

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Special Classes:

Each day the children attend a special class enhancing their growth and development such as:

- Gym
- Art
- Music
- Spanish
- Library
- Computers (Pre-K 4 only)

Special Events

Children have the opportunity to participate in special events throughout school year.

- Pumpkin Fest
- Korean Thanksgiving Feast
- Fire Fighters and Engine Visit
- Halloween Parade
- American Thanksgiving Feast
- 100th Day of School celebration
- Dr. Seuss Event
- Easter Bonnet Parade
- Baby Chicks Hatching
- Walking Trip to Local Library
- Caterpillar Metamorphosis
- Reptile Discovery Show
- End of Year Extravaganza

Notre Dame Academy is pleased to provide you with a pamphlet that outlines the Pre-Kindergarten curriculum.

It is our desire to provide you with information that will strengthen the partnership among parents, students, teachers, administrators, and all stakeholders in the learning community.

Notre Dame is a private, Catholic Academy.

Our School was established in September 1991

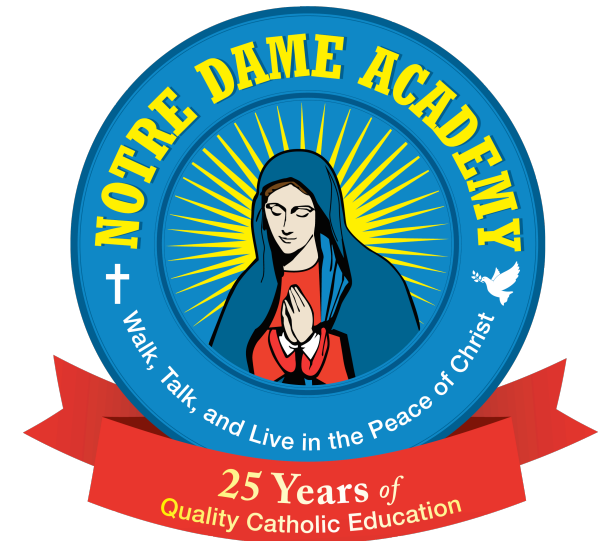
from the merging of the Parish Schools of St. Matthew in Ridgefield, St. Michael & St. Nicholas in Palisades Park.

Notre Dame has an excellent reputation in our area.

We serve a multi-cultural, Catholic and non-Catholic population.

Our students come from Bergen and Hudson counties.

Notre Dame has been accredited by the Middle States Association for Colleges and Schools.



Pre-Kindergarten 3 years old

The Curriculum for Early Childhood

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Pre-K3 to Grade 8

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The curriculum for Pre-kindergarten promotes creativity based on five fundamental principles. They help us understand the reason for intentionally setting up and operating Prekindergarten programs in particular ways. These are the principles developmental domains:

Social/Emotional Development

- Sense of Self
- Responsibility for Self and Others
- Pro-social Behavior
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Physical Development

- Gross Motor
- Fine Motor

Cognitive Development

- Gross Motor
- Fine Motor

Language Development

- Listening Development
- Reading and Writing

In the Prekindergarten classrooms, the learning environment meets children's development needs through ten distinct centers.

- Blocks
- Dramatic Play
- Toys and Games
- Art
- Library

- Discovery
- Sand and Water
- Music and Movement
- Outdoors
- Computers

The following academic subjects are integrated into our curriculum:

- **Religion:** The religion program is designed to help children discover their special qualities and their importance as God's creation.
 - **Language and Literacy:** These skills are developed through speaking, listening, retelling, comprehension, and pre-emergence of reading and writing skills.
 - **Math:** Students learn mathematics skills, such as patterning, counting, seriating, matching, estimating, classifying, sorting, graphing, measurement, and the recognition of numbers, shape, and quantity.
 - **Science:** Children develop science knowledge and skills by observing, predicting, experiment and discovery
 - **Social Studies:** Children learn basic categories such as: spaces and geography, people and how they live, people and the environment and people and the past.
 - **The Arts:** Children explore the arts through dance, music and arts and crafts.
- **Technology:** Children develop awareness of technology by being introduced to basic operations and concepts to support computer related skills.
 - **STEM:** Children are introduced to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math based projects that encourage experimenting, tinkering, building, observing, exploring, and creating, which will help children develop a solid base for understanding key concepts later on.