

NOTRE DAME SCHOOLS



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A New Principal for Notre Dame Schools

effective July 1, 2024

Notre Dame Schools is pleased to announce the appointment of Richard J. Hensel to the position of principal of Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School.

Hensel currently serves as Associate Principal and was previously a member of the faculty assigned to the English department. He is the first alumnus of Notre Dame Junior-Senior High School to be appointed principal.

Hensel, a graduate of Notre Dame's Class of 2013, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a concentration in Adolescent Education and a minor in Advanced Writing from Le Moyne College in Syracuse, where he went on to obtain a Master of Science in Adolescent Education. He furthered his education at Canisius College in Buffalo where he earned a Certificate of Advanced Study in Education Administration. He holds New York State Certification in both English Language Arts Grades 7-12 as well as School Building Leadership.

Hensel is proud of Notre Dame's tradition of faith, service, and academic excellence and credits the dedicated faculty and staff of Notre Dame for his own academic success. "I know we will continue to have an impact on students in the Mohawk Valley for generations to come."



Two students from ND Class 2024 to attend the United States Naval Academy



We are proud to announce the appointment of two students from the Notre Dame Class of 2024 to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Isaiah Sexton, Notre Dame NJROTC Commanding Officer and Donald Snyder, Notre Dame NJROTC Executive Officer each received a personal phone call from Congressman Brandon Williams, R-22 notifying them of this prestigious honor.

Isaiah Sexton, the son of Charles and Danielle Sexton, has been a cadet in the Notre Dame NJROTC unit for four years. Isaiah plans to pursue his dream of becoming a Naval Judge Advocate General (JAG). Donald Snyder is the son of John Snyder, ND '91 and Renee' Carlson Snyder, ND '91. Donald has also been a cadet in the NJROTC unit for four years. He plans to study nuclear engineering at Annapolis.



It is rare to have more than one appointment to a military academy from the same congressional district and even more rare to have two from the same school. This is a testament of the academic excellence offered at Notre Dame Schools. This also is an example of the rewards and benefits that come from the commitment required in being a member of our nationally recognized and award-winning NJROTC program.

Sexton and Snyder have accepted their appointments to the US Naval Academy and will report for the USNA Induction Day Class of 2028 on Thursday, June 27, 2024.

May God bless Isaiah and Donald on their achievements and commitment to serve our country.

Notre Dame NJROTC heading to Nationals!



The Notre Dame NJROTC unit is one of 26 schools in the nation that qualified to compete in The 2024 NJROTC Nationals Academic, Athletic & Drill Championship on April 5th and 6th in Pensacola, FL. Congratulations to Captain Schug, Chief Jaynes and all the NJROTC cadets on this wonderful achievement!

The NJROTC cadets devote many hours training and practice before and after school. The unit also donates numerous hours of community service to local organizations and events, including Flags for Heroes, Wreaths for America, Salvation Army, and Tunnel to Towers.

If you would like support the unit on their trip to Nationals, please donate at notredameutica.org/giving add NJROTC in comments section.

Football is back at Br. Victor McCarthy Stadium Coach Ben Rizzo Field



The Notre Dame Varsity Football team played their Homecoming Game in October!
It was great to be back home on Coach Ben Rizzo Field
with the necessary upgrades to our bleachers complete.
Thank you to all our donors and families for making this possible!

Notre Dame Jugglers



Congratulations to our Notre Dame Lady Jugglers Basketball Team
NY State Section III Champions!



The Lady Jugglers were crowned NY State Section III Class B Champions and Regional Champions! They were also Tri Valley League Champions with a 14-0 record and a Scholar Athlete team. The Lady Jugglers are having a spectacular season! Thanks to Coach John Snyder, ND '91 who goes above and beyond to make sure these young ladies are ready for any challenge! Congratulations to Ella Trinkaus, daughter of Jason and Beth Durr, ND '94 Trinkaus for achieving 1,000 points scored as a Notre Dame Varsity player.



Congratulations to Christian Babiarz, son of Steve, ND '85 and Joanne Babiarz, for being named to the Tri Valley League Pioneer Division second-team All-Stars for Basketball.

The Varsity team advanced to the Championship game in the Juggler Classic this year.

Coach Dan Curri, ND '02 believes that hard work is the cornerstone of this program and the team definitely lived up to that. Coach Curri will continue to focus on producing quality young men and success on the court in the Michael Walsh Gymnasium.



Jugglers take the ice at the Utica Nexus Center

Jugglers Hockey Team recognizes Mr. Dana Giannandrea during Teacher Appreciation Night at the Utica Nexus Center. Jugglers advanced to the quarter finals in the Section III Division I Tournament after defeating Syracuse 2-1.



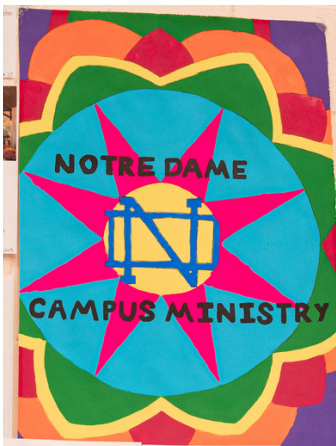


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Catholic Schools Week

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Notre Dame Schools celebrated Catholic Schools Week with many activities and events. We held the first annual Notre Dame Schools Expo which highlighted the unique gifts and talents of our students. There were performances by the Notre Dame Elementary Choir, ND Junior-Senior Band, award-winning NJROTC armed and unarmed drill routines, Girls Varsity Cheerleading, the Blue and Gold Players, and unique displays of student art. The evening was topped off with a Proclamation given by the newly elected Mayor of Utica Michael Galime.



Have you purchased your raffle ticket yet?

NOTRE DAME SCHOOLS

13th Annual Raffle

\$100,000

Additional \$20,000 in cash prizes and more!

Tickets are \$100

on sale at

Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School

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Drawing Party

Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 12:00 PM

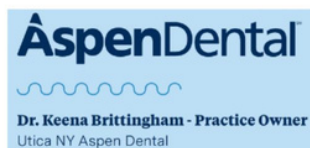
Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School

2 Notre Dame Lane - Utica



Must be at least 21 years of age to attend Drawing Party
Need not be present to win

Notre Dame Schools Raffle is sponsored by:



Alumni Events

Notre Dame Class of 1974 50th Reunion

Notre Dame Class of 1974 is having a 50th Reunion
August 16-18th weekend!

Please contact Ron Albert - ronaldpalbert@gmail.com or
Bill Waszkiewicz - billwaz22@gmail.com for more
details.

Attention all UCA graduates from the class of 1974!

It's been 50 years, and plans are underway for a reunion event the
weekend of August 16-18 in the Utica area.

We look forward to catching up but need your help providing us with your
contact information.

Please send it to Rosanne Fallon at kahrcf@gmail.com.

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