

# CRUSADER CONNECTION

## Notre Dame High School's Alumni Newsletter

### ALUMNI AT NOTRE DAME

The start of the 2024-2025 school year recorded increased enrollment numbers including 18 new students in the growing international program. Other positive news included announcements from the Board of Trustees that two Notre Dame alumni would assume new administrative roles.



**Bernadette (Robinson '84) McClelland**, was named the Acting Head of School and welcomed faculty, staff, students and their families to a new school year. Bernadette has a long history with Notre Dame High School. Her uncle, Edward J. Brewer (for whom the ND stadium is named) was a graduate of the Class of 1964, her brother, Joe, was in the Class of 1988, and her son, Jacob Rice, graduated in 2013. Bernadette's teaching career began at Holy Family

Elementary School in Elmira, where she eventually became the principal. In 2015, she returned to ND as a member of the Theology Department before being named Assistant Head of School in 2021. Bernadette has settled in to her new position and is excited for the opportunity!



In early October, the Board shared the news that **David Agan '82** would serve as Acting Chief Financial Officer at Notre Dame. Dave also has deep ties to the school. His father, **Robert Agan '56**, was a member of the first graduating class and each of his 6 siblings are ND graduates. Dave has spent his career

working in the corporate sector, most recently at PricewaterhouseCoopers as a consultant. He also previously served as the ND Board of Trustees Vice-Chair.

Notre Dame High School is proud to have so many alumni and alumni parents working at the school and serving on the Board of Trustees. Working with Bernadette & Dave are

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alumni **Patti (Gough '77) Pautz, Eileen (McCarthy '81) Ruppenthal, Susie (Masone '88) Vertoske**, and alumni parents Eizabeth Agan, Michelle Barkley, Kristie Crossley, Christine Horton, Susan LaVelle, Marie McCaig, Brett Moore, Karen Ronsivalle, Jessica Ryan, and Theresa Tobey. Serving on the Board of Trustees are alumni **Mollie (Pautz '07) Ripley, Mary Hosey '80, Sheila Burke Reynolds '91, Sister Kathleen Wayne, RSM '75**, and alumni parents Kevin Connolly and Carol Gough. These valued members of the Notre Dame family continue to believe in and work toward continuing the mission of Notre Dame High School.

If you are interested in sharing your time and talents with Notre Dame, please contact Bernadette at [mcclllandb@notredamehighschool.com](mailto:mcclllandb@notredamehighschool.com), Dave at [agand@notredamehighschool.com](mailto:agand@notredamehighschool.com), or Eileen Ruppenthal at [ndalumni@notredamehighschool.com](mailto:ndalumni@notredamehighschool.com).



### MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITATION

On October 21, 2024, NDHS welcomed the visiting team from the Middle States Association to our school. The team was led by Michelle Haag Ph.D and consisted of volunteers Katherine Spillman, principal of Mount St. Mary Academy in Buffalo, and Pat Monachino, principal of St. James School in Johnson City, Diocese of Syracuse.

The Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges has accredited Notre Dame since 1961. Since that first visit, the school has maintained its Middle States accreditation through periodic self-studies and goal setting. Accreditation benefits our school by verifying that the school meets high standards, helping with recruitment, being part of issuing immigration documents for international students, and facilitating strategic planning and self-assessment.

The individuals that make up the Notre Dame family collaborated for 18 months before the visit to gather and evaluate evidence that the school meets the Middle States standards. After reading these 2024 self-study documents, the team talked to dozens of stakeholders including students, faculty, Board members, parents, and teachers who are parents, and volunteers who are grandparents. They reported that they “saw a community that has formed a family. You all collaborate, share experiences and look out for each other, just like a family.” They observed that many individuals wore multiple hats and joyfully engaged in creating the sense of family that is a hallmark of our school. They noted ND’s expansion of its mission to welcome students of all backgrounds and faiths. In meeting with our students and spending time in classrooms and other spaces, they saw traditional, non-catholic, and international students all learning from each other and contributing to the vibrant expression of the school’s mission. The team recognized academic excellence, faculty expertise, and the strong leadership of the administrative team. They were pleased to hear students comment on our caring faculty and their accessibility. Sister Mary Walter told the team ND’s story and shared the connections to the Sisters of Mercy.

From the self study, the Notre Dame Planning Committee selected goals to benefit our students with a complete and aligned curriculum, a revised class schedule, and an organizational objective to create a far-reaching plan for financial stability and enrollment growth. The Middle States Visiting Team helped us polish our goals and action plan.

## MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITATION continued



In their oral summary report, the team announced: "To all of the stakeholders in the Notre Dame High School family, our team will recommend accreditation with no stipulations to the Middle States Commission." The final accreditation will be awarded when the Middle States Commission meets in the spring. Notre Dame was thrilled to hear this recommendation. The team left us with encouragement to celebrate, proclaim, and reach out to others about the uniqueness of Notre Dame!

We thank the visiting team and all of the Notre Dame family who helped to make this accreditation visit a success.

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### NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL'S 70th ANNIVERSARY

September 2025 will mark the 70th anniversary of Notre Dame High School! To celebrate this momentous occasion, Notre Dame is planning a variety of events to take place during the 2025-2026 school year. We are excited to share this milestone with all of our alumni, students and families, faculty and staff, and the Southern Tier community.



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Our first events will be a Mass of Celebration in September 2025, followed by Homecoming weekend in October. Additional events include "Old Timers Days" for our alumni athletes to return to the fields of their sport along with championship team reunions, class reunions, concerts, mixers, etc.

If you have been looking for an opportunity to give back to your alma mater - this is it! We are actively seeking representation from each decade of the school's history to serve on the event planning committee and as co-chair(s) for individual events. If you are interested or would like to share an event idea, please contact Eileen Ruppenthal '81 at [ndalumni@notredamehighschool.com](mailto:ndalumni@notredamehighschool.com)



1961



1973



1981



2008



1990



2013



2021

Notre Dame High School celebrated Thomas and Marie Finnerty, Geoff and Kristie Crossley, and Susan Tanner with the 2024 McAuley Award on October 15, 2024. Notre Dame is truly blessed by their dedication and service to the school over many years. The McAuley Award Committee also recognized **Tom Santulli '67** with the School Service Award for his contributions. Thank you to emcee **Mike Wayne '78, Dino Losito '87** for his musical entertainment, and all of our alumni and members of the Notre Dame community for joining us on this special evening!

McAuley Awards



The McAuley Award recipients with Sister Mary Walter Hickey, RSM, and Bishop Salvatore Matano



The Finnerty family

## ALUMNI CORNER



by Eileen McCarthy Ruppenthal '81, Alumni Relations

Fall is ... leaves changing colors, cooler temperatures, earlier sunsets, the return of school buses to the roads, pumpkin-spice everything, October baseball, tailgates, and football.

Fall at Notre Dame is ... back to school, first day of school photos, reconnecting with friends, Mercy Week, learning new music for the band concert, Spirit Week, the fall pep rally & bonfire, Homecoming, rehearsals for the fall musical, and cheering on the soccer, swim, cross country, and football teams.

As Notre Dame alumni, fall brings nostalgia for all of the traditions celebrated during the season. The spirit of Notre Dame is more than the blue and gold colors, singing the Alma Mater, and our proud athletic tradition. It is a spirit passed down through generations, building a connection to the school that remains long after graduation. That spirit is found in our traditions. Our traditions run deep and provide some of our most vivid memories of time spent at ND. Our traditions unite us.

As we approach our 70th anniversary in 2025, we are proud of our legacy, and we look forward to seeing students create new traditions to share with the next generation of Notre Dame students. I hope that your memories bring to mind what made Notre Dame special to you. And, inspired by those memories, may you continue to seek out new opportunities to share your time and talents with your communities and with your Notre Dame family.

### Keeping Track

This newsletter is meant to inform fellow alumni of the great things you are doing, but we need your help in order to do so! Fill us in on your travels, life experiences, accomplishments, careers, volunteer work, etc. so that we can share your news with your classmates!

You may submit news directly to Eileen Ruppenthal '81 at [ruppenthale@notredamehighschool.com](mailto:ruppenthale@notredamehighschool.com) or to [ndalumni@notredamehighschool.com](mailto:ndalumni@notredamehighschool.com)

We hope to hear from you soon! Thank you!

### Planning your reunion?

If your class has a reunion coming up, please contact Eileen Ruppenthal '81 at [ndalumni@notredamehighschool.com](mailto:ndalumni@notredamehighschool.com) to share your plans, schedule a school tour, request a class list, or for any other assistance you may need.

## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The Notre Dame Athletic Hall of Fame inductions were held prior to ND's Homecoming game on October 4, 2024. The Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2024 includes **Matthew Buice '09**, **Bernadette (Gublo '12) Brown**, **Sheridan Heine '14**, and **Jonas McCaig '14**. Congratulations to the newest Hall of Fame members!



*Jonas McCaig '14, Berenadette (Gublo '12) Brown, Dolores (Salafia '54) Boedicker and, Susan (Boedicker '80) Post accepting on behalf of Matthew Buice '09. Missing from the photo: Sheridan Heine '14*

**Matthew Buice '09** is the first member of the Class of 2009 to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Matt earned a total of 7 varsity letters while playing football and competing on the indoor track teams. In football, as a senior, he rushed for 728 yards with 11 touchdowns. In the 2008 state semifinal game, Matt led the Crusaders with 17 tackles and 47 rushing yards. That same season, Matt was named to the 1st team All-Twin Tiers team and was the Star-Gazette Defensive Player of the Year. In 2008, he was a 1st team All-State selection as a linebacker and was awarded with the Ernie Davis Award, given to the area's best football player. Matt graduated from University of Florida with a BS in Marine Biology and Biological Oceanography. He is the co-founder of Wild Florida Rescue Corp., a non-profit ambulance service for sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife. He has worked as a Veterinary Technician and as a member of the Gulf Corps Student Conservation Association's Texas crew, where he was involved with helping state and federal partners restore natural lands along the coast. Currently, Matt is the Fire and Fuels Crew Lead in Uwharrie National Forest in Central North Carolina. He lives in North Carolina with his wife, **Danielle Huffner '09**. Matt's award was accepted on his behalf by Danielle's aunt, **Susan (Boedicker '80) Post**, and grandmother, **Dolores (Salafia '54) Boedicker**.

**Bernadette (Gublo '12) Brown** was a three-sport star for the Crusaders. As a player, she led the soccer, basketball and softball teams and was Captain of both the soccer and the basketball squads. She helped lead the 2011 girls soccer team to a sectional title and was named 1st team All-IAC and 1st team All-State that season. In basketball, Detta played on the 2012 sectional championship team and was 1st Team All IAC and 1st team All-State. As a Lady Crusader, she played shortstop on the IAC Championship softball team and was named 2nd team All-IAC. Detta was named the Notre Dame 2011 Female Athlete of the Year in addition to earning the title of Elmira Star Gazette 2011 Female Athlete of the Year and Kiwanis Athlete of the year. As a Notre Dame student athlete, she was a member of the National Honor Society. Following graduation, Detta went on to Corning Community College where she played soccer and received an Associates of Science degree. She completed her undergraduate degree at University of North Carolina with a BA in Biology, and her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree at UNC's Eshelman School of Pharmacy. Detta completed her two year residency training at the Providence Veteran Affairs Medical Center in New Hampshire where she currently works as a Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner in Primary Care. Detta and her husband, **Brian Brown '12**, live in Cranston, Rhode Island.

**Sheridan Heine '14** earned 7 varsity letters at Notre Dame, playing both soccer and basketball for the Crusaders. As goalkeeper for the soccer team, she was 2nd team All-State and was named All-Region Goalkeeper

## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME continued

of the Year in 2013. In basketball, Sheridan led Notre Dame to the 2012 Section IV Championship and a berth in the quarterfinals of the state tournament. In 2013, she averaged 13 points per game, receiving 2nd team All-Conference and All-Region honors and was named 5th team All-State. In 2014, she averaged 18.9 points per game, earning her the IAC MVP for basketball and 2nd team All-State. Sheridan scored over 1,000 points in her basketball career at Notre Dame and was named the 2014 Co-Athlete of the Year. She went on to Division 1 Manhattan College where she played college basketball and earned her BA in Communications. Sheridan currently lives and works in Texas, while pursuing a Project Management certification from Louisiana State University's online program.

**Jonas McCaig '14** earned 6 Varsity letters as an athlete at Notre Dame. He was a 1st team All-IAC basketball selection, as well as a 1st team Section 4 lacrosse selection in both 2013 and 2014. In 2014, Jonas was the Section IV leader in scoring with 63 goals and 40 assists in lacrosse. Jonas remains the all-time leading scorer in the Notre Dame Lacrosse program and was named Notre Dame's 2014 Lacrosse team MVP, along with Male Scholar Athlete of the Year. In basketball, Jonas averaged 10.4 points per game, helping to lead his team to a sectional title in 2014. Jonas continued his lacrosse career at Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he remains the program's leader in goals. He earned both his bachelor's degree in Accounting and his MBA while at Franciscan. Working at AuditBoard, a cloud-based audit & risk management platform, Jonas is engaged to Katie McCallon and lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



The Joel Stephens Memorial Park on Notre Dame's campus is where people gather before games in the stadium, it is where people go for a moment of reflection, and it is often provides the backdrop for traditions and events. Please click [here](#) to enjoy this short video highlighting Joel Stephens Memorial Park, posted on YouTube by alumni parent, John Trice, in 2023.



Alumni News



**Mike Tarby '60** (pictured with ND Theology teacher & ND Supper Club Moderator, Jessica Ryan) worked with Notre Dame students on their Mercy Day event at the Elmira Community Kitchen.



**John Gough '19** graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Labor and Human Resources from Penn State in August 2024. John is working at Chemung Canal Trust Company in Elmira, NY

**Emma Vakiener '19**, who is attending the University of Kentucky to pursue a Master's Degree in Trumpet Performance, recently made her Baroque Trumpet and University of Kentucky Trumpet Studio debuts at The Metropolitan Museum of Art Gallery in NYC, with the Eastman Baroque Trumpets & the Army Old Guard and Fife Baroque Trumpets as part of the Historic Brass Society Symposium.



**Evalynn Dean '20** graduated from Elmira College in May 2024.

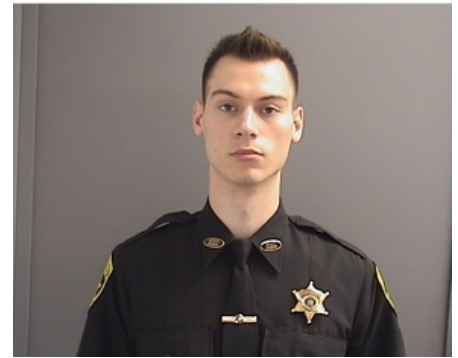


**Madeleine Wirth '20** graduated Magna Cum Laude from James Madison University with a degree in Inclusive Early Childhood Education in May 2024. Maddie is working as a long-term substitute 2nd grade teacher at Pine City Elementary School where her mother, Charlotte, is a 1st grade teacher. Pictured above left are **Genevieve Wirth '13**, Tom Wirth, **Maddie Wirth '20**, **Charlotte (O'Brien '82) Wirth**, **Toby Wirth '16**, and **Alivia (Clark '16) Wirth**.





Congratulations to sisters **Allyson Marion '24** and **Virginia Marion '21**, each of whom has achieved Eagle Rank. An Eagle Ceremony took place in August 2024 honoring Ally and Ginny, who earned her Eagle in 2021 and chose to share this special moment with her sibling. Their Scouting experience has been incredibly enriching, with Ginny earning 4 palms and Ally earning an impressive 10.



Deputy Sheriff **Cody Gonzalez '21** was sworn in as a Road Patrol Deputy in August 2024. Deputy Gonzalez transferred to the Road Patrol Division after having worked in the Corrections Division since March 2024.

We love to hear from our alumni!!

Please continue to submit your news & pictures to [ndalumni@notredamehighschool.com](mailto:ndalumni@notredamehighschool.com)



**Tony Pucci** and **Sister Mary Lou Seitz** (formerly Sister Nathaniel) got together for a visit over the summer. Combined, they taught for 93 years, 88 of them at Notre Dame!

**Shannon O'Connell '23** completed the Dental Assistant program at GST BOCES. Shannon is attending Corning Community College with plans for a career in nursing.



At a recent Mercy Education meeting in Rochester, **Bernadette (Robinson '84) McClelland** spent some time with the Sisters of Mercy. Pictured left to right: **Sister Miriam Nugent '58**, Sister Edwardine Weaver, Sister Katherine Ann Rappl, Bernadette McClelland, Sister Barbara Moore, **Sister Celeste Boyd '47**, **Sister Kathleen Wayne '75**, Sister Kay Schwenzer, Sister Mary Lou Seitz (formerly Sister Nathaniel), **Sister Mary Ann Kosakoski '58**, Sister Gert Erb (formerly Sister Gerard)



**Tyler Peworchik '04** was selected a a Captain to represent the US Virgin Islands in the Men's Indoor Box Lacrosse World Championships in Utica, NY in September 2024.

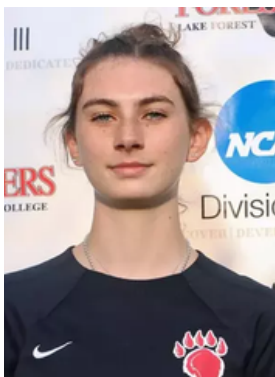
**Isabel Milazzo '18** is providing softball pitching instruction at the Sandlot Sports Academy in Corning, NY. Izzy was a 2-time First Team All State Pitcher while playing for the ND Lady Crusaders softball team. She also pitched at Onondaga Community College for a year and SUNY Cortland for 2 years. Izzy is currently a teaching in the Elmira area.



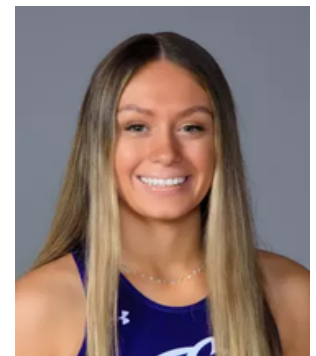
**Hope Gray '24** a freshman at Corning Community College is a forward on the Red Barons Women's Soccer team. Hope's sister, **Taylor Gray '18**, is an Assistant Coach on the team.



**Alexandra Cowley '21**, a senior at University of Buffalo majoring in Accounting, is a distance runner on the D1 school's Track & Field team. Alex recently competed in the Canisius Alumni Classic, finishing 26th in the women's 5K with a time of 19:17.5



**Ella Chicone '23**, a sophomore at Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, IL., is a midfielder on the Lake Forest Women's Soccer team. The Foresters were named Midwest Conference Champions, finishing the season with a 7-0-1 record in league play.



**Piper Young '23**, a sophomore at Chatham University majoring in Neuroscience, had a top 70 finish at the PAC Championships, finishing in 69th place in the race. Young finished in 27:48.8.

**Keeping Track**

**1963**

**The Class of 1963**

Gathered for a reunion in September 2024. Weekend events included a mixer at Bernie Murray's and dinner at Lib's Supper Club in Elmira.

**2013**

**Jacob Rice**

Welcomed daughter, Dorothy Arlene, in April 2024. Jacob and his wife, Erica, live in Erie, PA.

**2016**

**Lauren Musso**

Graduated from SUNY Delhi with a bachelor's degree in Nursing in the Spring of 2024.

**2023**

**Zharia Ashley**

Is serving as remote fundraising chair for the non-profit Runway for a Cause. The Elmira, NY organization holds an annual event featuring local designers, models, photographers, hair stylists, muralists, and makeup artists. Participants in the event volunteer their time and profits will be directed to scholarships for students pursuing a career in the arts. Zharia attends Penn State University, Shreyers Honors College.

**Shannon Maloney**

A sophomore at Penn State University, was granted the NCAA accredited certification of Certified Personal Trainer by the National Academy of Sports Medicine. Shannon will be working as a Personal Trainer at PSU

**PRAYERS FOR OUR DECEASED ALUMNI  
2024**

**January**

- 18 Mary Theresa (O'Brien '48) Martuscello
- 29 Maureen (Holleran '69) Lutomski

**February**

- 12 Dale Ramich '72
- 14 Aaron Mekos '92
- 23 Dr. Michael Barnoski '58

**March**

- 3 James P. Weingart '73
- 14 Stephen Chely '71
- 22 Marianne (Clune '61) Wichtowski
- 27 Joseph E Godwin '53

**April**

- 11 Richard McGill '54
- 14 Bridget (Sweet '67) Wetmore
- 18 Sheila (Aber '82) Cashman

**May**

- 5 Francis (Skilly) O'Connor '54
- 17 Michael DiCicco '85
- 24 Daniel O'Herron '60

**June**

- 28 David Palmer '00

**July**

- 21 Kathleen Madigan '64

**August**

- 6 Joanne (Barnard '60) Silverstein
- 16 Frances (Comereski '57) Decker
- 22 Kathryn (Ross '63) Chapman
- 25 Thomas Donnells '64

**September**

- 2 Rita Johnson '71
- 18 Marguerite (Cloke '59) McDonough

**October**

- 17 Erik Sampsell '87
- 22 Michael Hollenbeck '76

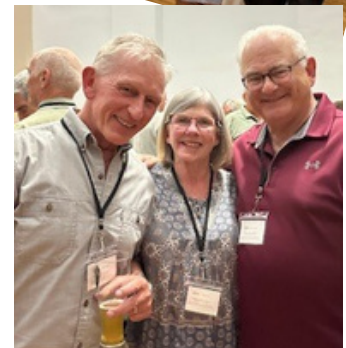
**November**

- 6 Joy (Ipri '62) Anderson

# CLASS REUNIONS

**CLASS OF 1974**

The **Class of 1974** celebrated their 50th reunion September 20-22, 2024. A slate of events included a Friday night ice breaker and a mixer on Saturday evening. The reunion wrapped up on Sunday with Mass, a school tour, and brunch. Classmates attending the reunion had a great time -- three days of seeing old friends and picking up where they left off!



## CLASS REUNIONS

### CLASS OF 1994

Members of the **Class of 1994** gathered at Ill Eagle Taphouse on July 20, 2024 for a 30th reunion.



## UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS

### CLASS OF 1975 50TH REUNION

OCTOBER 11, 2025

- 2:00 **Tour of Notre Dame High School**
- 4:00 **Mass at St. Mary's Southside**  
in memory of deceased classmates
- 6:00 **Celebration at Ill Eagle Taphouse**  
200 East Church Street, Elmira, NY

Please join the class Facebook page [here](#)

### CLASS OF 2005 20TH REUNION

#### PLANS ARE UNDERWAY!

A reunion planning survey was sent through the NDHS Class of 2005 20th Reunion Facebook page.

If you are not on Facebook, please email Caitlin (Castle) Reach at [cmcastle09@gmail.com](mailto:cmcastle09@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Your Holiday Tradition!**

**BOB AGAN MEMORIAL** THANKSGIVING MORNING  
**NOV 28 @ 9AM**

12th Annual Turkey Day 5K

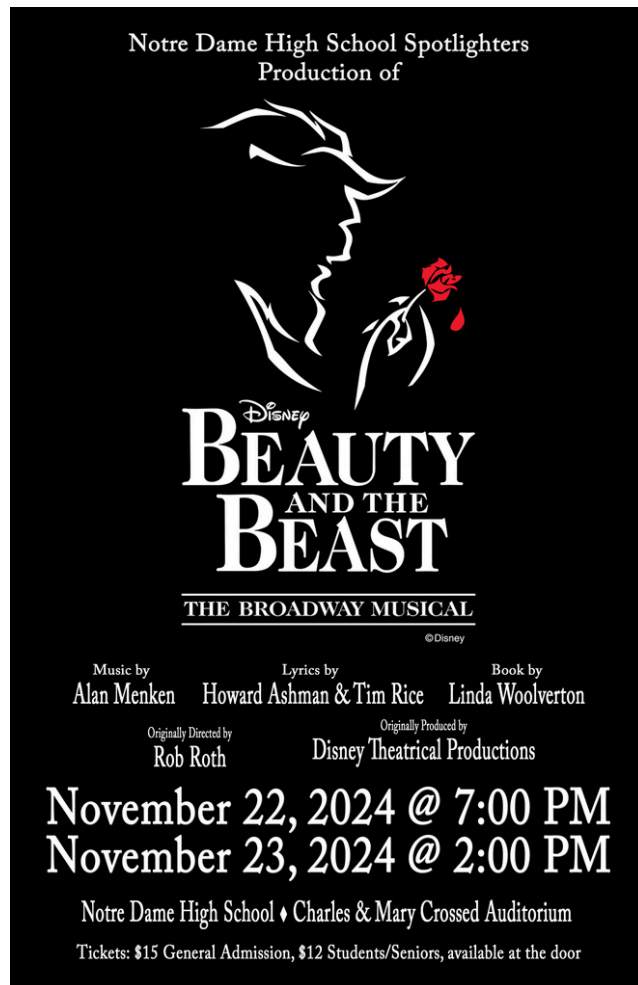
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**Notre Dame HIGH SCHOOL**

**REGISTER NOW!**  
<https://tinyurl.com/BobAganMemorialTD5K2024>

WALK-IN REGISTRATION AVAILABLE MORNING OF THE RACE!

To register, click [here](https://tinyurl.com/BobAganMemorialTD5K2024)



Notre Dame High School Spotlighters  
 Production of

Disney  
**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**  
 THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

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Music by Alan Menken      Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice      Book by Linda Woolverton

Originally Directed by Rob Roth      Originally Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

**November 22, 2024 @ 7:00 PM**  
**November 23, 2024 @ 2:00 PM**

Notre Dame High School ♦ Charles & Mary Crossed Auditorium

Tickets: \$15 General Admission, \$12 Students/Seniors, available at the door



Please join us for Notre Dame High School's

**GOLDEN MASS**

Friday, December 20th  
 1:30 pm

Charles & Mary Crossed Auditorium

# STUDENT LIFE

## MERCY WEEK

Mercy Week 2024 took place the last week of September with students performing works of service at 14 sites throughout the community. A new collaboration with the Office of the Aging saw the freshmen see the freshmen hosting an Intergenerational Day of Play, while the seniors



served at the Drive-Thru Harvest Dinner. Students provided lunches, sorted food items, visited with the elderly, cared for animals, and provided for those who have less. As always, Notre Dame students responded enthusiastically to their days of service. To view a compilation video, please click [here](#)



To honor the October Respect Life month, the Junior Ladies of Charity sponsored a drive to benefit the Mosaic Pregnancy Center. Donations of much needed winter coats were collected and delivered to the Crisis Pregnancy Center in early November.

## JUNIOR LADIES OF CHARITY



# STUDENT LIFE

## JR HIGH FIELD TRIP

The Junior High enjoyed a field trip to the Chemung County Historical Society. Students had fun exploring the museum while completing a scavenger hunt, compared writing using a quill, a fountain pen and a calligraphy pen, and learned about the Langdon family as they presented skits to their classmates in small groups. What a fun morning of learning for our Crusaders!



ND Football is back and this year's modified team took on Groton as part of the weekend's homecoming events. The football game was followed by a bonfire for students & their families.

## FOOTBALL & A BONFIRE



Head Coach **Mike Johnston '64** on the sidelines







SPIRIT WEEK PHOTO GALLERY



8th graders Emma and Cora Steed with freshman Claire Steed on Blue and Gold Day. The sisters, along with older brother, sophomore Jacob Steed, are the children of **Tim '92** and Michelle **Steed**.



PEP RALLY



Homecoming Court



HOMECOMING

Homecoming 2024  
Friday, October 4, 2024  
Boys Varsity Soccer vs Spencer-Van Etten



Alumna **Cait Steed '20**, ND's 2019 Homecoming Queen, crowned the new queen



Homecoming Queen  
Isabella Mashewske



Homecoming Court:  
Dylan Mattoo escorting  
Bunny Baldwin, Luke  
Richards escorting  
Raionna Brewer, Antonio  
Gnoni escorting Bella  
Mashewske, and Gabe  
Patterson escorting Mia  
Losito.

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT EMERITA**



by Sister Mary Walter Hickey, RSM

*Notre Dame High School, a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy, is a Catholic School that seeks to prepare students for college by providing a challenging academic environment that stimulates students intellectually, physically and spiritually in a community that respects diversity of backgrounds and perspectives, thus, inspiring life-long learners, critical thinkers and compassionate, responsible citizens of the world.*

The members of our Board of Trustees reflect on our Mission Statement prior to every meeting. It helps them to focus on the goals and values of Notre Dame in their decision making and the formation of policy for continued excellence in the tradition of Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. Our faculty and staff embrace the goal of providing a challenging academic environment which inspires students to excel and reach their fullest potential. All are mindful of continuing the mission of the Sisters of Mercy and maintaining the values of Catherine McAuley through education, prayer and service.

This year we welcomed students who have come eager to do their very best in and outside of the classroom, accepting the challenge to develop intellectually, spiritually and physically. They understand their role of service to one another and to the wider community. They celebrated Mercy Day with an all school liturgy and then spent days of service to those in need in the greater Elmira community. They will make a difference in the lives of many.



### **SPONSOR A STUDENT**

Are you interested in sponsoring a Notre Dame student?

Your financial support can cover a student's tuition, sports fees, graduation fees, lunch payments, exam fees, or Mercy Online tuition fees.

If you are interested in supporting a Notre Dame student, please contact Eileen Ruppenthal '81 at [ruppenhale@notredamehighschool.com](mailto:ruppenhale@notredamehighschool.com)

Thank you!!