



Notre Dame Academy

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Dear Notre Dame Families:

Can you believe it is August already?! I hope all of you have found time to relax and recharge this summer as we prepare for the new school year in less than a month. We are so excited to welcome everyone back in September and get back to all the things that make our Notre Dame Academy Community second to none. I wanted to take some time to provide you with some important updates prior to our regularly scheduled summer packets, which will go out within the next week. If anyone has moved since June, please email your new address to Mrs. Han (ahan@notredameint.org) and Ms. Koralja (ckoralja@notredameint.org) to ensure you receive all the relevant information in a timely manner.

Policy Updates: The Archdiocese is hosting listening sessions for school principals next week to provide updated guidance for the school year on all policies related to Covid-19. At this time, I think it is safe to say we are anticipating that masks will be required by all students, faculty, and staff beginning in September. We will keep you updated as we get more information. We worked so well together as a community to navigate through last year successfully, I have no doubt we will continue to do what is best for all our scholars and community members going forward. Your trust in us is extremely important to us and is never taken for granted. In the interim, please visit the school website to familiarize yourself with the updated Family Handbook located under the Parent Portal section. The September school Calendar has also been updated and loaded into the Google Calendar on the school website.

Powerschool Information Update: On August 9th, you will receive the annual information update form through Powerschool that the Archdiocese requires. Please be sure to complete this update in a timely manner, upload all necessary documents, and answer all questions included to the best of your ability. We rely on this update to make sure that throughout the year we have the most accurate information for each family for communication purposes.

HSA Uniform Sale: We will be hosting our annual uniform sale on Wednesday August 18th from 6 to 8 pm in the school cafeteria. Parents should enter through the aftercare door under the gym steps. This is a wonderful opportunity to pick up lightly used extra uniform pieces at a fraction of the cost. If you have any uniforms your child has outgrown you would like to donate, they can be dropped off Tuesday through Thursday from 8 am until 2 pm. Hope to see everyone there!

Ice Cream Socials: We are thrilled to announce the return of the Ice Cream Social! It is a great opportunity to meet your teachers, classmates, and other parents while enjoying an ice cream treat. We will also be hosting an orientation for all our new families in the school gym a half hour prior to the start of each event. The schedule is as follows:

- PK3 through 3rd Grade Ice Cream Social: Tuesday August 31st from 5 to 6 pm
 - New family orientation will be from 4:30 to 5 pm
- Grades 4-8: Wednesday September 1st from 5 to 6 pm
 - New family orientation from 4:30 to 5 pm



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Thank you all for your continued support and partnership. Notre Dame Academy is not the amazing place it is without all of you.

In The Peace of Christ
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