



## Notre Dame Academy

Pre K-3 to 8

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Notre Dame Families:

Two weeks down! Enough cannot be said about the dedication, patience, and cooperation of our Notre Dame community at every level to enable our reopening to be so successful. Some observations as we move forward and continue to improve.

- **Technology:** We know sound levels have been one of the issues around the building. We are working with our vendors and tech support team to make the necessary corrections. We appreciate your patience as we work through this and other technology issues.
- **Masking:** In order to keep things going as well as they have been, it takes a cooperative group effort. This is a reminder that masking protocols extend to parents during drop off and pick up. **All parents on school property must wear a face covering. No exceptions.** We don't do these things because they are convenient. We do them because they serve the greater good and keep your children in the building.
- **Arrival and Pick Up:** Thank you for your cooperation with our procedures this year. A reminder that Cleared4School needs to be completed every morning your child is in the building by 7:30 am. Parents must pull all the way to the curb or obtain a legal parking spot during pick up and drop off.
- **Uniforms:** We have been made aware that Flynn O'Hara being on back order for a number of uniform items. As the temperature drops and we keep windows cracked for proper ventilation, students may wear appropriate spirit wear items in their classrooms. The link to our school store can be found on the Notre Dame home page. There is currently a 15% off special on all orders using the code NDAFALL at check out.
- **Medical Records:** Please note that all student Immunizations & yearly physicals that have not been handed in to the nurses must be sent in by the end of September. If you have an appointment set for a date after that, please email [nurses@notredameint.org](mailto:nurses@notredameint.org) so that they are aware.
- **Meadow Farms Fundraiser:** We are extending the Meadow Farms Online Fundraiser for one more week. Please refer to the flyer that is attached to this update. It is also posted on the homepage of our website. We would love to see every family sell at least one item. Thanks to those who have already been making this successful.
- **Guidance:** We want to make you aware that our Guidance Counselor, Ms. Jenna Gerardi, is here three days a week and is available for all of our students. The consent forms are attached to this update and can be emailed directly to Ms. Gerardi at [jgerardi@notredameint.org](mailto:jgerardi@notredameint.org).
- **October Calendar:** Attached is the monthly calendar for October. We have also updated the Google Calendar on the school website.

Once again we want to thank everyone for such a successful start. We hope you all have a wonderful God-filled weekend.

Mr. Valvano

Dear Notre Dame Academy Families,

First, let me thank you for your support and understanding during these unexpected circumstances. I am very proud of the way our Notre Dame Academy employees, parents, and students have handled the demands we have been facing. Our main goal is to protect everyone as we continue to educate our students during these most uncertain times. With all that being said, I'm so very happy to start the new 2020-2021 school year with all of you.

One important advice that I can give right now to help prepare your child for this unique new school year is a reminder to allow space for them to discuss and process their feelings. It is okay to not feel ready and it is also okay to have questions. Just know we are all in this together, and that Notre Dame Academy teachers and staff are working hard to create a safe and supportive environment for your child(ren). Thank you for your continued support and positivity as we thrive to do what's best for all our students and employees. Although this school year may be different we will get through this, together.

Sincerely,

Jenna Gerardi

Guidance Counselor

Notre Dame Academy

Dear Parents/Guardian,

There may be a time when you would like your child to have an appointment with the school Guidance Counselor. We ask that you please fill out the form below so that I have your consent on file to meet with your child throughout the year whenever may be necessary.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [JGerardi@notredameint.org](mailto:JGerardi@notredameint.org)

Thank you for your assistance

Sincerely,

Jenna Gerardi

Guidance Counselor

### **Guidance Counselor Consent Form**

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to meet with Jenna Gerardi, Guidance Counselor.

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Parent/Guardian

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Phone

Date: \_\_\_\_\_