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June 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 transition into the vibrant days of June, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude for the journey we have embarked upon together this academic year. It is with great joy that I reflect on the countless moments of learning, compassion, and faith that have graced our halls and hearts.

Throughout the year, we have witnessed remarkable growth, both individually and as a community. Our students have delved into their new learnings with enthusiasm and eagerness to explore the wonders of knowledge and wisdom. They have demonstrated resilience in the face of challenges and have embraced the values of integrity and empathy in their interactions with one another.

Behind every achievement, there lies a testament to the dedication and unwavering support of our exceptional Notre Dame Teaching Staff and Educational Assistants. Their commitment to nurturing the minds and souls of our students is truly unparalleled, and for that, we are profoundly grateful. They gave countless hours after school hours prepping and preparing various activities for our students.

As we approach the culmination of another academic year, let us take a moment to pause and reflect on the blessings that have enriched our lives. Let us express our gratitude to one another for the kindness, generosity, and love that have illuminated our path. A special thank-you to our PSG for the countless hours and hard work they put into each fundraiser, hot lunch preparation and most importantly the love they give to our school!

Looking ahead, let us carry the spirit of growth and gratitude with us as we embark upon new adventures and embrace the opportunities that lie ahead. May the summer months be filled with joy, laughter, and cherished moments with loved ones, as we continue to walk together in faith and fellowship.

Wishing you all a blessed and restful summer.

*God Bless,
Your Partner in Education
C. Richard*



June Events

Wednesday, June 5th
PSG Meeting 3:00pm



Thursday, June 6th

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



Friday, June 7th

Non-Instructional Day – No School

Thursday, June 13th

Faithfulness Virtue Awards @ 9:00 am



Friday, June 14th

Staff Mass @ 11:00 am



Sunday, June 16th

Father's Day



Tuesday, June 18th

School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

Thursday, June 20th

Kindergarten Graduation
Pre-K Graduation

Friday, June 21st

Year End Assembly & Grade 7 Prayer



Monday, June 24th

Whole School Trip to the Movie Theatre

Tuesday, June 25th

School Fun Day



Wednesday, June 26th

Last Day of School for Students
Report Cards go home



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.



A Special Thank – You from the Moeller Family

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner on May 23. Thank you also to those who organized the event, helped serve dinner, or donated food, money, or items for the silent auction.

A special thank you also to the Notre Dame PSG for organizing the movie night fundraiser last month.

Both events raised a combined \$17,240 to help with Kevin's ongoing medical expenses. Your support is overwhelming and very appreciated.

With gratitude,

Mark, Charmaine and Kevin Moeller

Blessings & Farewell Wishes

The Notre Dame staff would like to thank **Madame Hamilton, Mrs. Franke & Mrs. Tait** for the love, care and hard work they have provided to us all over the past school year. We look forward to your visits and hearing about all your adventures in the next school year. We will miss you all!

*God Bless,
Notre Staff & School Community*

News from Our School Council

- Our next meeting for this school year will be on **June 18th, 2024 at 6:30pm.**
- Please check out the School Council link on the school website for more details.



Item of Interest

Last day of school for students - Wednesday, June 26th – Please remind your child to bring home their inside shoes, jackets, water bottles and lunch kits.

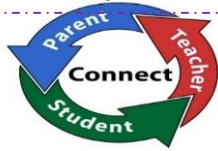
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A SPECIAL THANK-YOU to the Peace Country Toyota Dealership & Jerry Mountifield

Notre Dame School wants to express heartfelt gratitude to Dawson Creek's Peace Country Toyota dealership and Jerry Mountifield's incredible generosity and support. Your donations of a transportation vehicle, a trailer and a cheque donation towards our Grade 7 class trip to the soccer tournament in Prince George have made a significant impact for our school. Without this support, the grade seven trip may not have occurred! We are fortunate to have you in our community and school family! *God Bless & thank you from the Notre Dame Staff & School Community*



News from Our Parent Support Group (PSG)



Hello, Families of Notre Dame,

THANK YOU, everyone, who helped make our Spring Carnival a success! It looked **AMAZING**, and seeing so many families enjoying the evening was incredible. From the Cake Walk to the Fishing Pond, Sucker Pull to Guessing Jars, Silent Auction to the Concession and Hockey Shoot to Glitter Tattoos, there was laughter, happiness, and excitement from attendees. **MANY THANKS** to all those involved 'behind the scenes' who made the time and put much effort into hosting the Spring Carnival at the school! The preparation for the Carnival is a lot of work. Keeping track of the game shift volunteers, gathering prizes, creating the decorations, setting up the concession supplies, collecting the silent auction items, and those that donated the guessing jars and baked goods for the Cake Walk are all parts of what made Carnival such a successful event! **THANK YOU** to those who decorated the gym, set up the games and tables, ran the admission table, and helped un-decorate and clean the gym. These are a few examples of many hands making light work. Every volunteer shift that was signed up for and worked made the evening a true success for our school! We raised just over \$7000, that will go towards the upgrades to the gym. Thank you to all who attended Carnival. We look forward to hosting it again next year.

We want to take this time to express our appreciation to everyone for supporting the Parent Support Group through this year. By sharing, supporting, and participating in the various fundraisers this year, we have been able to support our students, teachers, and administration. Highlights for our group have been the **AMAZING Christmas Basket Raffle**, the **Read-A-Thon**, **Spring Carnival**, and the brightly coloured **ND Apparel**. We were able to bring the **Hot Lunch Program** to families throughout the year with a variety of vendors. All of this was possible because of the dedication of our volunteer base. Your hard work and support was invaluable. Thank you so much. Being a part of the **PSG** means you can build relationships and work collaboratively as a team. Together, we help and support one another as we work towards a common goal. That goal is the enhancement of the programs for the betterment of the students and the school community. We will call on parents to join us once the 2024-2025 school year begins to continue supporting the school community as we have been able to do this year. This will involve fundraising help, hot lunch programming, and volunteering. We wish you all an excellent, safe, and enjoyable summer.

Thank you once again; your support means so much to us.
The Notre Dame PSG



A special thank you to the whole PSG team for all their hard work and love that they give to the students, staff and whole school community. We appreciate and value you all as part of our school family!

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Our Faith & Catholic Education

Faithfulness is our virtue for the month of June.

What is Faithfulness?

- Faithfulness means that we remain loyal and steadfast in spite of the challenges and hardships we face.
- We can also be faithful when we keep the commitments and promises we make.
- As faithful people, we believe in a loving and merciful God.

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

- Our students and staff will model the virtue of faithfulness by
 - † Being sincere, trustworthy, and truthful even when it is difficult.
 - † Standing by what is right and just.
 - † Accepting myself for who I am and trying not to compare myself to others.
 - † Trying to forgive people rather than hold grudges against them.
 - † Believing and having faith in God.
 - † Believing that God is always with us.
 - † Trying to forgive people rather than hold grudges on them.
 - † Paying attention to my relationships with family and friends.



• We need to remember that

“Faithfulness is not doing something right once but doing something right over and over and over and over.”
(Joyce Meyer)

Justice 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 **Justice** in our school community.

Kindergarten Awards: Zal Akude, Emery Franke

Grade One Awards: Polo Billones, Amelia Knutson

Grade Two Awards: Audrey Floriant, Brylle Odiamar

Grade Three Awards: Austin Fernandez, Aria Wiebe

Grade Four Awards: Max Bull, Kale Depositar, Rhett Franke, Hudson Kurjata, Maximilian Noegel

Grade Five Awards: Mac Kishkan, Liam Kropp

Grade Six Awards: Francis Justado, Dara Oyedeji

Grade Seven Awards: Jaxson Kurjata, Sawyer Mountifield, Amiah Mullin

Staff Award: Mrs. Chmelyk, Mr. Duque



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Compassion 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 **Compassion** in our school community.



Kindergarten Awards: Eva Burgess, Ari Sallenbach, Soryn Wiebe
Grade One Awards: Benjamin Manson, Isaiah Nguyen
Grade Two Awards: Jaxyn Green, Vivienne Shaw
Grade Three Awards: Franchesca Abueva, Emersyn Kurjata
Grade Four Awards: Yasmin Alshehabi, Aurora Feddema
Grade Five Awards: Nolan Ardelian, Dominik Rhode
Grade Six Awards: Summer Eckel, William Steward, Keifer Tom, Joe Voss
Grade Seven Awards: Jacob Bennett, Dylan Fritsche, Phoenix Greyeyes, Dayson Wright
Staff Award: Ms. Wilson, Mrs. Cruz, Miss. Melissa



Congratulations to Our Graduating Grade Seven Class



Dear Grade 7 Students,

As you move forward, remember that every ending is a new beginning. Embrace challenges, stay curious, and always believe in your potential. Farewell and best of luck. Your future is bright, and I know you'll shine brilliantly.

*God Bless,
Mrs. Richard*



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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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