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May 2024 School Newsletter

“Living, Celebrating and Proclaiming Our Faith”

Notre Dame would like to acknowledge that we are blessed to live, work, and play on Treaty 8 land, the traditional territory of the Cree, Sekani, Dunne-za, Dene-thah, Sauleaux, Chiepwyan, and other Indigenous people who were not identified specifically in the treaty.

Principal's Message

Dear Notre Dame Students and Families,

As we embrace the warmth of May, I am filled with thankfulness for the incredible spirit and dedication of our students, staff, and families. Together, we have navigated challenges and celebrated successes, and as we near the end of the school year, it's a time to reflect on our journey and look forward with optimism.

May brings a sense of renewal and growth, like the blooming flowers and flourishing trees around us. It's a time to recognize our students' hard work and achievements, whether academic accomplishments, artistic endeavours, or acts of kindness that make our school community shine. Students and teachers will be posting student work on Spaces EDU. Families please remember to log in and check out your child(s) progress.

As we approach the final stretch of the academic year, let us continue supporting one another and cherish the moments we share. Let us remain focused on our goals and committed to fostering an environment where everyone feels valued and empowered to reach their full potential.

I encourage you to take advantage of May's opportunities to connect, celebrate our diversity, and embrace the joy of learning. Together, we will make this final chapter of the school year one to remember.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. We wish you all a month filled with growth, joy, and achievement.

God Bless,
Your Partner in Education
C. Richard



May Events

Thursday, May 2nd

Hat & Jeans Day – Bring a Toonie for our Foster Children

Friday, May 3rd

Grade 1 Prayer & Justice Virtue Awards at 9:00 am

Monday, May 6th

Wish Bone Day – Osteogenesis Day

PSG Meeting @ 5:00 pm

Friday, May 10th

Kindergarten Mass @ 11:00 am

School Carnival @ 5:30-7:30 pm

Sunday, May 12th

Mother's Day

Monday, May 13th

Kindergarten Orientation

Thursday, May 16

Teacher & Student Swope Day – Teacher's Dress like students & Students Dress like their teacher

Friday, May 17th

Grade 6 Prayer

Monday, May 20th

Victoria Day – No School for students

Tuesday, May 21st

School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

Thursday, May 23rd

Moeller Fundraiser - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser- 5:30-8:00pm

Friday, May 24th

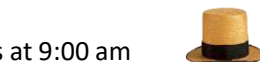
Grade 5 Prayer

Thursday, May 30 – Friday, May 31st

Grade 7 Soccer Trip to PG

Friday, May 31st

Kindergarten Prayer



Weather & Outside Time

We know the weather is changing, and we will have some nicer days with puddles and sunshine. Please dress your child accordingly. Dressing in layers is helpful on those days that might start cold and warm up. Have your child bring a sweater, jacket and maybe rubber boots for those rainy days. Preparing for the changing temperatures ensures our students dress appropriately for the weather and enjoy the outside.



Kindergarten Registration



Notre Dame's **Kindergarten students registration for the 2024-2025 school year** remains open.

Any child who will be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2024 may register. The Registration Package is available on Notre Dame's school website and at the school office. At Notre Dame, Kindergarten establishes a strong foundation for lifelong learning, as the teacher provides dynamic, play-based opportunities to help each child grow and learn. We focus on the whole child socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually.

Once the school receives the registration package from families, interviews will be set up. Interviews are ongoing until we have reached the cap for admissions numbers.



Important

Items of Interest

- The Notre Dame School Community would like to give a special thank you to **Justin Duff** and **Troy Erickson** for sweeping the entire playground of gravel. Your kindness is greatly appreciated especially by all the students and staff.
- Notre Dame School is currently accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Application forms can be downloaded from our website or picked up in the school office. Please send in any application forms as soon as possible, as our Admissions Committee is currently reviewing applications.

News from Our School Council

- ☐ Our next meeting for this school year will be on **May 21, 2024 at 6:30pm.**
- ☐ Please check out the School Council link on the school website for more details.



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News from Our Parent Support Group (PSG)



Hello, Families of Notre Dame!

The ND PSG wants to thank all who attended the Family Movie Night on April 26th. We were able to donate \$900.00 to the Moeller Family. Special thanks to those who helped organize the pre-orders, pick up the snacks, run the concession, and prep the screen & sound. It is always a fun and unique evening for families.

Thank you to all who participated in the Panago "What Goes Around Comes Around" Fundraiser. The profits have been directed toward the Grade Seven Annual Terry Wilson Soccer trip in Prince George. This tournament is hosted by CIS every year for the schools under the umbrella of Catholic Independent Schools. It is costly for us to attend each year. Costs have included bussing, meals, and a group activity (swimming). The PSG helps with various fundraisers throughout the year to help make this trip a reality, and we rely on the support of our school families' participation and support.

This school year's sixth and final hot lunch session begins this month. Thank you to all who work together to offer this to students and staff. If it weren't for the collective efforts of the parents, it would not have been feasible to have a hot lunch. Thank you!

Carnival will be hosted on May 10th from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. We hope to see you there! It is a community event, so please share it with friends and family. We hope for a successful night and fun for all.

Towards the end of the year, parent volunteers will have opportunities to help with field trips, school-wide Fun Day, and more. Please ensure you have a current Criminal Record check. Once completed, they are valid for three years. Have a wonderful month!

The ND PSG



Feeding Futures

We are excited at Notre Dame School to be **continuing** with our "Feeding Futures" initiative of having snack bins in all classrooms. Fruit, apple sauce, crackers, cheese strings and granola bars will continue to be available in each classroom daily.

SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT THE FINAL SESSION FOR HOT LUNCH



As a part of the Feeding Futures Grant, there will be three **TACO TUESDAY** days (**May 21st, June 4th & June 18th**) that will be provided at **NO CHARGE** to help support families on behalf of the school. Teachers will be gathering the student orders in classrooms.

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Our Faith & Catholic Education



Compassion is our virtue for the month of May.

What is Compassion?

Compassion is

- a feeling or action of wanting to help other who are in need.
- made up of two words. 'Co' meaning together and 'passion' meaning a strong feeling.
- When we see someone in distress and we feel their pain as if it were our own, we show compassion by striving to eliminate or lessen their pain.
- Caring: our friends and family will know that no matter what, they can depend on us.

What can Compassion look like for the students and staff at Notre Dame:

- Our students and staff will model the virtue of justice by
 - † Thinking about how words make people feel.
 - † Thinking about how actions make people feel.
 - † Understanding why someone is acting the way they do.
 - † Being considerate to other people.
- **We need to remember that**
"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience." (Colossians 3:12)

Forgiveness Virtue Award Winners

Congratulations to all the students and staff who have received awards and to each of you for helping us practice the virtue of **Forgiveness in our school community.**

Kindergarten Awards: Vayda Judge-Dokken, Kachi Oramah, Dos Valonda II

Grade One Awards: Connor Hachey, Vincent Veiner

Grade Two Awards: Bronwyn Fontaine, Idabel Voss

Grade Three Awards: Adalynn Gatchell, Jhayztyn Gonzales, Mico Pascual

Grade Four Awards: Kash Mullin, Nikolass Voss

Grade Five Awards: Marco Amano, Greyson Norman-Hopcraft

Grade Six Awards: Tasen Fritshaw, Sahiba Sandhu, Shannen Termulo

Grade Seven Awards: Ashley Anonuevo, Roland Pangman

Staff Award: Mrs. Franke



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Please Review Our School Procedures...

Our Bell Schedule

8:30 Playground gates open:

Students enter the school through the playground gates and mudroom doors upon arrival at **8:30**. Students will change their shoes and then head to their classroom.

Morning Welcome

First bell, parking lot gate is locked

8:40 am

Second bell, bus gate is locked

8:45 am

Morning announcements



Recess Breaks:

10:15-10:30 - 1st Recess: Grades 2,3,5,7

10:30 – 10:45 - 2nd Recess: Grades K,1,4,6

Lunch Breaks:

12:00-12:25

Outside Play

12:25-12:45

Eating in their classrooms



End of the Day Dismissal:

2:45 pm

End of the day exit from the playground. After school supervision is over at **3:00pm**, students must be picked up on time.

Allergy 'Aware' School



Notre Dame School is "Allergy Aware". Please check with your child's classroom teacher for allergy alerts. Consider peanut/nut alternatives for individual student lunches and snacks out of consideration to our students and staff with food sensitivities/allergies. Students are reminded that snacks and lunch are to be eaten in the classroom. We cannot eat recess snacks or lunch snacks on the playground for safety reasons such as allergies.

Student Safety

Cross Walk Safety:

Students are encouraged to cross the road **using the cross walk** for safety. A crossing guard is paid and hired by the school for student safety.



Parking Lot Safety:

The Notre Dame Staff Parking will be closed at the **beginning and end** of each day for student safety. Please park along the road and walk to the gates or have your child meet you at the sidewalk. Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe.



School Absences:

Please contact the school office though email, a written note or call (250-782-4923) if your child will not be at school or will be arriving late. We would appreciate it if you could call in absences before 9 am. This is a safety issue. When a child is not at school and there has been no call in from parents, the school will call you to make sure that your child is home safe with you. It is our responsibility to locate your child as soon as possible.



As well, numerous unexplained absences throughout the year place our school funding in jeopardy. Absentee notes are important to our school funding!

School Newsletters & Calendars

Monthly school newsletters and calendars will be available on our [school website](#) at the beginning of each month, and emailed out to families.

You can also check us out on Facebook for upcoming events.



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