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HIGH SCHOOL



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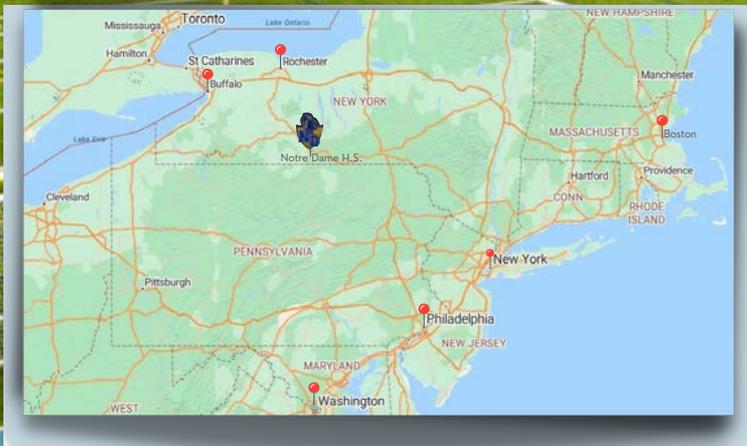
DISCOVER THE **CRUSADER**
IN YOU!

WELCOME TO **Notre Dame**

At Notre Dame we strive to educate the whole person providing programs that challenge students to develop their full potential, encouraging them to participate in the classroom as well as in the variety of co-curricular activities and athletics that are available. We are a small school, rich in tradition, preparing our students for the next level of education, as well as being active contributors to their local, world and church community.



**Notre Dame
is located in
the heart of
the Finger
Lakes
Region of
Upstate New
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surrounded
by rolling
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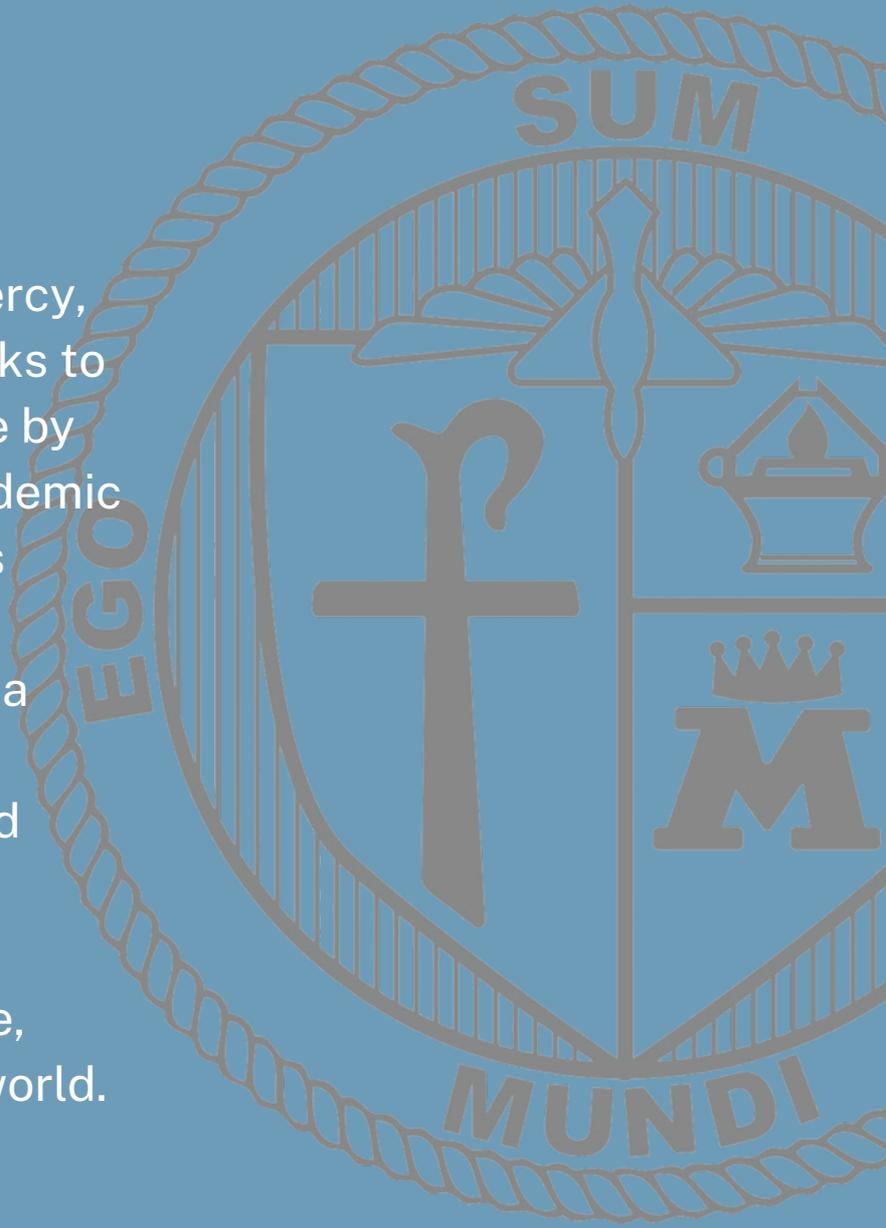
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"Notre Dame faculty and staff encourage each student to become an independent seeker and creator of knowledge. Each individual student must assume responsibility for gaining both knowledge and judgment, which will strengthen their faith, servitude, membership in the life of Notre Dame, and their contribution to our wider society."

*PATRICIA MACK '85
HEAD OF SCHOOL*

Notre Dame

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 a diversity of backgrounds and perspectives, thus inspiring life-long learners, critical thinkers, and compassionate, responsible citizens of the world.





Notre Dame by the Numbers
Average Enrollment

232

19 School Districts
6% International

When you come to Notre Dame, you become part of a diverse and inclusive community. Notre Dame is committed to providing a values-centered education for students of any race, color, creed, national origin and faith. Accommodations are provided for students with special needs as well as those with IEPs and 504s.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT NOTRE DAME



WELCOME



FAMILY CONNECTION

Parents and guardians are a vital and valued part of our Notre Dame community. They are critical partners in supporting their student's success. Additionally, parents are asked to give of their time and talent to assist with fundraising, extra-curriculars, athletics, and other special events at the school. We are grateful for each family's efforts to make these endeavors a success. It is often through these activities that families get to know each other and form friendships, strengthening the feeling of community at Notre Dame.

SERVING STUDENTS OF SOUTHERN NY & NORTHERN PA

Notre Dame draws more than 200 students from 19 different school districts throughout New York and Pennsylvania. In New York, students residing in Elmira, Elmira Heights, Horseheads, Corning/Painted Post and Waverly and those in Pennsylvania residing in Athens, Troy and Northern Tioga may request transportation from their school districts. A fee for bus service is available to students residing in Ithaca and its surrounding areas. All families are encouraged to contact their school district to determine if they are eligible for busing.



ALUMNI CONNECTION

From classroom to graduation and beyond, the bonds students create at Notre Dame last a lifetime. Moreover, as they transition from student to alumni, they become a tremendous asset to our current student body. Through sharing their success and challenges they serve as an inspiration and valuable mentors to our current Crusaders.

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Notre Dame

Notre Dame High School offers a vibrant learning environment featuring excellent academics, a dedicated and professional team of faculty and staff as well as a variety of extracurricular and athletic opportunities for students in grades 7 and 8. By providing the junior high student a well-rounded academic, extra-curricular and spiritual experience, they transition seamlessly into high school.

ADVANTAGES

- Safe, welcoming & inclusive environment
- Accelerated options for qualified students to earn high school credits in math, science & world language
- Challenging standards-based curriculum
- Junior High teachers work with students to develop strong study skills that allow a seamless transition to high school
- Individualized attention and supportive learning environment
- Building strong academic skill set
- Values-based education
- Modified Athletics: Soccer, Cross-Country, Basketball, Baseball, Softball and Track & Field
- Clubs: Credo-Yearbook, Drama Club, *FIRST* Tech Challenge Team, Ladies of Charity, Maryleaf (school online publication), ND Supper Club, and St. Joseph Workers







Faith Filled Education

As a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy, Notre Dame is part of Mercy Education, a united system that serves 55 schools around the world, dedicated to developing young leaders. Our Core Values are the hallmarks of a Mercy Education. These are the ideals we stand for and strive to achieve. We hold ourselves to these standards as an institution, as a community, and as individuals. Each value is interconnected and necessary as we advance Mercy into the world.

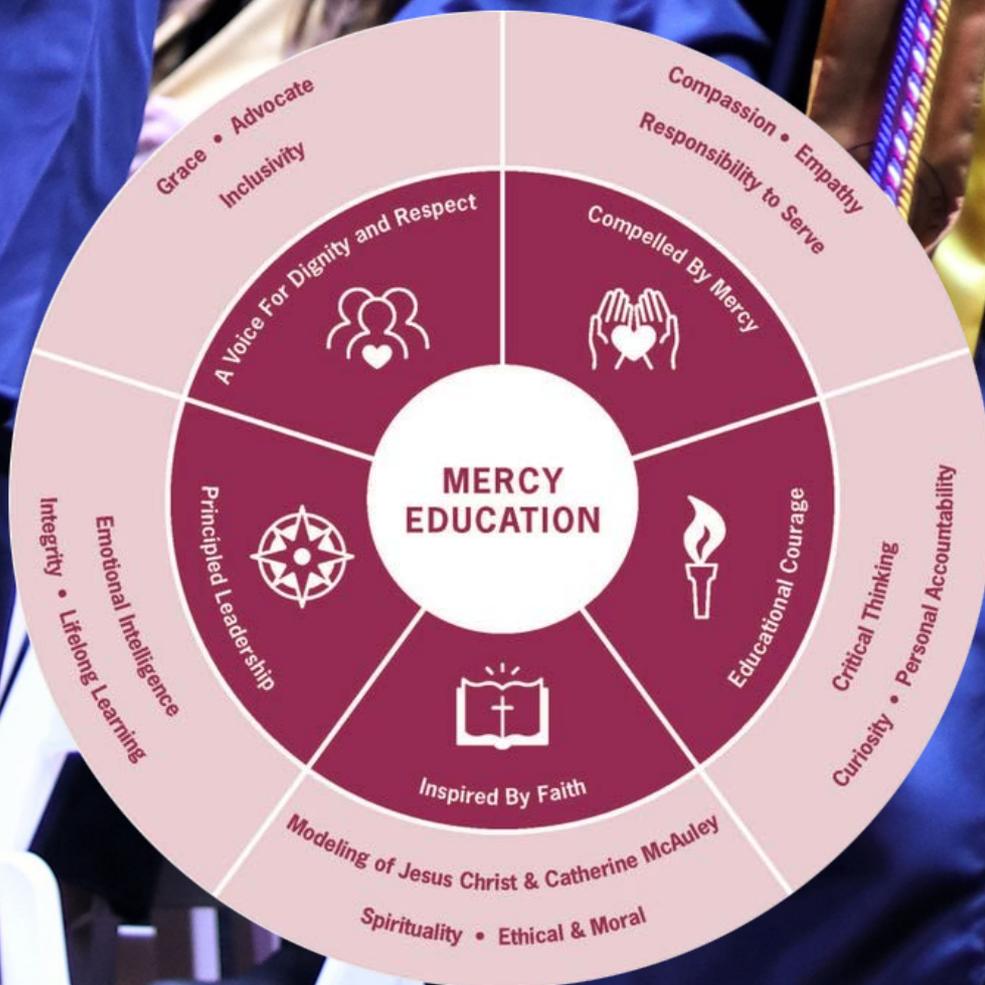
While we are a Catholic School steeped in tradition, Notre Dame also welcomes students of other faith traditions. We are proud of the diversity of our student body which supports our desire to offer a faith-based, college preparatory education to all. During their time at Notre Dame, students engage in theology courses ranging from the fundamentals of Catholicism to morals and ethics, to spirituality, to world religions---all with the goal of preparing students to live in an increasingly global society.

Just as Sisters of Mercy founder Catherine McAuley believed, at Notre Dame a strong emphasis is placed on our student's academic and spiritual development while also encouraging each student to put their faith into action through service to our local community and beyond. Our Crusader spirit shines as students take part in some of our most dearly-held service traditions such as Mercy Movement Days, Golden Mass, and our annual Crusader Carnival.



Profile of the Graduate

Our Profile of the Graduate is how Notre Dame students come to manifest and embody our Mercy Education Core Values. It's the culmination of everything a Mercy Education hopes to achieve. Throughout the student's journey, this blueprint defines the attributes they're expected to acquire and the steps they'll take to gain them. With the Profile of the Graduate, every experience and academic opportunity are linked to and aligned with our Core Values.



A JOURNEY OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Our graduates are known for having certain attributes that distinctly personify our Core Values and bring them to life. These traits are intentionally formed within our curricula and the entire Mercy experience. Students continue to nurture these qualities throughout their lives.

CORE VALUE • STUDENT ATTRIBUTES



Compelled
By Mercy

Compassion. Having concern for the needs of all, including those outside our immediate circle.

Empathy. Putting yourself in someone else's shoes to understand their feelings and perspectives.

Responsibility to Serve. Fulfilling the duty to not just care about others, but to take action on their behalf.



Educational
Courage

Curiosity. Being open to other ways of seeing the world and exploring new ideas.

Personal Accountability. Staying disciplined in decision-making, proactive in correcting mistakes and self-motivated in our studies.

Critical Thinking. Gathering and objectively evaluating and analyzing information through reflection and reason



Inspired
by Faith

Spirituality. Developing a personal relationship with a loving, merciful God, expressed in service and respecting other faiths.

Modeling of Jesus Christ & Catherine McAuley. Living life with abundant love, compassion, generosity and hospitality, demonstrating the strength of infinite mercy.

Ethical & Moral. Following a personal code based on Gospel values that guides action and choices.



Principled
Leadership

Integrity. Standing up for or doing what's right, including when it's difficult or unpopular.

Lifelong Learning. Always learning something new, gaining skills and wanting to know more, in all walks of life.

Emotional Intelligence. Recognizing and welcoming emotions within ourselves and others to build resilience and healthy relationships.



A Voice For
Dignity and
Respect

Grace. Allowing others to be fully human without judgment, while honoring what is God-like within each person.

Advocate. Being a forceful defender, supporter and sometimes spokesperson for the values and people we hold dear.

Inclusivity. Going beyond tolerance to embrace diversity, while accepting and serving with open arms.



Notre Dame by the Numbers

Boasting a 100% graduation rate, ND students are exposed to a committed and engaged faculty who guide them to academic achievement while helping them chart a path to achieve their future goals.





Academic Excellence

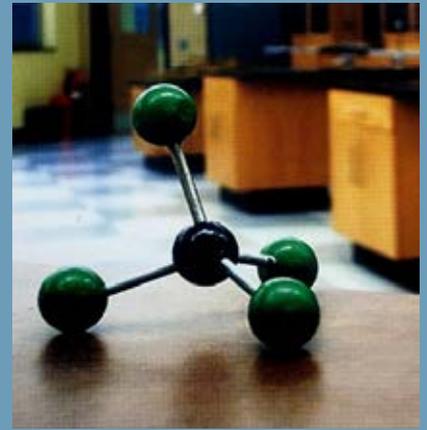
Notre Dame offers a challenging college preparatory curriculum providing students with access to Honors, AP and ACE classes. Likewise, students expressing an interest in pursuing careers in vocational trades are supported and offered the opportunity to enroll in GST BOCES programs while simultaneously completing core course work at Notre Dame. Notre Dame takes a student-centered approach for course selection, helping each student to realize his or her potential. Specific academic offerings are updated annually and may be found by visiting our website at notredamehighschool.com. A Notre Dame education will provide your child with strategies to develop self-discipline, solid study habits and personal responsibility, all necessary traits for their future beyond graduation

ACCREDITATION

Notre Dame High School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and by the University of the State of New York.

Student Profile

Well prepared, ninety-eight percent of the graduating class of 2023 have gone on to attend college and two percent entered the work force.



	ND	National	AP EXAMS - MAY 2023
SAT EBRW	607	517	85 Exams Taken
Mathematics	616	499	
Composite	1223	1016	
ACT English	21.8	19.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 72 % Scored 3 or Higher• 3 AP Scholars with Distinction• 4 AP Scholars with Honors• 4 AP Scholars
Mathematics	21.2	19.0	
Reading	20.4	19.3	
Science Reasoning	22.6	20.4	
Composite	21.6	19.9	

Teachers strive to create a positive and supportive climate while students are encouraged to be active agents in their own development.





WORLD LANGUAGES & CULTURE AT ND

Notre Dame is committed to helping all students develop a deeper understanding of world culture by offering a curriculum that helps to broaden their perspective. All students at Notre Dame are required to take World Religions as well as complete a foreign language requirement. In doing so, it encourages students to problem solve and exercise critical thinking. Through learning another language and about other cultures students are able to obtain a greater appreciation of the diverse country in which we live.



SPANISH

Students learn Spanish through the four basic skills of language learning: oral expression, aural interpretation, reading and writing. Course content builds in rigor and intensity developing vocabulary as well as language expression skills. Authentic reading and listening resources are used to improve proficiency. Students are challenged to daily situations, as if they were living in Spanish speaking countries. Learning about Spanish culture is an integral part of the course and is introduced using media, readings, discussions, and guest speakers. Students may enroll online in Spanish IV (ACE) offered by Corning Community College.



MANDARIN CHINESE

Mandarin is among the most in-demand foreign languages. In this course, students learn to speak, understand, read, and write Mandarin Chinese. Students also learn about China's rich history and cultural traditions, which span more than 5,000 years. The class is informative, engaging, and fun, and provides several activities for students to practice their Mandarin in real-world situations. Chinese is not difficult to learn: it only seems that way because the writing system is different and it is a tonal language. Mandarin students are able to take Mandarin Chinese through Level IV.



WORLD RELIGIONS

World Religions investigates the beliefs, history, sacred texts, art and architecture, and codes of conduct of several major world religions. The course explores the common need of all mankind to reach for greater depths of faith and meaning. It provides the opportunity to learn Christianity and explore the Sacraments of the Catholic faith. It also emphasizes the contributions religions have made to world cultures and stresses the importance of living with compassion and empathy in this global society.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

Notre Dame is committed to fostering global understanding and awareness and are pleased to welcome students in grades 9-12 from around the world. Notre Dame offers an on-campus international dormitory residence just steps away from the school building allowing for a full and robust experience in the classroom, with the performing and visual arts, in athletics and also with extra-curricular opportunities during their time at Notre Dame. Students may select to stay for one year or are welcome to return for additional years.

DOMESTIC BOARDING SCHOOL

The International Dormitory also offers NYS domestic students the opportunity to enroll and avail themselves of all that Notre Dame has to offer. From classes to athletics to extracurricular activities, students are able to have a rich high school experience while residing with and learning from their peers from around the world.

Additionally, its on-campus location, provides domestic students from towns further away, the unique opportunity to register for periodic overnight stays following late night games, practices, or extracurricular activities for a marginal fee.







STAFF

The Residence Coordinator and staff of the International Dormitory are employed by Notre Dame High School. Working together with the school staff, the two seek to enhance experiences for the international students and remain in contact with the students' parents. Along with the Residence Coordinator the dorm is fully staffed 24-hours a day. All employees are screened thoroughly with a comprehensive background check. The Residence Coordinators are on-call 24-hours a day, 7-days a week providing a secure living environment for the international students.



ACCOMMODATIONS

The International Dormitory offers thirty-two single occupancy furnished rooms with common bathrooms. There is high-speed internet access throughout the residence. Dormitory housing also includes study rooms, a kitchen, dining room, laundry room and a common recreational area. The recreation room is equipped with a large flat screen TV, video games, a pool table, and table tennis (ping pong) and is an area for students to relax and socialize with friends. The on-campus location makes it easy for students to become involved with student life activities as they study abroad. The dormitory's central location in upstate New York, offers wonderful opportunities for occasional day trips to major cities such as Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Philadelphia and New York City.



MEALS

The international students enjoy meals together in the Student Dining Room in the evening and on weekends. Breakfast and lunch are provided in the school cafeteria and prepared by the school chef. Dinner is prepared by the school chef during the school week. The chef does consider student requests when preparing weekly meal plans for dinner. Weekend meals are prepared by dorm staff and students. Additionally, one night on the weekend, students order take-out from local recommended restaurants. Students have access to snacks in between meals and in the early evening.



PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS

At Notre Dame, we believe in educating the whole child: mind, heart, body and soul. To that end, our music, art and drama programs play a central role within our curriculum. Our performing and visual arts programs are designed to allow students to creatively express themselves through their work, while developing higher order thinking and problem solving skills. At Notre Dame we strive to foster collective creativity where students can celebrate their talents, develop their skills and discover activities that become life-long passions, interests and careers!



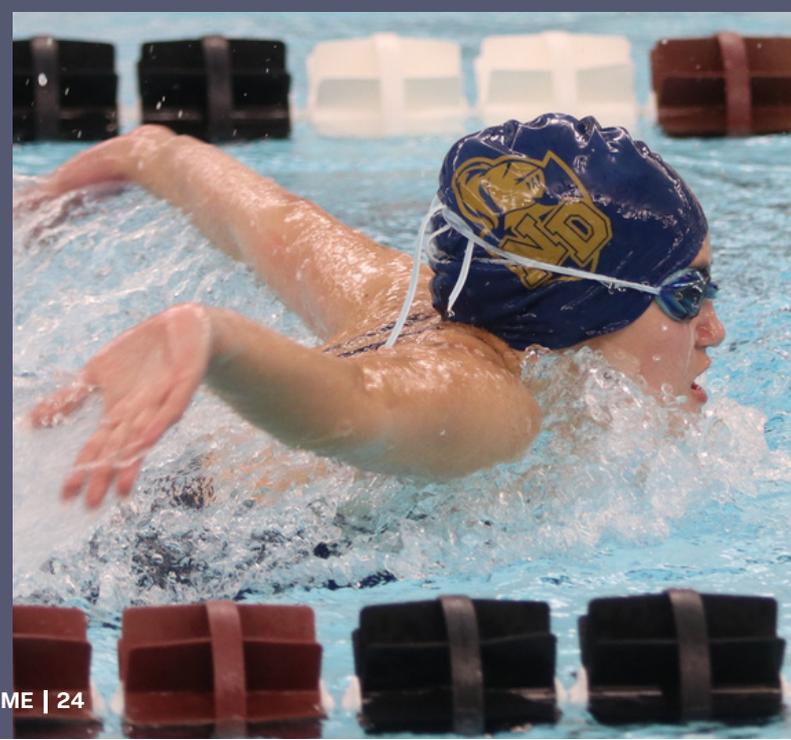
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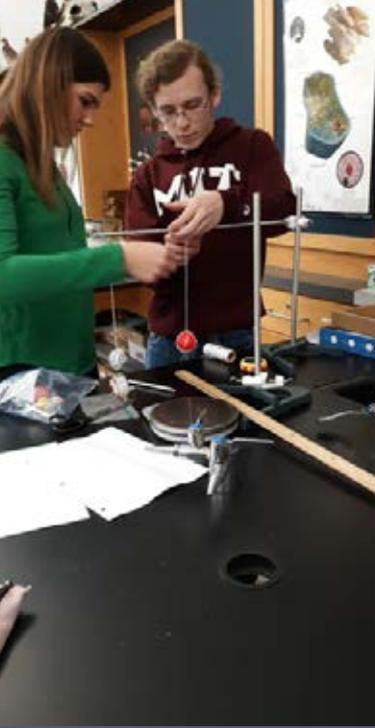
Notre Dame takes great pride in our sports program, which has a tradition of excellence. Our athletic teams are known for their competitive standing within our sports league, the Interscholastic Athletic Conference (IAC), which is comprised of 18 schools. Offering a variety of athletic opportunities, Notre Dame student-athletes compete in 18 sports with 28 total Modified, Junior Varsity, and Varsity squads. Over seventy percent of our students participate on an athletic team.

Our sports program is far more than winning and losing; we offer students the opportunity to develop and enhance integrity, sportsmanship, team-building skills, self-discipline and perspective in regard to competition. Athletes are encouraged to be their best both in the classroom and on the court or playing field. We believe that our athletes are students first and are proud to have many of our Varsity teams achieve NYS Scholar Athlete Team recognition.

Coaches at Notre Dame are experienced and, in the Mercy tradition, encourage the development of their players as hard workers, team players and respectful people. We welcome and encourage students to participate in more than one sport and to enjoy a diverse high school experience.







EXTRA

Our extracurricular activities offer students the opportunity to discover who they are, where their talents may lie, and how they might use their gifts to enrich the lives of others. They are an essential part of the glue that makes an outstanding high school education stick. Through the variety of our programs, we encourage students not only to excel academically, but also to explore activities that may become lifelong passions.

CLUBS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Climate Crusaders
- Crusader Ambassadors
- Drama Backstage Crew
- *FIRST* Tech Challenge
- *FIRST* Robotics Competition
- Juggling Club
- Junior Ladies of Charity
- Key Club
- Law and Political Science
- Maryleaf
- Math League
- Media Club
- National Chinese Honor Society
- National Honor Society
- ND Blue Crew
- QSA
- Quiz League
- Science Olympiad
- St. Joseph's Workers
- Student Government
- ND Supper Club
- Yearbook
- Yoga & Fitness Clubs



AFFORDING

Notre Dame

Notre Dame is committed to educating anyone in need who desires the advantages of a Notre Dame education. Choosing to invest in a private school education is one of the most important decisions you will make for your child. The annual tuition rate is established in late spring for the upcoming school year. Notre Dame follows a cost-based/needs-based financial aid program. A third-party entity is used that consider each family's individual financial situation and calculates the family's financial award. Applications for financial aid are due by March 15.

Applications received after the deadline are not guaranteed financial aid. We encourage our families to complete the Grant and Aid application by visiting our website:

notredamehighschool.com.

Financial aid is awarded on a yearly basis; families must reapply each school year.

Notre Dame is a short-term investment that pays life-long dividends. Notre Dame graduates are highly regarded by admissions officers throughout the nation. Additionally, ND students earn millions of dollars in college scholarships and financial assistance every year, making tuition at Notre Dame recoverable through reduced college costs.



Universities ND Graduates Have Attended

- Bates College
- Boston College
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Colgate University
- Cornell University
- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Miami University
- New York University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Princeton University
- Purdue University
- Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Smith College
- Syracuse University
- Tufts University
- University at Buffalo SUNY
- University of California Berkeley
- University of California Santa Barbara
- University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Rochester
- Villanova University
- Wake Forest University
- Washington & Lee University
- Wellesley College
- Williams College
- Yale University

COME TAKE A LOOK!

We'd like to show you around the Notre Dame campus and give you a glimpse of what you can expect as a student here. We encourage you to come and experience Notre Dame for yourself. Once you walk our halls, meet our student body, faculty, and staff, you'll truly get a feel for who we are and how you'll fit in our community.

To schedule a personal tour, spend a day with a student, or join us for an open house please contact The Office of Admissions by calling 607-734-2267.



BE A CRUSADER FOR A DAY

**and DISCOVER ND!
TO APPLY, VISIT:**

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**WE LOOK FORWARD
TO SEEING YOU
SOON!**



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Grades 7 - 12

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 **Mercy Education**

Courageous Action. Selfless Spirit.™