



# JUGGLER NEWS

*A message to our school family*

July 2019

## From the Desk of Ron Spadafora

*Dear Notre Dame Community,*

Now that we are well into the summer, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on the previous year and project forward regarding the upcoming year. First, to say the Class of 2019 was a great class is an understatement. With all of the data connect to the class that is shared in the newsletter and at graduation, some things are pretty obvious. They excelled in many different areas. Beyond the data, however, is the true picture of this class. The character, perseverance and motivation that was present in this entire group tops any that I have had the pleasure of sharing in my many areas of education. I believe we learned as much from them as we hope they did from us during their time at Notre Dame. Some quick data to highlight the success of this class:

**89%** of our graduates earned college credits at Notre Dame, **3** Students received NYS Academic Excellence Awards, **3** Graduated with Highest Honors, **12** Graduated with High Honors, and **14** Graduated with Honors, Students earned **\$6,000,000** in college scholarships through merit-based scholarships and grants

With this said, I would like to thank all that supported the Class of 2019. This includes teachers, support staff, coaches, school counselors, alumni and especially parents, family members and friends. With this same support, I believe the Class of 2020 can achieve similar success. The challenge is there to exceed this. During the upcoming year, we will be implementing a number of new initiatives. We will be phasing in a 1 to 1 student Chromebook access, adding additional dual-credit courses and adding clubs and activities to the roster we currently offer. Those that were added by students over the past year include; Eco-School, History of Video Gaming, Volleyball and more. Our goal is to offer as wide a range of opportunities to all students to make their experience here at Notre Dame one that not only prepares them well for the future, but one that they truly cherish. In order to do this, we look forward to the continued valuable support of those I've already mentioned as well as the wider Notre Dame Community.

Thank you all for your continued support. I am looking forward to the upcoming school year and seeing many of you, including the members of the Class of 2019, throughout the year.



*Ron Spadafora*

## Important Dates

- **Monday, July 29, 4-7pm**  
Flynn & O'Hara Uniform Sale (Msgr. Willenburg Ctr)
- **Wednesday, July 31, 6pm**  
Booster Club meeting  
ND Cafeteria
- **Wednesday, August 14, 6pm**  
Fall Sports Sign-Ups
- **Monday, August 19th**  
JV and Varsity Practice Begins
- **Wednesday, August 21, 5-7pm**  
Back-to-School BBQ  
Msgr. Willenburg Center)
- **Monday, August 26**  
Modified Sports Begin
- **Thursday, August 29**  
Faculty and Staff in Syracuse for Opening Mass
- **Tuesday & Wednesday, September 3 & 4**  
Teacher in-service
- **Thursday, September 5**  
Student Orientation
- **Friday, September 6**  
First Full Day of School
- **Saturday, September 7**  
Notre Dame Schools  
Golf Tournament

# School Lunch Program

Included in this mailing is the application for the free and reduced lunch program. Please return it to school as soon as possible so we will have it in place for the beginning of the school year.

The following is information regarding school lunch: A minimum of four of the following five items are served each day in our cafeteria:

- Milk, 8oz.\*
- Fruit (3/4 cup) or Fruit Juice, 8 oz.
- Vegetable (3/4 cup)
- Grain/Bread (bread, biscuit, muffin, pasta)
- Meat (3 oz.) or meat alternative (fish, cheese, eggs, peanut butter, etc.)

The free or reduced meal identifies by USDA as stated: The student must select a minimum of three components, and may choose up to five components. The program does not cover double portions of any one item. If the student is not satisfied with the quantity of food received, they must purchase additional portions as "a la carte."

\*Please note bottled water is not covered by the program and must be purchased separately.

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*Reminder: All "snack bar" items are cash only and are not covered by the Free/Reduced Program and cannot be purchased with pre-paid credit.*

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## Dress Code

Please be sure your child is in the uniform dress code on Friday, September 8th. The full dress code can be found on our website. Should you want a hard copy, contact the main office to have it mailed home. Please note that students must wear the Flynn and O'Hara uniform clothing (pants, skort and polo shirt). Clothing purchased at other stores and then sewing in the Flynn and O'Hara tag on the back is not acceptable. Students must be in uniform dress code to attend class.

Flynn and O'Hara will be here on **July 29th from 4-7pm**. If you are unable to attend, you need to place your order with them, either by phone or online **[www.flynnohara.com](http://www.flynnohara.com)**.

There are also used uniforms available at the school.



## Physical Education Uniforms

Physical education uniforms must be purchased online from **Seasonal Sports**. The website is **[www.seasonalsports1983.com](http://www.seasonalsports1983.com)**. Click online orders, and then **Notre Dame PE Uniforms**. The online store will only be open from **July 22nd-August 23rd**. Please be sure to read all of the information before submitting your order. All orders will be delivered to Notre Dame for distribution to students. There will be no shipping or tax charges. All students except NJROTC cadets must wear a physical education uniform.

T-shirts will range from \$4-\$7, depending on the size.

Shorts will range from \$7-\$9, depending on the size.

# SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

## New Email Address?

Rediker is the grading system that we use. Rediker has an email system in the parent portal. We need your current email to activate your access to Rediker. If you do not put your email address on your child's registration card or if your email has changed, please send your email address to Mrs. Cardone (lcardone@syrdiocese.org) in the school counseling office.

## Job Shadowing

The school counseling department will once again be organizing job shadow days for seniors. They are scheduled for November 14 and 20th. If your business or organization is willing to host a student for the day, please contact Miss Kistowski at ekistowski@syrdiocese.org or by calling 315-724-5118, ext. 28.

## Test Deadlines

For students planning on taking the SATs on August 24th, the deadline to register is July 26th!

Register online at:

**[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)**

If you are planning on taking the ACTs on September 14, the registration deadline is August 16.

Register online at:

**[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)**



89% of the Class of 2019 graduated with college credits.

This was achieved through:

- AP courses
- Dual credit courses offered at Notre Dame
- Taking advantage of the College Connection program at MVCC
- Taking advantage of an agreement with Utica College to take courses

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**\$6,000,000**  
COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID

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**52** STUDENTS COAST TO COAST



[www.notredameutica.edu](http://www.notredameutica.edu)

## Summer Reading and AP Summer Assignments

Please remind your children of their responsibility to complete their summer reading assignments for English and AP Classes. Students are to be prepared to turn in their assignments on the first day of school. If you have misplaced the required reading information, please contact the main office.

### Grade 7

A Long Walk to Water  
The Outsiders

### Grade 8

The Boy Who Dared  
The Lord of the Flies

### Grade 9

The Pigman  
To Kill a Mockingbird

### Grade 10

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde  
Death Coming Up The Hill

### Grade 11

In the Lake of the Woods  
Animal Farm  
Death of a Salesman (Honors)

### Grade 12

Frankenstein  
Fahrenheit 451

### AP English

Frankenstein  
Invisible Man  
Wuthering Heights

## Athletic News

### Fall Sports Sign Ups

Registration for fall sports will be held on **Wed., August 14 at 6pm.** All student athletes must attend with a parent or guardian.



JV and Varsity sports practice begins **Monday, August 19**, Modified practices begin **Monday, August 26**. Scrimmages and games begin before the start of school, download our new app—**ScheduleGalaxy** for game schedules. It's available on both Apple and Android phones.

### Physicals

All student athletes are to have a current athletic physical on file with the Nurse's Office before they will be allowed to attend any sports practices. There will be no exception to this rule.

### Insurance

All students enrolled at Notre Dame are covered by a student accident insurance plan covering to and from school as well as during school activities. The insurance plan is a secondary coverage plan which is not covered by a family's primary insurance policy. **By Diocesan mandate, students who play football are required to purchase a special rider for \$50.00 before they can begin practice. This rider is also a secondary coverage and must be paid by the first day of practice.**



You are Invited

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL  
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Wednesday, August 21  
5:00pm-7:00pm

Msgr. Willenburg Center  
at Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School

Meet and Greet Fellow Classmates and  
Welcome New Families!

All students must be accompanied by an  
adult.

There is no cost to attend.

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Please RSVP with student(s) name and number  
of guests to Jim Jones at [jjones@syrdiocese.org](mailto:jjones@syrdiocese.org)  
by Friday, August 16.



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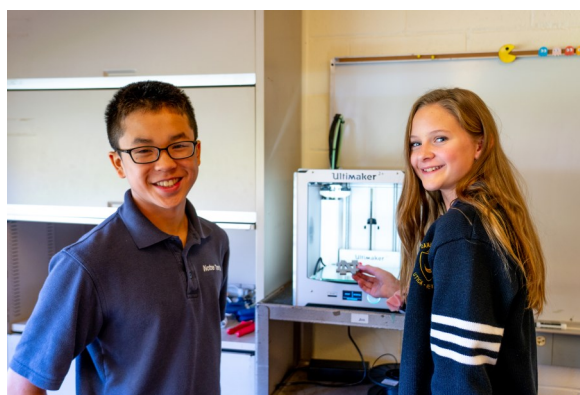
## New Student Referral Program

Many current Notre Dame families initially heard about Notre Dame through a personal referral from an existing school family. We recognize that our current families are often our biggest cheerleaders. To thank you for referring new students and families to Notre Dame, we offer a **New Student Referral Program**.

We will award a \$1,000 tuition credit to a current Notre Dame family for each new student that is referred, enrolls and attends Notre Dame.

School is still open during the summer and we are still accepting applications for this school year for **Pre-K all the way through 12th grade!**

- Forms may be requested from Jim Jones, Director of Admissions at [jjones@syrdiocese.org](mailto:jjones@syrdiocese.org).
- Failure to turn in a completed Referral Incentive Program form will make the referring family ineligible for the reward.
- Incentive award consideration is limited to the referral of brand new families enrolling students in ND and does not apply to students transferring, returning, or advancing to another ND school, nor families who have previously had students at ND.



***Please join us for our Back-to-School Golf Tournament on September 7***

Squeeze in one last day of golf at the Twin Ponds Golf and Country Club. This year's event which benefits Notre Dame program and students follows a four-person scramble format. Registration forms available online at [www.notredameutica.org](http://www.notredameutica.org).



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**BACK-TO-SCHOOL GOLF SCRAMBLE**

**Saturday, September 7, 2019**

**Twin Ponds Golf and Country Club**

