American Revolution	5/12
Glenn Moon Scholarship (Future Teachers)	3/31
USBC Bowling Scholarship	3/15
2017 GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program	
St Patrick's Scholarship	4/24
PWC - CT Chapter	3/15
Greater Fairfield Board of REALTOR	5/1
Hood Sportsmanship Scholarship	
Assumption College	N/A
Global Lift Equipment Scholarship	6/15
Got a Spine Scholarship	6/2
Lilft Parts Express Scholarship	6/30
StudySoup	N/A
Connecticut Association of Latinos in Higher Education (CALAHE)	5/6
Shelton Flag Football League Scholarship	4/30

Opportunities

FBI New Haven Field and Yale University Police Department Announce Second Annual Future Law Enforcement Youth Academy

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2017 Future Law Enforcement Youth Academy (FLEYA). The deadline to apply is March 10, 2017. Two of the nation's most notable and iconic institutions will conduct a week-long law enforcement and legal training camp for selected youth throughout Connecticut. Click here for more information. Click here for an application.

Explore Engineering at UConn

Exploring Engineering (E2) is a one-week residential summer program for rising juniors and seniors in high school (must be a current sophomore or junior in high school during the 2016/2017 school year). Participants work in small groups with faculty and college students to learn what various engineers do in the workplace, learn and demonstrate engineering concepts, and engage in deeper exploration of one engineering discipline by fabricating a discipline-specific device. Click here for more information. The application deadline is April 15, 2017.

Athletics Update

Boys' Basketball Wins SWC Championship

On Thursday, the ND boys' basketball team won the SWC championship against Bunnell with a score of 88 - 62. This is the first time in school history ND has claimed back-to-back SWC titles. Congratulations to **Coach Watts** and the entire team, especially **Tyler Bourne '18** who was named the tournament MVP. Click here to read the article about the game in the *Connecticut Post*.

Lancer Week in Review

Congrats to the following cheerleaders who were recognized by the SWC: **Audrey D'Amico '17** (All-Conference), **Madison Benevides '18** (All-Division), **Daviann Cisneros '18** (All-Division), and **Sydney Manzo '19** (All-Division). Special Congrats to **Emily Comer '18** who was named to the All-State Cheerleading team (Class S). Good Luck to the ND Cheerleading Team as they compete in the CIAC Class S Cheerleading Championship this weekend at the New Haven Athletic Center.

The girls' basketball team began their state tournament with a win over Woodland High School on Tuesday (48-30). **Whitney Fulton '17 & Gabby Joseph '18** both had 11 points while **Dayniera Artis '17** had 7 points & 7 assists and **Samantha LaValle '17** had 9 rebounds. With the win, the girls advanced to the second round of the Class M tournament where they defeated Watertown High School by a score of 62-48. Special Note...in last week's review,

there was an omission in the All League Honors for the girls' basketball players..**Dayniera Artis '17** was named All-Division by the SWC.

Good Luck to **Joe Robles '17** & **Christian Robles '20** who will be competing in the SWC Swim Championship this weekend at Masuk High School.

The ND Varsity Bowling Team won a pressured filled match vs. Platt Tech on Tuesday. It was the last match of the season, and it was for second place overall in the league. ND needed to win 2 of 3 games, and they did--even after losing the first.
Chris Stevens had high game with 199. Chris also had high series with 556. However, clutch shots were made by all. Special thanks for our Seniors **Andrew Fallon** and **Jack Rohr**. Varsity finished the season 8 and 4; three losses coming from the first place team.

The JV also finished their season with a win defeating Fairfield Prep 3 games to 0. High game for ND was **Matt Rohr** with a 176. Matt also had high series with a 451. JV finished the season with a 10 and 2 record.Good Luck to the Bowling team as they compete in the CIAC Team Bowling State Tournament on Saturday, March 4 in Newington.

Congrats to girls' hockey players **Emily Rowland '17** and **Laura Dennigan '19** who were honored by the SCC this past week. Emily was named All-Conference (2nd Team) and Laura was named Honorable Mention. Emily was also named to the girls' hockey All-State Team (Defense). This is Emily's second time being named All-State. Congrats to both girls!

The boys' hockey team finished the regular season with a tough loss to Notre Dame-WH (4-2). **Brian Gallagher '17** scored both of ND's goals in the game and **Bill Scovill '17** was outstanding in net despite the loss making 42 saves. Special congrats to all the seniors **Brian Gallagher, Bill Scovill, Trevor Sabia, Will Smolak-Traube, Mike Toth,** and **David Suporn**! Congrats to Brian Gallagher who recognized by the SWC/SCC as All-Conference (2nd Team).

Fall and Winter Athletic Banquet

The ND Athletic Department and the ND Athletic Association present the Fall and Winter Athletic Banquet on Wednesday, March 22 at 6pm. Team MVPs will be announced, All League award recipients and All Academic team recipients will be honored and All State winners will be recognized. Pleas click here for more information.

Join the Athletic Association

If you are interested in joining the ND Athletic Association for the 2016-17 school year, please click here to sign up on line.

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