



# Notre Dame School

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## June 2026 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, Chipewyan, and other Indigenous people who were not identified specifically in the treaty.**

### † Principal’s Message

Dear Notre Dame Students and Families,

As we enter the final month of the school year, we are filled with gratitude for the many blessings, accomplishments, and memories shared throughout this year at Notre Dame School. June is a special time to celebrate the growth we have witnessed in our students spiritually, academically, socially, and emotionally as we continue “Living, Celebrating, and Proclaiming Our Faith” together as a school community.

This year has been filled with opportunities for learning, faith formation, service, leadership, and community connection. From classroom learning and school Masses to field trips, performances, prayer services, and special events, our students have continued to shine and share their gifts with others. We are so proud of their hard work, kindness, perseverance, and faith-filled example.

As we prepare to celebrate our Grade 7 students and all they have contributed to our school community, we also look forward to the exciting events and celebrations that make June such a joyful month in elementary school life.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff for their care, commitment, and support of our students each and every day. I am also deeply grateful to our families for your partnership, encouragement, and involvement throughout the year.

A very special thank you goes to our School Council and Parent Support Group (PSG) for the countless hours they dedicate to supporting our students, staff, and school community. Your generosity, volunteerism, fundraising efforts, and ongoing support help provide meaningful opportunities and experiences for our students. From hot lunches and special events to field trips, school improvements, and community-building activities, your contributions make a tremendous difference in the life of our school. We are truly blessed by your support and commitment to Catholic education.

As we finish this school year together, may we continue to reflect on God’s many blessings and look forward with hope and gratitude. Thank you for being part of the Notre Dame School family. May God bless you and your families with a safe, joyful, and restful summer.

God Bless, Your Partner in Education  
C. Richard



### From the Office

#### Non-Instructional Day

Please note that Monday, June 1st, is a Non-Instructional Day at Notre Dame School. There will be no classes for students on this day as staff participate in professional learning and planning activities. Classes will resume on Tuesday, June 2nd.

#### Year-End Assembly & Grade 7 Graduation

Please join us on Wednesday, June 24th, as we celebrate the end of another wonderful school year at Notre Dame School.

Our **Year-End Assembly and Grade 7 Graduation** will be a special time to recognize student accomplishments, celebrate memories, and honour our graduating Grade 7 students as they prepare for the next chapter of their educational journey. We look forward to celebrating together as a school community.

#### Last day of the 2025-26 School Year for Students

Please note that **Thursday, June 25th**, is the last day of school for students at Notre Dame School. We thank all of our students, staff, and families for a wonderful school year and wish everyone a safe, restful, and blessed summer break.

#### Notre Dame School Office

Please note that the school office at Notre Dame School will remain open until **July 10th** for any year-end inquiries, registrations, payments or school-related needs. We wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable summer break.



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## 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.



## News from Our School Council

- Our next monthly meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 6:30 pm**

## Accepting Applications

We are accepting applications for the **2026-2027** school year.

You can pick up a registration package at the office or download a registration package on our school website at: [notredameschool.ca](http://notredameschool.ca)

## Blessings & Farewell Wishes

The Notre Dame staff would like to thank Ms. Ro, Mrs. Ausma and Mrs. Groebmair for the love, care, dedication, and hard work they have shown throughout this past school year. Their kindness, support, and contributions to our school community have been truly appreciated and will be greatly missed.

We look forward to hearing about your new adventures and wish you all many blessings, happiness, and success in the next chapter ahead.

Thank you for everything you have shared with our Notre Dame family — we will miss you all!

*God Bless,  
Notre Staff & School Community*



## Key Dates This Month

### Monday, June 1st

Non-Instructional Day – No School for Students

### Thursday, June 4th

Hat & Jeans Day – Bring a Toonie for our Foster Children  
Grades 4 & 5 Class Field Trip



### Friday, June 5th

Virtue Awards Prayer in the gymnasium @ 9:00 am



### Monday, June 8th

Emergency Preparedness Practice – Fire Drill Practice  
PSG Meeting at 5:00 pm



### Wednesday, June 10th

Kindergarten Trip to the RCMP Station



### Thursday, June 11th

Grade 7 Students Visit Central Middle School



### Friday, June 12th

Kindergarten Mass @ 11:00 am at Notre Dame Parish  
Intermediate Fun Day

### Saturday, June 13th

Confirmation for Grades 6 & 7 Students @ 7:30 Mass

### Tuesday, June 16th

Kindergarten Graduation at 9:30



School Council Meeting at 6:30 pm



Grades 6 Class Field Trip



### Thursday, June 18th

Spirit Day – Reverse Day – Students can dress as Teachers & Staff as Students

Grade 7 Class Field Trip (Thursday & Friday)



### Friday, June 19th

Grade 1&2 Class Field Trip, K Class Field Trip & Grade 3 Class Field Trip



Kindergarten Trip to the Fire Station

### Sunday, June 21st

Father's Day

### Monday, June 22nd

Indigenous Peoples Day of Learning & Celebrating with Students & Staff



### Tuesday, June 23rd

School-Wide Trip to the Movie Theatre (Kindergarten to Grade 7 students)

### Wednesday, June 24th

Year-End Assembly & Grade 7 Graduation



### Thursday, June 25th

Last Day of School for Students



Primary Fun Day

### Friday, June 26th

Administration Day

### Sunday, June 28th

Confirmation @ 10:00 am



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## Faith & Virtue Focus

For **June**, we will learn and practice the **Virtue** and the **Fruit of the Spirit of Faithfulness**.

### What is Faithfulness?

Faithfulness means being loyal, dependable, and true to God and to others. It means keeping our promises, doing our best, and continuing to follow Jesus even when things may be difficult. A faithful person can be trusted to act with honesty, kindness, and love each day.

### What is the Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness?

The Fruit of the Spirit of Faithfulness reminds us to trust in God and live as followers of Christ through our words and actions. When we practice faithfulness, we show commitment to our family, friends, school, and faith community.

### How Can Students Model Faithfulness at Notre Dame School?

- By being honest and trustworthy
- By trying their best and not giving up
- By following through on responsibilities and commitments
- By showing kindness and respect to others
- By participating in prayer, Mass, and faith activities with open hearts

As learners:

We show faithfulness when we continue to learn, grow, and persevere, even when learning is challenging.

In our community:

We show faithfulness when we care for one another, include others, and live out our Catholic values each day.

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.”

— Hebrews 10:23

By practicing the virtue of Faithfulness and living the Fruit of the Spirit of Faithfulness, we continue “Living, Celebrating, and Proclaiming Our Faith” in all we do.



## Virtue & Fruit 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:** Kendall Clavier, Ethan Garcia

**Grade One Awards:** Shanley Lindberg, Jireh Dominic Tria

**Grade Two:** Eva Burgess, James Johnston

**Grade Three:** Korbin Groebmair, Kruz Lardner, Shay Morgan

**Grade Four:** Leonito IV Alfonso, Bella Ordanes

**Grade Five:** Everlee Funk, Mico Pascual, Xander Pulver

**Grade Six:** William Knutson, Emelia Morgan, Nikolaas Voss

**Grade Seven:** Mac Kishkan, Liam Kropp, Dominik Rhode, Jolese Weingart

**Staff:** Mrs. Gilbertson, Ms. Whiting



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# Parent Community Information



## From the PSG – Parent Support Group

Hello Families of Notre Dame,

We want to take this time to express our appreciation to everyone for supporting the PSG throughout 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, all of the brightly coloured ND Apparel, and our launch of the "Legacy" sweaters. We were able to bring the Hot Lunch Program to families throughout the year with a variety of vendors. This year saw our return to the Spring Carnival! It was a wonderful night, and we thank you for all the support shown through volunteer shifts, donations and attendance. 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 2026-2027 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 are valid for three years. Forms can be picked up at the Office from Mrs. Cabrera. Volunteer opportunities can include helping with fundraising, hot lunch programming, and supporting classrooms.

There will be a nomination renewal meeting for board positions in October, and there will be spaces to fill. 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 Co-ordinator/team to lead the Hot Lunch Program. If you have any questions, please email 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



## School Mass - Safety Reminder



To support a safe, focused worship environment for our students, the **church doors will be locked once all students have entered for our school Mass**. This is part of our regular safety procedures. We kindly ask families who wish to attend to please arrive before Mass begins at 11:00 am and enter before the doors are secured. If you arrive after that time, you may not be able to access the church until Mass has concluded. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us maintain a safe and prayerful environment for our school community.

## Morning & After School Care Spaces are Available for 2026-27

Our morning and after-school care program is available for kindergarten to grade 7 students at our school.

### Hours of operation

Morning School Care: 7:30 am – 8:30 am

Afterschool Care: 2:45 pm – 5:45 pm.

**Applications** for the Morning & After-school Care Program are available on our school website or at the school office.

## Notre Dame Pre-School

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

### Monday & Tuesday

Morning classes: 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Afternoon classes: 12:30 pm -3:30 pm

### Wednesday & Thursday

Morning classes: 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Afternoon classes: 12:30 pm -3:30 pm

### Fridays

Morning classes only:

8:30 am – 11:30 am



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## Reminders & Resources

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

### Student Safety is our #1 Priority

#### **Cross Walk Safety:**

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



#### **Parking Lot Safety:**

For student safety, Notre Dame Staff Parking will be closed at the beginning and end of each day. **Please park along the sidewalk in legal parking areas and walk to the gates**, or have your child meet you at the sidewalk. Please do not block the driveway entrances. Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe.



#### **School Absences:**

Please email, write a note, or call the school office (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 a.m.

This is a **safety issue**. When a child is not at school and parents have not called, 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.



Numerous unexplained absences throughout the year also jeopardize our school funding. Absentee notes are important to our school funding!

### Allergy 'Aware' School



Notre Dame School is **"Allergy Aware."** In September, classroom teachers sent alerts about allergies in individual classrooms. We ask that you send 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 and that food is not shared. 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 the [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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