Spring is in the air at ND

The Notre Dame Newsletter: Spring 2022

A message from Principal Bianco

Hi All,

We continue to work on providing your children with a learning environment that is physically and emotionally safe. A big component of this is teaching our students about the following;

- Social Media use and pitfalls
- Drug/Alcohol Awareness
- Mutual Respect
- Time Management
- Executive function
- Appropriate cell phone use
- Coping skills relevant to stress management
- Healthy peer relationships

As part of this initiative our GCASA counselor (Carol Nicometo) has pushed into our religious studies classes (Mr. Bowman) to expose our students to the research as well as provide our students with insight relevant to the aforementioned topics.

We are also very excited about the achievements of our students this winter which include our first Intersectional Championship in girls' swimming, our second consecutive girls' basketball sectional title, our first boys' basketball title since 2014 and our dynamic musical (Cinderella).

As always we are dedicated to continuous improvement in all aspects of our school and will continue to work diligently to help all students maximize their potential in all aspects of their schooling. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 343-2783 X 107.

Respectfully,
Wade Bianco, Principal

ATTENTION ND SENIORS
College Application Timeline: 12th Grade
(College Board Recommendations)

Spring

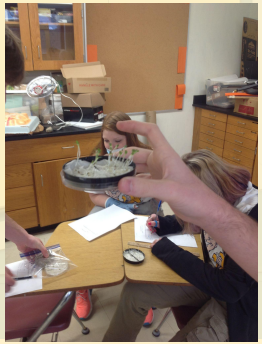
- **Keep active in school**. **If you are wait listed**, the college will want to know what you have accomplished between the time you applied and the time you learned of its decision.
- **Visit your final college before accepting**. You should receive acceptance letters and financial aid offers by mid-April. Notify your counselor of your choice. If you have questions about housing offers, talk to your admissions counselor or call the college.
- **Inform every college** of your acceptance or rejection of the offer of admission and/or financial aid by May 1. Colleges cannot require your deposit or your commitment to attend before May 1. Talk to your counselor or adviser if you have questions.
- **Send your deposit** to one college only.
- **Take any AP® Exams**. Show what you've learned in your AP classes. A successful score could even earn you credit, advanced placement, or both in college.
- **Waitlisted by a college?** If you intend to enroll, if you are accepted, tell the admission director your intent and ask how to strengthen your application. Need financial aid? Ask whether funds will be available if you're accepted.
- **Work with an Admissions counselor** to resolve any admission or financial aid problems.
- **Ask Advisement office** to send a final transcript to your college.
- **Review your financial aid awards**: Not all financial aid awards are the same, so it's important to choose the aid package that's best for you and your family. Be sure to note what you have to do to continue receiving financial aid from year to year, and how your aid might change in future years

Engineering for Life

With the innovation and initiative of Mrs. Caprio, Science teacher extraordinaire, Notre Dame received a grant for a hydroponic system from “”Terra Science and Education” in Syracuse. The money paid for an ebb and tide system with timers and a grow light.

We will be growing lettuce to serve to students before the end of the school year. Our hydroponic journey has begun as we already have seedlings. They will be placed in the hydroponic unit within a few weeks. Lettuce requires an ebb and flow every two hours. We have a timer set, so the roots will be flooded with a nutrient rich solution. The solution will slowly drain away and will be replaced again in the next two hour setting. We also have a timer controlling the grow light which is set for 12 hours on/12 hours off.

Last month we had a field trip to Intergrow in Albion. Intergrow has over 80 acres of hydroponic greenhouses. We were able to see a commercial use of hydroponic in producing beautiful tomatoes. Most scientists believe that hydroponics is the future of agriculture. We are able to produce food year round with little to no pest invasion or disease. The on site production will greatly reduce our carbon emissions as products no longer need to be shipped great distances.



Drama Department News:

The Drama Department put on a wonderful production of Rodger and Hammerstein's Cinderella this Winter. Please view the article by the Batavia Daily News here:

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DECA

State Competitors:

Jasmine Wessel, Maia Zerillo, Kate Ricupito
Amanda Nguyen, Lucia Sprague, Jose Torres
Justice Yourkowski, Brandon Carrick,

DECA Advisor: Mr. Scott Wessel
Co - Advisor: Mrs. Kate Edwards

This year's DECA State Career Conference took place in Rochester, NY, March 9 - 11, 2022

This was the 7th year that ND DECA had students qualify for the State Competition and DECA certainly represented!

We had 8 competitors with Lucia Sprague grabbing a metal for her role play #1!!

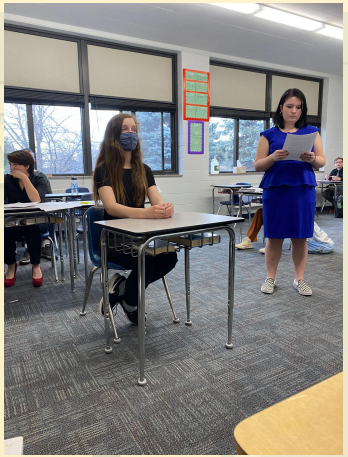
Congratulations to all DECA members and to the members that made it to States!!

Quite an accomplishment!

Mock Trial

The Mock Trial team landed in the top 8 teams of the competition. They progressed to the second round, but were sadly eliminated when they competed against Alexander who was rated #2 in the competition. Congratulations on your hard work and determination!

Team members:
Jasmine Wessel
Brenna Munn
Morgan Wahl
Scotty McWilliams
Justice Yourkowski
Courtney Daniels
Violet March
Kate Ricupitio
Maia Zerillo
Logan Narbourgh
Amanda Doan



Swim Team News

The merged Batavia/Notre Dame girls Swim Team claimed its first ever GR/NO Inter-sectional Championship. The BND Seacows were able to stay ahead of BB/LeRoy who has been the top area team this season. BND's 200 Free Relay of Courtney Daniels, Maggie Woodruff, Sophia Iovannisci, and Mia Treleaven placed 5th. Treleaven placed 2nd in the 500 Free and 4th in the 200 Free while Woodruff added a pair of 4th place finishes in the 200 IM and the 100 Fly and was also a member of the winning 400 Free Relay. Iovannisci added a 12th place in the 500 Free and 13th in the 200 Free and was a member of the winning 200 Medley Relay. Daniels placed 12th in the 50 Free and 13th in the 100 Free while Grace Mileham grabbed 13th place in the 500 Free and swam a best time in the 50 Free to place 26th. Lyllian Miller placed 41st in the 50 Free. The merged boys swim team closed out the Class B Sectional Finals placing 3rd with 202 points. Canandaigua won with 548, followed by HFL with 271.

Aaron Treleaven placed 2nd as part of the 200 Medley Relay and third in the 400 Free Relay. Treleaven also placed 2nd in the 100 Backstroke and 3rd in the 500 Free. Beckett Swanson was a part of the 200 Free Relay Team that placed 12th.

Winter Athletics
Regular Season

Boys Swimming: The Batavia-Notre Dame combined Boys' swim team finished the season 2nd in Div. 1 with a record of 9-3. Congratulations to Aaron Treleaven who earned GRAA All-Star recognition.

Girls Swimming The Batavia-Notre Dame combined Girls' swim team finished the season 2nd in Div.1 with a record of 10-2. Maggie Woodruff, Mia Treleaven, and Sophia Iovannisci all earned GRAA All-Star Recognition.

Boys Basketball Notre Dame Varsity Basketball team posted a record of 20-4 finishing and won the GR Division 2 Championship. Ryan Fitzpatrick, Cody Henry and Jordan Welker each were selected as GR All-Stars with Colin McCulley and Jimmy Fanara receiving Honorable Mention recognition. Colin was also named 4th team All-State while Jordan was a 6th team selection.
JV basketball finished 15-5 and won the Lions Club Small School Tournament.

Girls Basketball The Lady Irish Girls Basketball team finished the season 19-4 placing second in GR Div. 2 . Maylee Green and Lindsey Weidman were named GR All-Stars with Emma Sisson and Avelin Tomidy receiving Honorable Mention recognition. Lindsey was also named 5th team All-State. .

Hockey The Batavia-Notre Dame combined Hockey team finished the season 7th in Class A with a record of 11-6-3. Gavin Schrader was selected as a First team all-star as well as Player of the Year and also was 1st team AGR. Gavin and Ronin Hofmaster were both selected to play in the prestigious Bowman Cup All-Star game.

Sectionals

Boys Swimming Finished 3rd in Class B.

Girls Swimming Won the GR vs N-O Intersectional Swim meet.

Boys Basketball Won the Section V Class D2 Championship. Colin McCulley was MVP. Jimmy Fanara and Cody Henry were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Girls Basketball Won the Section V Class D1 Championship. Emma Sisson was MVP. Maylee Green and Judah Macdonald were named to the All-Tournament Team.

WINTER SCHOLAR-ATHLETE (Highest GPA on team)

Boys Basketball Colin McCulley **JV** Chance King **Girls Basketball** Emma Sisson

Boys Swimming: Aaron Treleaven **Girls Swimming**: Sophia Iovannisci

Hockey: Gavin Schrader & Ronin Hofmaster **JV**: Charles Cummings & Carson Daniels

25th Annual Notre Dame Foundation Golf, Tennis, and Bocce Tournament: Sunday, June 12th

Terry Hills Golf Course & Batavia High School (tennis)

Featuring:

Four person Golf Scramble

Bocce and Tennis competition

Beverages served throughout the day

Cash bar and dinner following competition. Awards ceremony to follow dinner.

Golf	$145/golfer
Foursome package (foursome&teesign)	$650
Golf (Young Alumni Special '15-'21)	$125/golfer
Tennis	$100/player
Doubles package (double&courtsign)	$280
Bocce	$80/player
Pallinapackage(twosome&fieldsign)	$250

Sponsorship Opportunities

Blue & Gold Level	$3,500
Shamrock Level	$2,500
Donald L. Bausch '60 Corporate Level	$1,000
Friends of Our Lady Sponsorship Level	$500
Sign	$100

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Alumni in the Spotlight

Notre Dame NYS High School Regents Diploma, Salutatorian, Class of 2001. 4 years of sports: Football, Wrestling (captain), Baseball 4 years of: Scholastic Bowl, Math Team, Drama, Student government

2005 graduate of MIT with a Bachelor's Degree in Aerospace Engineering 2013 MBA University of Michigan 2017 MS Flight Test Engineering, USAF Test Pilot School

2018 MS Aeronautical Engineering, Air Force Institute of Technology

Notre Dame is proud to recognize Lt Col Michael "Hijack" Fritts ND Class of 2001

Test Pilot, MIT, MS, MBA, DARPA, Emerald Flag Founder

Currently assigned to the 412th Test Wing at Edwards AFB, CA where he is an Experimental Test Pilot and the Director of Operations of the 411th Flight Test Squadron and F-22 Combined Test Force (CTF) where he is responsible for planning, executing, and reporting on all developmental and operational test (DT/OT) programs supporting F-22 future modernization and a $25 billion Air Force F-22 fleet.

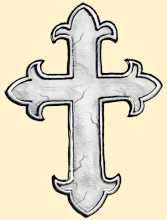
Lt Col Fritts is a uniquely qualified 4th and 5th Generation Experimental/Developmental/Operational Test/Fighter Pilot with experience in the early science and technology , acquisitions, program management, developmental test, operational test and combat operations.

He has also conducted unique research in human systems engineering where he designed and flew a test management project that exposed the need for enhancements in real-time human systems monitoring via feedback and leveraging big data in high performance aircraft.

He also has worldwide experience across North America, the Middle East and Asia. During this time, he was selected as a USAF Fellow at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency , where he worked first hand with program managers to rapidly develop innovative and often high –risk research ideas. His work leveraged a developmental, test, and evaluation background and acquisitions experience to advance numerous classified programs in key areas of all-domain command and control, advanced RF/IR sensors, weapons, hypersonic, machine learning, and cyber.

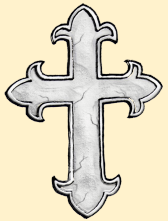
Lastly, in building on the work he started at DARPA, Lt Col Fritts founded and directed Emerald Flag, a revolutionary and consistent multi-domain testing environment at Eglin AFB leveraging the full spectrum of capabilities/domain (weapons, water, webs, widgets and warfighters) and joint originations native to the Gulf Coast responsible for rapid and urgent testing of current/new programs as well as experimental technologies essential to Joint All-Domain Command and Control.

Notre Dame Memorials



Notre Dame High School would like to extend our prayers of thanks to the families of the deceased listed below for establishing memorials to benefit our students in the names of their loved ones:

Michael Porter
Millie Difilippo
William Sutherland Athletic Field
Mary Anne Metz
James Sullivan
Carol Frongetta
Linda Doody
Dan McJury
Eileen Smith
Jean E. Beyer
Charles Tomaszewski
Ruth Gear



Tax deductible gifts can be made to any of the memorials by mail to the attention of the Notre Dame Advancement Office, by phone to 585-343-2783 Ext. 106, or online by visiting www.ndhsbatavia.com. Acknowledgement of your gift will be sent to the family by our Advancement Office.

Thank you again to these families for thinking of our Notre Dame students during this most difficult time.