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Notre Dame High School's Alumni Newsletter



FROM MS. MACK'S DESK

The 2023-2024 school year is off to a fantastic start! We welcomed thirty-five new 7th-grade students to Notre Dame, and they are crushing it in the classroom! Our faculty gained several new teachers whose expertise and enthusiasm for education, as well as their positivity toward building relationships with students, have strengthened the ND family. We were excited for the return of five of our international students for their senior year, who shared that their experiences last year were academically and socially positive and they couldn't imagine spending their Senior year anywhere else!

Our traditions at Notre Dame continue to run deep. Homecoming weekend was highlighted with the blessing of Coach's Corner, adjacent to Joel Stephens Memorial Park. Alumni, students, staff, and families came out to celebrate the life and legacy of Coach Mike D'Aloisio at his newly constructed monument. This was followed by a Varsity Soccer game and the crowning of the Homecoming Queen, Senior Sophia McMaster.

Mercy Week provided opportunities for all grades to go out in the community to volunteer and support our local senior population, animal shelters, the food bank, the community kitchen, and Catholic charities. Highlights from the week were shared on ND social media. Students continue to show kindness and give back to the community throughout the school year, so keep an eye out for future activities and events!

Elinor Gough and Patricia Thorne were awarded the McAuley Award which was presented and celebrated at our annual dinner on October 18, 2023, at the Elmira Country Club. These deserving ladies continue to show support for Notre Dame in the selfless ways Catherine McAuley served as the founder of The Sisters of Mercy. We are so grateful for those who continue to sponsor this event and make it possible for ND to honor deserving individuals.

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