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# June 2025 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, Saulteaux, Chipewyan, and other Indigenous peoples who were not identified specifically in the treaty.*

### Principal's Message

Dear Notre Dame Students and Families,

As we welcome June, we reflect with gratitude on the many blessings of this school year. It has been a time of growth, learning, and faith—a journey we have shared as a community grounded in the love of Christ.

June is a special time for celebration and thanksgiving. Our students have shown great perseverance, compassion, and commitment to their learning and to living out the Gospel values. We are so proud of their accomplishments, and we thank our dedicated staff and supportive families for helping guide them along the way.

This month, we also honour and celebrate **Father's Day**—a beautiful opportunity to recognize the love, strength, and guidance of fathers and father figures in our lives. We thank God for the men who, through their presence and example, reflect the love of our Heavenly Father.

**“The righteous man walks in his integrity; his children are blessed after him.” — Proverbs 20:7**

As we prepare to close the school year, I want to extend a heartfelt **thank you** to our incredible **staff**, whose dedication, care, and faith-filled teaching have made this year a success. Your unwavering commitment to our students' growth and well-being is deeply appreciated.

A special thank-you as well to our **Parent Support Group** and **School Council**. Your time, ideas, and generous support have enriched our school community in countless ways. Whether organizing events, fundraising, or offering your input, you've made a lasting impact, and we are truly grateful.

We are also especially thankful for **Father Vener**, whose spiritual leadership, kindness, and presence throughout the year have been a blessing to our school. Thank you for helping our students and families grow in faith and feel connected to the life of our parish.

To our graduating grade 7 students: may you continue to walk with faith and courage as you begin new adventures. We will keep you in our prayers, confident that God has great plans for your future.

As we look ahead to the summer break, I pray it brings your family rest, renewal, and time to grow closer to one another and to God. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community. May the peace of Christ be with you always.

With blessings and gratitude,  
Your Partner in Education  
C. Richard





## June Events



**Monday, June 2nd**

PSG Meeting @5:00 pm



**Thursday, June 5th**

Hat & Jeans Day -Bring a toonie to support our Foster Children



**Friday, June 6th**

Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL for students

**Tuesday, June 10th**

Class Trip for Kindergarten

**Friday, June 13th**

Virtue Awards Prayer

Class Trip for Grade 6



**Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

Father's Day



**Friday, June 17th**

Kindergarten Graduation @ 9:00 am

School Council Meeting @ 6:30

Class Trip for Grade 3



**Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

Spirit Day –Tropical Day – Dress for the Tropics

**Friday, June 20th**

Year End Assembly & Grade 7 Graduation @ 9:00 am

Class Trip for Grades 1 & 2

**Monday, June 23rd**

Indigenous Day of Learning

**Tuesday, June 24th**

School-Wide Trip to the Movie Theatre



**Wednesday, June 25th**

Primary Fun Day

**Thursday, June 26th**

Last Day for All Students, PreK to Grade 7

Report Cards Go Home

**Friday, June 27th**

Administration Day



## Parent Support Group



Hello, Families of Notre Dame!

We want to take this time to express our appreciation to everyone for supporting the Parent Support Group 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, 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 were invaluable. Thank you so much. Being a part of the PSG means that you get the opportunity to 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 as a whole.

We will be calling on parents to join us once the 2025-2026 school year begins to continue supporting the school community as we have been able to do this year. You can get your Criminal Record Check completed now to be ready for the start of the year. They are free to do, and valid for three years. Forms can be picked up at the Office from Mrs. Cabrera. Volunteer opportunities can include becoming involved with fundraising help, hot lunch programming, and supporting in the classrooms.

There will be a nomination renewal meeting for the PSG board positions in October, and we are looking for parents to shadow the current positions, as we will have parents leaving after next year. Becoming an active part of the PSG is a great way to help support the school and make a difference. We will also be looking for a coordinator/team to lead the Hot Lunch Program. If you have any questions, please email [ndpspg@cispg.ca](mailto:ndpspg@cispg.ca), and we can answer them for you.

We wish you all a wonderful, safe, and enjoyable summer. Thank you once again. Your support means so much to us.

The Notre Dame PSG



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## Our Faith & Catholic Education



### As we enter June, we reflect on the Virtue of Faithfulness.

Faithfulness calls us to remain true to God, to others, and to the promises we make. It is a virtue rooted in trust, loyalty, and perseverance. Being faithful means showing up with love, even when things are difficult. It means staying committed to what is good and right, and trusting that God is always with us.

Faithfulness reminds us of God's everlasting love and constant presence in our lives. Just as God never gives up on us, we are called to be steadfast in our relationships, responsibilities, and in our journey of faith.

### What is Faithfulness?

Faithfulness is being loyal, dependable, and true to your word. It is a steady commitment to God, to the people we care about, and to doing what is right—even when it's not easy.

### How Can We Practice Faithfulness?

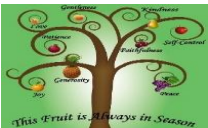
- 🌱 **Keep Our Promises:** Follow through on what we say and do.
- 🌱 **Be Consistent in Prayer:** Spend time with God regularly, even in small moments.
- 🌱 **Support Others with Loyalty:** Be a trustworthy friend, sibling, and classmate.
- 🌱 **Stay True to Our Values:** Make choices that reflect our beliefs and our love for God.



### Why Faithfulness Matters

Faithfulness builds strong, lasting relationships and helps us become people others can trust and rely on. It strengthens our connection to God and helps us grow in love, courage, and integrity. When we are faithful, we reflect God's unchanging love to the world.

Let us commit to living out the virtue of **faithfulness** this June—in our actions, our words, and our hearts. Together, we can build a community rooted in trust, love, and the enduring grace of God.



## Virtue & Fruits of the Spirit Awards for Justice & Goodness

Congratulations to all the students and staff who have received awards, and to each of you for helping us practice the virtue of **Justice** and the Fruit of the Spirit of **Goodness**.

**Kindergarten Awards:** Theo Strasky

**Grade One Awards:** Zal Akude, Ari Sallenbach

**Grade Two:** Polo Billones, Amelia Knutson

**Grade Three:** Brylle Odiamar, Bella Ordanes, Vivienne Shaw

**Grade Four:** Lukas Groebmair, Kishan Sandhu

**Grade Five:** Averie DeCastro, Theo Lardner, Kash Obrigewitch

**Grade Six:** Morgan Kaempfer, Greyson Norman-Hopcraft, Jolese Weingart

**Grade Seven:** Lexi Bull, Ricky Dufour, Colten Lenart

**Staff:** Mrs. Gilbertson, Mrs. Bijl



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## Blessings & Farewell Wishes

The Notre Dame staff would like to thank Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Weingart for the love, care, and hard work they have shown 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*



## Morning & After School Care Applications for 2025-2026

Our Morning & Afterschool Care program is available for kindergarten to grade 7 students within our school. There are 24 spaces available with a ratio of 1 staff member for every 12 children. Our program will provide a beginning and continuation of care for your child before and following their school day.

### Hours of operation

Morning School Care: 7:30 am – 8:30 am  
Afterschool Care: 2:45 pm – 5:45 pm.

**Applications** for the Morning & Afterschool Care Program can be found on our school website or at the school office. Drop-in times are **available only if we have space**.



## Accepting Applications

We are accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year - PreK to Grade 7. Please download a registration package on our school website at: [notredameschool.ca](http://notredameschool.ca)

## Notre Dame Pre-School



**Notre Dame's Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten has classes with Ms. Patsy on:**

### Monday & Tuesday

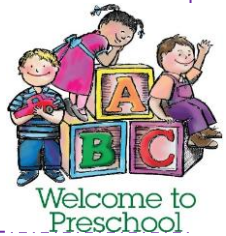
Morning classes: 8:30am – 11:30am  
Afternoon classes: 12:30 pm -3:30 pm

### Wednesday & Thursday

Morning classes: 8:30am – 11:30am  
Afternoon classes: 12:30 pm -3:30 pm

### Fridays

Morning classes only:  
8:30 am – 11:30 am



## Feeding Futures

We are excited at Notre Dame School to continue our "Feeding Futures" initiative. Various fruit, apple sauce, crackers, and granola bars will continue to be available in a snack box in each classroom daily.



## News from Our School Council

- ☐ Our first meeting for this school year will be on **June 17th at 6:30 pm**.
- ☐ Please check out the School Council link on the school website for more details.

## Hallow App



As a reminder, parents can download Hallow on their own devices and pray with their students all Lent long. Here's how:

- Goto <https://access.hallow.com/redeem/code>
- Enter the following promo code:  
**•NotreDameCISPGstudents2425**



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## 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

**8:40 am**

The second bell, gates are locked

**8:45 am**

Morning Announcements & Classes Begin

### **Recess Breaks:**

**10:15-10:30**

### **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 3:00 pm, students must be picked up on time.**

## 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!

## Allergy 'Aware' School

Notre Dame School is **"Allergy Aware."**

Please check with your child's classroom teacher for allergy alerts. We encourage families to consider peanut/nut alternatives for individual student lunches and snacks out of consideration for our students and staff with food sensitivities/allergies.

Students are reminded that snacks and lunch are to be eaten in the classroom. For safety reasons, such as allergies, we cannot eat recess snacks or lunch on the playground.



## 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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