





NOTRE DAME SCHOOLS







NDES/NDMS Mission

Celebrating God's goodness and provident care, Notre Dame Elementary School educates children by nurturing dreams, excellence, and success for transforming their lives and our world.



NDCL Mission

Like Mary, who gave Christ to the world,
Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School educates leaders
who transform the world, as Jesus did, by living the
truth in love.

Vision

Notre Dame Schools will engage students in an exceptional Catholic education.

We will focus on loving, respecting, and educating all to discover and develop their God-given talents.

We will challenge our students to respond faithfully to Jesus' call to transform the world by consciously doing good and bringing hope to the hearts of all.

Core Values

Justice

Respect

Integrity

Community

Excellence



Spring 2024

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Message from the President

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. — Isaiah 35:1-12

Spring is often associated with hope and rebirth – two major aspects of the resurrection of Christ. Hope, in the form of salvation for life everlasting for all who believe, and rebirth, away from the ways of the world, and into meaningful spiritual connectedness with the Lord. All students of the Notre Dame campus began preparing for Lent on Ash Wednesday by participating in Liturgy. They continue preparing for the resurrection of Christ through daily prayer, Lenten commitments, and interpersonal contemplation. Without question, the spring season of Lent prompts among the deepest time our student body at Notre Dame will experience their faith.

The Lent season also means that spring is in the air, and in addition to the spiritual grip this time of year maintains on us, those in Northeast Ohio also know that the Guardians season will be here as well, and they too will begin anew for the upcoming year. Quite simply, the ties between Notre Dame and the Cleveland Guardians are significant and strong.

In this issue of Seasons, you will read about.

- Capital Campaign plans
- Spotlight on Kathy Hurt
- Talented alumni sharing their gifts in baseball, in school, and our communities.



Dr. Jacqueline Hoynes named President Notre Dame Schools

December 11, 2023

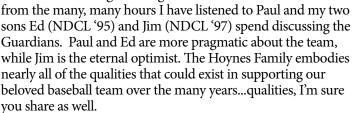
Dear Notre Dame Schools community,

After a thoughtful and comprehensive evaluation process that involved assessing the current needs of Notre Dame, the key areas of focus for the next President, and the interpersonal qualities required from our next leader, the Board of Directors has unanimously approved the appointment of **Dr. Jacqueline Hoynes** as the permanent President of Notre Dame Schools.

Dr. Hoynes is a mission-focused, student-centered leader who demonstrates a deep compassion toward the people with whom she works. She has an unmatchable depth of experience, the requisite leadership skills, and an unwavering commitment to Notre Dame's mission and vision with the capacity for unwavering commitment to Notre Dame's mission and vision with the capacity for strategic planning and forward-thinking. This, in addition to her faith, makes her a strategic planning and forward-thinking. This, in addition to her faith, makes her a strategic planning and forward-thinking. This, in addition to her faith, makes her a strategic planning and forward-thinking. This, in addition to her faith, makes her a strategic planning and forward-thinking. This, in addition to her faith, makes her a strategic planning and forward-thinking. This, in addition to her faith, makes her a strategic planning and forward-thinking. This, in addition to her faith, makes her a strategic planning and forward-thinking. This, in addition to her faith, makes her a strategic planning and forward-thinking. This, in addition to her faith, makes her a strategic planning and forward-thinking. This, in addition to her faith, makes her a strategic planning and forward-thinking. This, in addition to her faith, makes her a strategic planning and forward-thinking. This, in addition to her faith, makes her a strategic planning and forward-thinking. This, in addition to her faith, makes her a strategic planning and forward-thinking. This, in addition to her faith, makes her a strategic planning and forward-thinking.

"I felt an instant connection with the entire Notre Dame community four years ago when I was appointed to be the Principal of Notre Dame Elementary School," said Dr. Hoynes, in reflecting on this appointment. "The Sisters of Notre Dame Immediately prompted a sincere admiration for their ministry and has inspired me to also be a catalyst for God's work. My priority is to continue to affirm their vision to engage all our students in an exceptional Catholic education and to focus on loving, respecting, and educating all our students to discover their God-given talents. I am truly grateful for this opportunity."

I also have a strong, personal connection to the Cleveland Guardians, as my husband Paul, (Cathedral Latin '69) is a beat writer for the team, beginning his 42nd year in this role! One might say that in this time, I have become a pseudo-expert on the team, with such knowledge coming



Finally, this spring the Notre Dame Schools will be embarking on the development of a new strategic plan. Our Board of Directors and I are looking forward to a productive, collaborative process that will help us to not only develop a strategic direction which continues the strong faith formation we provide our students, but also to continue building our strong academic program, ensuring the safety of our students, and develop a blueprint for future capital projects and spending. Strong, successful, and sustainable organizations take time to thoughtfully, and strategically plan for the future, and I look forward to sharing our finished product with the Notre Dame Schools family in the coming months.

Please take time this Lent season to contemplate and deepen our respective faiths with the Lord Jesus Christ... let's enjoy the warming temperatures, some baseball, and all other activities that inspire hope and renewal associated with the spring.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jacqueline Hoynes President, Notre Dame Schools Principal, Notre Dame Elementary and Notre Dame Middle School

"Susan and I are delighted with the appointment of Dr. Hoynes as President. She has an outstanding background and should bring excellent leadership. The fact that her husband Paul is a CLS alum is special and is just another reason CLS continues to live on in a significant way. -Terry Mulligan '63

"As someone who graduated from NDA in 1954 and who lived in Newbury for many years, I am delighted to hear about the new President! I think that Dr. Hoynes will be spectacular with the potential to forge many new avenues for all the NDA grads!" --Jo Ann (Artress `54) McGreevy





Donations to Notre Dame Schools through Ohio state tax credit program reach \$218K in tax year 2023

Donations made to our Scholarship Granting Organization (LionSGO) increased 40% from its inaugural year of 2022. Wow! 316 contributions were made directly to LionSGO which goes directly to need-based tuition assistance for our families.

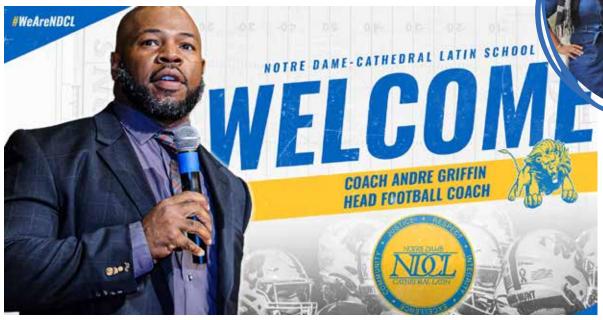
LionSGO is our very own state tax-credit giving opportunity. You give, you get. Make a contribution (up to \$750 per individual; \$1,500 for couples filing jointly) and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit back from the state of Ohio when you file your state taxes.

In 2024, every Ohio tax payer should do this! Let's get to \$1M in 2024. What an incredible statement that makes for NDCL and Notre Dame Elementary and Middle School. Cathedral Latin alumni, Notre Dame Academy alumnae, NDCL grads, teachers, parents (past and present) and grandparents teaming up to make this happen is possible for our schools.

There is no reason that our schools, with thousands of Ohio alumni, current parents, alumni parents, grandparents, and faculty and staff cannot achieve \$1 Million in LionSGO contributions in 2024. Just think: 1,000 households giving on average \$1,000 each = \$1,000,000! **Let's do this, Lions!!**







A fter a comprehensive search led by a committee of administrators, athletics staff, and community members, it is with great excitement that we announce the next Head Football Coach of Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin (NDCL), Coach André Griffin.

For four years, Coach Griffin has served as the full-time assistant football coach, offensive assistant, special teams coordinator, and recruiting coordinator at Division III Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio, competing in one of the best programs in the Ohio Athletic Conference. Prior to his time at Ohio Northern University, Coach Griffin spent eight years at Saginaw Valley State University as the Running Back's Coach, Wide Receiver's Coach, Pro Liaison, and Recruiting Coordinator. He was part of three (GLIAC) North Divisional Championships in 2011, 2012, and 2013 as well as the team's three Division II playoff appearances in 2009, 2011 and 2013. He led the first ever National Football League (NFL) Pro Day, helping student-athletes from Division II and III colleges and universities connect with NFL and CFL scouts. During his career, he supported multiple student-athletes in earning opportunities to play in the NFL, CFL, and AFL professional football leagues.

Coach Griffin first broke into the coaching scene at Saint Charles Preparatory School in Columbus, Ohio, where he coached football and track. This led him to Capital University where he coached under the 2005 Ohio Athletic Conference Coach of the Year, Jim Collins. Coach Griffin spent three seasons at Capital where the team set a school record for victories. He was a part of Capital's three NCAA Div. III National Playoff appearances in 2005, 2006 and 2007. Coach

Griffin also spent four years as the Head Football Coach at Division II Lima Senior High School coaching in the highly competitive Three Rivers Athletic Conference and serving as an Academic Coach for students in grades 7-12. During his four years at Lima High School, he sent thirty student-athletes to play for Division I, II, III, and NAIA programs.

"I took this job because of the leadership and the great people of NDCL. The students have great enthusiasm and spirit. I grew up on the east side of Cleveland and one of my career goals was to come back home and run my own program. I believe with me joining the team we will do great work in the near future. I am extremely excited to become a NDCL Lion!"

-Coach Andre Griffin

Sitting down with 8 members of

Members of the Guardians front office pose with major league baseball umpire, Tom Hanahan `08 (in green shirt), before an August 2023 game at Progressive Field.

the Cleveland Guardians front office who beam with Lion Pride

The crack of the bat and roar of the crowd is what most baseball fans come to expect when enjoying a summer afternoon or evening at Progressive Field. Yet so much goes into the planning behind the scenes that most fans don't get to see. Things like social media graphics, on-field contests, new corporate sponsors, and in-game entertainment. We sat down with seven members of the Guardians front office, all with NDCL and Notre Dame Elementary School ties to get a glimpse into their work and what drives them to succeed.

Brian Barren

President, Business Operations



Years with
organization: 11
Favorite moment:
Rajai Davis gametying home run in
2016 World Series
Connection to
NDCL/NDES: Brian's
father Dan Barren
was NDCL's first
football coach in

1988. After his sudden

passing, Mark Barren (Brian's brother) succeeded Dan as Head Football coach. Brian was NDCL's Commencement speaker in 2018.

As President of Business Operations, Barren's gameday routine includes ensuring revenue metrics meet budgeted totals, meeting key stakeholders like corporate partners, staffing efficiently, and ensuring any pregame on-field commitments run smoothly and timely.

Barren says: "The caliber of people that NDCL graduates is incredible. You get a glimpse of that with these remarkable men and women I am privileged work with. What I see from NDCL is that

the alumni are loyal—just like Clevelanders and Guardians fans. Fiercely loyal. My advice to young people today is don't forget where you came from. Being 18 years old to now, it's the blink of an eye. Give back—whether in time, mentoring or other. And that campus—WOW! The campus is as beautiful as ever. Hard to believe that

its been 36 years since NDCL became part of the Barren family."



Brian and his family at NDCL 2018 commencement ceremony

Tim Salcer '96

Senior VP of Sales and Service

Years with organization: 10

Favorite moment: Tyler Naquin's inside-thepark, walk-off HR in 2016 with his family in attendance

Connection to NDCL/NDES: 1996 NDCL graduate; past Board Member; brother (Greg`93)

On gameday, you'll find Salcer walking the ballpark supporting the sales and service team and looking for ways to continuously improve the fan experience. During the game, Salcer frequently meets with corporate partners and works with his team while catching some of the game in the suite level.

Salcer says: "How can we—a baseball team—transform our world? Coming to a ballgame can be an escape for some people who maybe are going through a rough time. Cleveland is our home, winning the World Series is our mission. And to think that we can unite people by bringing a World Series to Cleveland is incredible. That willingness to compete and not make excuses is something I learned at NDCL and we preach at the

Guardians. MLB is challenging going up against big markets like New York and Boston,

but it is an opportunity for us to work harder."

"At the end of the day, nothing matters more than our ultimate purpose in life: to be faithful and to help people. I have never experienced anything quite like NDCL. There are so many great people

to support you in good times and in times of need."

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

Chris Hart '01

Director, Digital Experience

Years with organization: 4
Favorite moment: My first Opening
Day with full attendance. The buzz of
the ballpark is unreal and it's a clear and
tangible way to see the impact of the
work we're doing all year round.
Connection to NDCL/NDES: 2001

NDCL graduate; current Board Member

Hart likes to put himself in the fans' shoes on gameday so that he can experience what they do. In putting

his "work hat" on, Hart checks in with the technology team and observes the different fan experiences.

Hart says: "Our purpose, mission, and beliefs are centered on uniting and inspiring our city—being able to see the joy on fan's faces, hearing stories of cross-generational connection, and the energy that comes from the ballpark." "I moved away for 10 years before coming back to Cleveland. The Notre Dame community is a lot like Cleveland. Everyone is looking out for one another. Now I can give back. The more you start to give back, the more people give

you support. The school community

has multiple facets—not just academics and sports. It is spiritual. It is less about classrooms. I feel welcomed and enriched in multiple ways."



Graham Johnston '08

Senior Representative, Partner Activation



Years with organization: 11 Favorite moment: Can't pick just one: the 2016 World Series and the 22-game winning streak in 2017.

Connection to NDCL/NDES: 2008 NDCL graduate; brother (Brian `00)

Johnston ensures that all the corporate partners are represented on game day particularly through concourse signage and spending time with the teams partners during the game. Something he appreciates now being on the "inside"

is all the work by hundreds of people that goes into prepping the ballpark before the gates open.

Johnston says: "Being the only one in my Gesu class to attend NDCL, I learned to get comfortable being uncomfortable. The teachers and staff, Ms. Frabotta in particular, always had my best interest as a student in mind. That's not something I appreciated until later in life. The community, just like our Guardians community, is pretty special."

Anna Powell `10Manager of Ballpark Operations

Years with organization: 9
Favorite moment: The entire 2016
postseason experience
Connection to NDCL/NDES: 2010

NDCL graduate; 2006 NDES graduate; sister (Marina `13); brother (Joseph `17)

Powell ensures Progressive Field is ready for each and every game day. She

marvels at what it takes to get prepared to welcome fans into the ballpark and the team effort that goes into it.

Powell says: "It's the people that keeps me here, 9 years later. Just like at Notre Dame, the people are what drives this place. The people we get to work with, the fans that we serve. I'll never forget at graduation shaking hands with Mr. Waler and him telling me 'Now go be a leader'. And Ms. Ancheta and our senior retreat. She played a song there for us. Both of these moments stick

with me 14 years later. If I could go back to my high school years for a week I would. It's an unforgettable and rewarding experience. I'd encourage

kids today to keep an open mind to what you want to be."



Megan (Golden'10) Ganser

Manager, Player Engagement & Family Relations

Years with organization: 11

Favorite moment: Winning the Wild
Card Series at home in 2022.

Connection to NDCL/NDES: 2010 NDCL graduate; brother (Brian '08); sister (Mary Katherine Hallinan '14) Ganser starts her game days early by coordinating various player appearances and engagements in the community. Pregame she'll plan player meet-and-greets during batting practice and handle player and family ticket, parking, restaurant reservations, and other requests.

Ganser says: "I love being in a position where I help players and their families transition to our city. They trust me as a friend, and that is a privilege that I get to build relationships as they come to our team. I am grateful to support

their community involvement and witness their imprint on youth. My advice to young people in high school is to get involved. My course selection and involvment



at NDCL built the foundation for my resume, which ultimately helped me land a job with the Guardians 11 years ago. Your decisions in high school matter."

Brian Havrilla `12 Content Creation Specialist



Years with organization: 7
Favorite moment: Standing on the field during the National Anthem before Game 5 of the 2022 ALDS at Yankee Stadium.

Connection to NDCL/NDES: 2012 NDCL graduate

Havrilla is the person behind much of the social media graphics and information fans clamor to pregame and post game. He'll post the lineup graphics on social media platforms pregame and during batting practice and cut highlights and post to social media after. Announcer Tom Hamilton's legendary walk-off calls are always big highlights!

Havrilla says: "Baseball was my first love, and I never knew how much preparation goes into it. Major leaguers eat, sleep, and breathe baseball all the time. Don't rush through your high school years, they go by fast. You grow up fast in high school and even into your 20s. Put in the work and you'll be better off for it."

Colleen Lynch `12

Assistant Director, Talent Acquisition

Years with organization: 5

Favorite moment: Working the All-Star Game in 2019. It was incredible to work with my teammates while Cleveland was center stage for a national event.

Connection to NDCL/NDES: 2012 graduate; sister (Megan `12); father (Chris `75)

Lynch gets to introduce to prospective candidates the dream of working in

major league baseball. She represents the team to the community and employment opportunities to students and individuals seeking to work with the team.

Lynch says: "I love how we can connect generations through the lens of a baseball game. Just like NDCL and its legacy from Cathedral Latin and Notre Dame, the Guardians link together multiple generations of families and fans. I think that is one of the best parts about what we do each and every day. At NDCL, those four years went

by so fast. Slow down and enjoy the experience. The relationships you develop become lifelong friends. My closest friends are from St. Greg's and

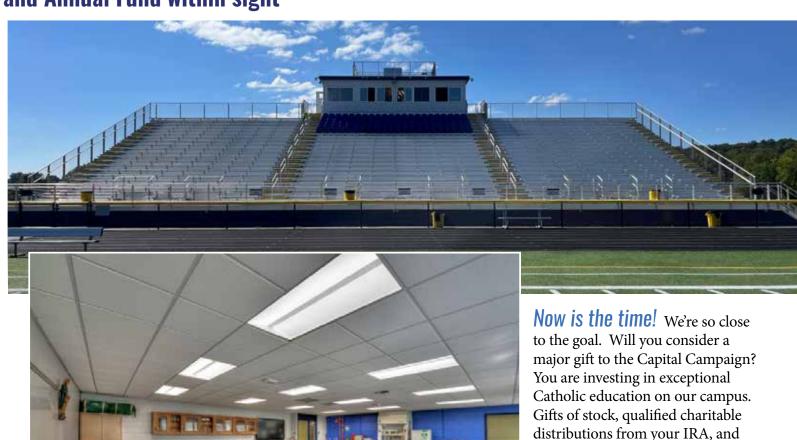
NDCL. NDCL pushed me to succeed and to be better. The Guardians do the same. This team feels so much like the NDCL community."



The Guardians and Notre Dame Schools share similar values of community and excellence. These seven individuals all share in common belief that peers matter, hard work matters, and proof that we can transform this world, whether on the baseball diamond, in the classroom, or in our community.

LEADING TRANSFORMATION: The Campaign for

\$11.5 million goal for Middle School, Athletics, Science Classrooms, Endowment, and Annual Fund within sight



multi-year cash gifts are all great ways to make a major gift. Contact Keven S. Krajnak '98, Director of Advancement, at (440) 279-1068 or

Keven.Krajnak@ndcl.org.

Since the public launch of the Capital Campaign in September, nearly \$2 million in additional commitments have come in for Leading Transformation. The total stands at \$11 million!

The Campaign, the largest in NDCL and Notre Dame Elementary/ Middle School history, will expand Notre Dame Middle School by 25,000 square feet, enhanced Lion Stadium with a new home grandstand, press box, concourse and patio, remodeled two science classrooms and lab space, additions to Endowment and annual giving support.

Notre Dame Schools nears \$11M in commitments

\$11 M Achieved \$11.5 M Goal

Donor Testimonials:

Matt and Liz Marous

"Notre Dame Schools has provided a safe and supportive environment for learning, with a dedicated faculty and a wide range of opportunities for personal and academic growth. Within its caring community, students are provided a rigorous academic curriculum embedded with the values and skills necessary for future success. We chose to be a part of this campaign because NDES/NDMS emphasizes character development and the moral values that help shape young minds and instill a strong sense of responsibility."



Dr. Rick `74 and Bernadette (Caprez `75) Cavolo

"We are pleased to contribute to campaign for Notre Dame Schools. Our children attended Notre Dame Elementary School and Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School. They each received an excellent education that also nurtured their faith and formation as Christians.

We are looking forward to the day when our grandchildren will attend Notre Dame Schools and experience this well rounded, faith filled community.

We are pleased to support Catholic education. We view doing so as an opportunity to to show gratitude for the blessings our family has received. With Christ at the center, we proudly embrace the mission and core values the of NDES, NDMS, and NDCL."



treat the 'whole person'.

"When I start working with an individual, I ask them what exactly they are seeking for themselves. Using my experience as an RN and Massage Therapist, I'll assess their gait and posture to asses their movement. I'll perform a nutritional assessment to see how their diet ties into their wellness and performance. Using these tools, I can formulate a plan that blends mobility, strength, and nutrition. All three are important and rely on the other for ultimate success."

She's the youngest of 4 in her family to graduate from NDA/NDCL: Her sister Vicki is an NDA `86 graduate and 30-year member of NDCL's faculty. Brothers David `92 and Steven `98 Frabotta and her niece Brianna Cowman `18 round out the NDCL legacy.

As a student at NDCL, she never saw herself as a business owner. "Never in a million years," she says. Santoiemmo credits NDCL for instilling in her faith—nurturing her spiritual faith but also faith in herself that gave her the courage to pivot her career.

"I am grateful for the foundation NDCL built for me and not just academically", she says. "When things are really hard, lean on your faith. Faith is infused in everything at NDCL. It is impossible not to carry your sense of faith with you. NDCL prepares you for the speedbumps in life that will come your way. It gave me the determination to find the pathway that leads you to happiness—both in your life and career. No experiences are ever wasted. They are placed specifically and deliberately on our life journey for a greater purpose."

She's quick to credit her sister as her NDCL (and life) role model.

"She models and teaches the importance of the Catholic Social Teachings and how it relates to the community we serve. Ms. Frabotta gives her students the foundation and the education to understand how social injustice impacts us all. She reminds me to never neglect my duty to serve and for that I'm grateful."

Her passion is a life mission—just don't call it work.

"If you stay true to what you are passionate about, it never feels like work."



Family Matters: David Frabotta '92 (brother), Vicki Frabotta '86 (sister), Briana Cowman '18 (niece), Stephen Frabotta '98, Lorenzo (son), and Angelina (daughter)

FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 @ 6PM VISIT NDCL.ORG TO REGISTER



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Class News

Scan the QR code to update your alumni contact information and to share your alumni news with us!



1979: Beth (Neundorfer) Herbers retired and moved to Tennessee in 2019. She loves the milder winters and sunshine. She hikes the many Tennessee state park and waterfall trails and has taken up pickleball and can't get enough of the sport, even playing in tourneys and the TN Senior Olympics. Best Regards to '79 ers!



2007: Lisa Castelletti married Matt Cuffari in October, 2023. They currently reside in Mentor, OH. Lisa is a mental health therapist and Matt works for New York Life insurance. They met doing a community theater production of Beauty and The

Beast in fall 0f 2016. In their free time, they enjoy music, doing community theater, seeing shows at Playhouse Square as season ticket holders, play bocce, and walking their pit bull, Doris.

2013: Samantha Sloat married **Stephen Attewell** last fall. Congratulations!



2016: Anne Schneeberger married Mitchell Haubner in December, 2023. The seven Schneeberger kids (all NDCL grads) pose for a photo.

Alex Manfroni married Michael Muzic in October. Alex is NDCL's head lacrosse coach and several players attended the Mass. Congratulations Alex!



Invitation to ALL Florida Alumni:

Since 1981, Cathedral Latin graduates have had an active CL Alumni Association in Florida. The purpose of this association was to foster fellowship with luncheons, provide alumni information and updates through a newsletter and to encourage communication and support of Latin Alumni living in Florida. The focus had been in planning activities around the state, particularly in the Tampa/St. Petersburg area.

The Florida Alumni Association is looking to expand its reach within Florida and take the necessary next steps to keep this group active. With that in mind, all Florida alumni from Cathedral Latin, Notre Dame Academy, and NDCL are invited to share their interest in building an active presence in Florida, and we are looking for leadership to take charge in this initiative. Stay tuned for more details and if you are interest in learning more, contact Rick Werner '66 at: rc_werner@yahoo.com.



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Notre Dame Academy

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NDCL Friends

Sr. Grace Corbett, SND (former Board member)

SAVE THE DATE NDA, CLS, and NDCL Alumni!

Reunion 2024 will be Friday, June 7th, 2024, 6:00-9:00pm at Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School

Join us for a fun and casual evening featuring live music, heavy hor d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and tours on the campus of Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School.

All alumni are welcome to this annual event, and SPECIAL RECOGNITION to all the classes ending in 4 and 9!









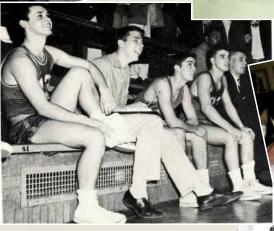


Scan the QR Code to register for Reunion 2024!













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NEW THIS YEAR

The class with the most attendees will win bragging rights and a street on NDCL's campus named for them for one year!

(ex: NDA 1984 Way / Latin 59 Ave/NDCL 94 Lane)

LATIN 59 AVE

NDA 1984 WAY

TATION

Sitting down with Mrs. Kathy Hurt

Longtime NDCL receptionist reflects on 31 years of love,

tears and laughter, plus a lot of memories

There's not much that Kathy Hurt hasn't seen in her 31 years as NDCL's receptionist. She was interviewing for the job in 1992 when a fire drill interrupted her conversation with then-principal Sr. Donna Paluf, SND. But that ominous sign did not deter her from saying "Yes" to a lifetime of service to the students and families of NDCL.

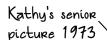
"A memorable beginning," she says of her first days. "Sr. Donna said she would let me know in two weeks. She called me back the next day and offered me the job."

She recalls her first day on the job getting a stack of demerit slips from Assistant Principal Mr. Charles Calovini with the instructions to enter them into the computer. "I had no idea how to do that. Remember this was 1992 and we were just getting used to computer technology. Mrs. Anne Robinson helped me with that first task. I'll never forget Mr. Calovini—such a gentleman and someone I will never forget."

There's few students and families over NDCL's history she doesn't know. But there was an earlier Notre Dame chapter in her life—that as a student and graduate from Notre Dame Academy 1973.

"At graduation I never thought I'd be back working here," she says. "I thought I was going to be a business person. But then I got my favorite job as a mother. Then my baby became a kindergartener (at Notre Dame Elementary

School) and this became a great place to be every day. I have been blessed to work at a school where my children went. It's the best fringe benefit. I jokingly say that we never had to go on Dr. Phil because I ruined their lives."





From the heart, Kathy says:

About working with great principals:

"Every single one had phenomenal skills and personal attributes. Sr. Donna Paluf was my student council adviser when I was a student and then she hired me. That was a great gift. When Sr. Judith Lynne became principal at NDCL, she was only 33 years old. She was such a strong leader and was great to work with. Sr. Allison Marie brought

with. Sr. Allison Marie brought technology into this school and how that's changed things! Sr. Margaret Gorman gave me purpose when we lost some administrators. She asked me to be her guide for the year. That was humbling. Mr. Waler was so fun to work with, we accomplished a lot together. He was a real sounding board and we had such a good working relationship. Mrs. Ricci: to see the joy that she has in a Catholic environment is nourishing. She really loves her faith and it shows."

What's changed in high schools over 30 years:

"For one, computers. In the early 90s we had DOS-based for report cards and demerits; no Internet, no cell phones. Today, kids are so warm and engaging. I have 'counter kids' now that just talk with me, then go about their day. I didn't have that in those early years. The office was strictly a place of business. This

place has become a very nourishing, warm and inviting environment. It was a little more regimented early on. It was friendly before, but so inviting now."

Having visitors stop in to say hello:

"A total joy to see them come back and want to say hello. Alumni, former teachers and administrators, and alumni parents. When I started that wasn't all that common. I hope I made a difference in the lives of the people I have met. They sure have made a difference in mine. My heart is full when I leave here and I thank you for being a part of my life."

All grown up:

"I've said to so many kids 'I was your mother's or your father's secretary.'
Countless times I'll tell a parent who also graduated here that I remember when you brought your kids here in a stroller, and now they are here as high school students. These families just grow up with you."

Funny and sad moments:

"One of my funniest moments was a senior prank of a llama being walked in the school with two students who were dressed in disguise. One of these disguised students then came back to be a teacher at NDCL. Without a doubt the saddest moments have been when members of our community pass away suddenly—faculty members, parents, and especially students."

Fun Facts with Kathy

Typical balance on the last day of school of the "First National Bank of Mrs. Hurt" IOUs given to students throughout the year: Zero. It gets up to \$500 to \$600 but it always gets to zero. If you want your graduation tickets, locker, parking, you are going to pay me.

How many times she has prayed the "Thank you Lord..." prayer at the end of the day: Hundreds of times or thousands. It was the last thing we did at the 2000 commencement that I spoke at. A number of years ago, a bunch of graduates called me from college to do the end of the day prayer over the phone for them. That was touching.

Candy bars she purchased from kids needing a last-minute sale: Probably \$100 worth over the years because they needed to hit their quota.



Water bottles in the Kathy Hurt "Lost n Found" collection right now: Upwards of 50

Daily rescue of a locker malfunction: 2 to 3 times a day











Craziest thing in your desk drawer, aka The Mrs. Hurt Convenience
Store: Nail polish remover because the cheerleaders can't have polish. The coach made them take it off before cheering. Plus toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorant.



How many phone calls in a day: 30 or 40 in the morning. 75 to 100 in day.

Favorite part of your job: Being a smiling and welcoming face to students in my presence. Just having a good interaction with people.

Least favorite part of your job:

Saying goodbye to people, particularly students and faculty members who leave this place. Another chapter closes but a new one opens.

Dogs or cats: Dog (3 goldens: Elsa, Anna, Lily) The movie Frozen had just come out in the theatres and we named our first two dogs Elsa and Anna.

Vacation destination:

Marco Island, FL. It is paradise!



What was your first ever job?
Dairy Queen in Kirtland
25 cents an hour (1970)

What is your second favorite job (outside of NDCL): Mother and mimi to my 4 children and 5 grandchildren



next year. Going to high school with your mother was a blessing...at times. Whenever you needed something she was always there, not only for her kids but for their friends too. A lot of our friends would say that she felt like a second mother to them. Over her thirty years at NDCL, she may have missed 3 days of school- if that. She is extremely dedicated to the school and the community. She loves NDCL and all the students. We are going to enjoy having her home full-time again. She has 5 grandchildren that I know she is looking forward to being able to spend more time with."

-Jacqueline '97, Billy '00, John '02, Michael, and Bill (married for 47 years)







The Principal says:

We asked all of the principals Mrs. Hurt worked with to share their thoughts on her service to NDCL:

"Kathy Hurt has been the constant at NDCL through many ups and downs. From the day her interview was interrupted by a fire drill, Kathy has shown her adaptability, practicality, energy, and, of course, her care for students, faculty, and staff. In those early days of NDCL, she was a great partner to bounce ideas and procedures off of and have a great time with!"

-Sister Donna Paluf, SND

"Kathy Hurt was one of the kindest, most competent persons I have ever known! During our years together we laughed a lot, worked a lot and felt privileged to be at NDCL. Her many years serving the community is a testament to her commitment to the professional staff, families, young women and men and the Sisters of Notre Dame."



"Kathy Hurt has been the face of NDCL, ever friendly and nurturing to students, staff, and families. Her presence in the office has had a lasting impact on the fabric of the school community."

-Sister Allison Marie Gusdanovic, SND

"When I came to NDCL, I learned right away what a key person Kathy Hurt was. She knew all the students and their families, could answer any question, and like Mary Poppins could supply literally anything requested, including an extra lunch. To help a student be dress-code ready for a big exam she would even "loan" her own

shoes. Her office was the eye of the storm where she could do five things at once while her big Mom-smile calmed one person at a time. She had a heart for everyone at NDCL and I loved my years working with her! "

-Sister Margaret Gorman, SND





We asked Kathy to name her "MOUNT RUSHMORE"

of NDCL memories.
Four, and only four, moments that stand out to her:

"The year that I gave the commencement address (Class of 2000). The kids voted me in, and it was a humbling moment for me."

"NDCL Day when the kids wrote a song for me and serenaded me."

"The opening of Lion Stadium where I introduced all of the NDA graduates that were present for that ceremony."

"The trip to Washington DC to celebrate the 2018 National Blue Ribbon award."



"God blessed me to work sideby-side with Kathy Hurt for 17 wonderful years. She is remarkable in so many ways, especially in her uncanny ability to anticipate what needs to be done and to work tirelessly and lovingly to get it done. Over the years, we grew so in sync with each other that we didn't even need to talk to know how we would work together to serve our students, staff, and families. I miss her every day!"

Kathy and Bill at the NDA 1973 Prom

-Mr. Joseph A. Waler

"I had the privilege of working with Mrs. Hurt during my first year at NDCL and she supported me every step of the way. Our partnership was not only a meaningful professional experience, but an incredible opportunity to learn from a positive, hard-working, and extraordinary human being. Mrs. Hurt's depth of experience, attentive listening skills, commitment to NDCL, and personal integrity were woven throughout all of our interactions. She responded to my questions with ease, listened...and then listened some more, and helped me to uncover the heart of NDCL. I consider it a true gift to know and learn from Mrs. Hurt and am filled with gratitude for the gift of her in my life and in in the life of our school."

- Mrs. Jodie Ricci

They say first impressions are everything in life. Whether for a job interview, making life decisions, or deciding to attend a

high school. The first "hello, welcome" you get often makes or breaks the decision. Along the way,

Mrs. Hurt greeted thousands of students in person, on the phone, or from her window in the main office. She is the "voice of NDCL" to countless parents, alumni, students, and guests. Mrs. Hurt plans to retire this summer after 31 years of service to NDCL. While she won't be far from school, now she gets to be a full-time wife, mother and mimi, but always a NDCL Lion!

"I've been a high school senior for 31 years and now I finally get to graduate. I'm a mom to everyone. I hope I made a difference to the school, to the kids and to their parents."



News and Notes from Campus

Catholic Schools Fun at NDES:

This annual celebration of our Catholic schools came to campus the week of January 29th. Each day focused on a special group: parents, SNDs, teachers, and of course our students! Even Tuffy made an appearance on Friday.







Hockey Night with the Lions:

The NDCL hockey team celebrated its senior night February 3rd at Mentor Ice Arena. A few "little lions" got senior (and NDES alum) Charlie Johnson to pose for a photo and got a few pucks as souvenirs. We can't wait to see them on the ice in a few years!

Eugene Glenn '59 and the Latin "Credo":

Latin graduate Eugene Glenn and his wife Anne visited NDCL over Christmas. "Do you give tours?" he asked over the phone and visited a week later. He gave his Latin credo to the school archives. Thanks for your visit Gene! Visit us! We're always happy to host Latin, NDA, and NDCL graduates for a visit—whether your first time to campus or first in awhile. Let us know!



Evan Dugger achieves 1,000 points:

Senior Evan Dugger became the first basketball player in school history to reach the 1,000-point career milestone. In 15 games played this season, he scored 16.2 points per game and finished his career with 1,150+ points. He leaves NDCL holding the record for points in a career, three-pointers made in a career, three-pointers made in a season, and three-pointers made in a single game. Congratulations Evan!

Matt Guerrieri `07 joins Ohio State coaching staff:

In February, Matt Guerrieri was

hired by Ohio State Head Football Coach Ryan Day as its new safeties coach. Prior to Ohio State, Guerrieri was at the University of Indiana and Duke University. Good luck with the Buckeyes, Matt!



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NDCL's Spirit Week celebrates its students with a week of excitement:

Oh what a week! Catholic Schools Week "High School Style" arrived to NDCL the week of January 29th. Friday's rally culminated a



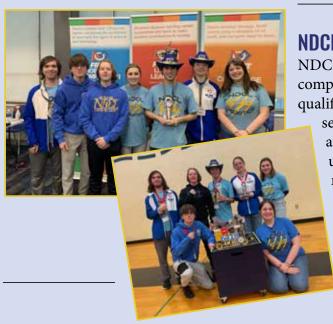


week of activities, including spirited contests of relays and other creative games pitting each class against the other—including the famous "Coin War" to benefit the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.



NDCL qualified for the state championship in this year's FTC competition, "CenterStage." On its way, the team placed in regional qualifiers at Kirtland High School and Kent State University and won

several awards. The team earned the "control award" for outstanding autonomous routines, where the robot performs tasks by itself using pre-programmed movements and computer vision through a mounted webcam. Currently, NDCL holds the highest score in Ohio, and is ranked 3rd overall!







NDES third graders say BINGO with residents of Notre Dame Village:

In February, some of our third graders visited Notre Dame Village for a special Valentine's activity—everyone's favorite: BINGO! The time spent with the residents is one example of our Community in action.

Notre Dame Village is a community of living and learning with independent and assisted living for adults 65+.

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New NDCL Admissions Director Kellie Watrobski and her favorite greeting to future Lions

Welcoming new students and new families to the NDCL community is a wonderful job to call your own. In summer 2023, NDCL hired Kellie Watrobski as its new Director of Admissions—the official "welcome wagon" to students and families beginning their NDCL journey.

Watrobski is a Catholic school lifer. She spent nine years as a student at St. Christine Elementary School in Euclid before graduating from Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School (VASJ) in 2003. After completing her degree from Marietta College, she went right to work in Catholic education as Alumni Coordinator at VASJ and later the Admissions Coordinator and then Director of Admissions. When the NDCL position opened in spring 2023, Watrobski knew she had to give it a shot.

"I saw the position and knew I had to apply," she said with a smile. "I was a stay-at-home mom to five kids and really missed working with kids and families who are seeking a Catholic education." She also has a personal tie to NDCL which made her Geauga County move even sweeter. Her husband, Joe Watrobski, is a 1998 NDCL graduate.

"I knew right away after applying and with Joe being an alum, that this was a place that I could fit into and contribute. Seven months into this job, I already see how awesome our students are and how well they respect and interact with the teachers, the staff, and the administrators here."

Joe and Kellie Watrobski have five children—ranging from age 1 to 9. Two professional, working parents means they have to work together as an amazing team in raising their family. Their oldest child, Regan, is a 4th grader at Notre Dame Elementary School.



"I can't wait to grow NDCL together in tandem with NDES. I want to see my kids here one day."

"One of my favorite things each day is seeing Regan come off that bus from NDES in the afternoon. I can't wait for her future at NDCL with her friends and classmates. Her transition to NDES was seamless. Dr. Hoynes (NDS

AND SERVICE TO SERVICE President and NDES/ MS Principal) was so helpful. The academics are

challenging and everyone is so approachable. This impresses me."

Watrobski gives high praise to her colleague, Ben Lozar '09 who joined the Admissions Office this year as Assistant Director of Admissions. Prior to this role, Lozar served as Alumni Coordinator, Campus Minister, and Mathematics instructor at NDCL.

"I can't ask for anyone better to work with," she says of Lozar. "His historic knowledge of the school, of the students, the alumni, and just the day-to-day of the school is so helpful to me starting new. He teaches me so much. I tell him that all the time, but I don't know if he knows how much that means."

Why Catholic education matters

Watrobski feels strongly that Catholic school is more than just going to religion or theology class. More than just learning from a book, students learn social skills, respect, and how to become a responsible adult in today's society.

"Anybody can sit in a desk, do homework, and take tests," she says. "What makes Catholic schools special, especially NDCL, is the academic rigor and the all-around experiences we can offer. Things like the Labre ministry, caring for those in our community; having the opportunity to take CCP (college credit plus) courses on our campus by our own faculty; the alumni and community support—including philanthropy—that's what makes a Catholic education at NDCL special."

What about Watrobski

Married:

10 years to Joe Watrobski '98

Kids:

FIVE Regan (9), Wyatt (8), Mabel (6), Emmet (3), Garret (1)

Siblings:

Jennifer (sister) and Darren, Michael, and Tommy (brothers)

NDA/CL/NDCL relatives:

Carol (Clinton '76) Ashdown (aunt) and Maureen (Clinton '73) Duff (aunt)

Dogs or Cats:

Dogs for sure

Sweet Treat:

Peanut M&Ms

Favorite travel destination: Ireland

Favorite sports team:

The St. John Vianney 4th grade volleyball team that I coach!

One word to describe campus: **Charming**

SUPPORTING NOTRE DAME SCHOOLS

THROUGH THE ANNUAL FUND AND MARIAN SOCIETY

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WHAT IS THE MARIAN SOCIETY?

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WHAT IS THE ANNUAL FUND?

The annual fund is a recurring annual giving initiative that makes the largest and most immediate impact on the lives of our students by providing merit scholarships, tuition assistance, attracting and retaining incredible teachers, and providing an opportunity for students who desire a Catholic education to attend Notre Dame Schools. Contributing to the annual fund also impacts our campus by providing upgrades to technology like Promethean Boards and security systems and supports improvement projects to buildings and grounds, such as upgrades to the playground, HVAC systems, plumbing, and lighting. Most private secondary schools and institutions of higher education have an annual fund that is dependent upon on the generous support of their alumni, faculty, parent community and civic leaders to maintain a balanced operating budget.

DOESN'T THE TUITION COVER THE EXPENSES?

For Notre Dame Schools to make Catholic education affordable, the Board of Directors approves a reasonable tuition that best serves our families while meeting many, but not all the operating needs for the schools. To make up this difference, Notre Dame Schools depends on four additional sources of income for its operating budget: donations to the annual fund from alumni, parents, and friends; interest from endowment; limited government funding; and proceeds from two annual special events: Lions Mane Event and Lions Golf Classic.

The Schapel FamilyJoseph, Evan (NDES'2031), Ryan (NDES'28), and Jennifer Schapel

"Pope John XXIII said,

'The family is the first essential cell of human society." Notre Dame Schools is a family that provides essential support and a lovingly structured



environment for our children. This loving environment is evident from the moment you enter the school, attend an event or simply drop off your children each morning. Each teacher and staff member embodies this commitment to the community. We wholeheartedly support the vision "to transform the world by consciously doing good and bringing hope to the hearts of all' and Notre Dame will always be a focus of our annual giving."

Frank Aquino '66

"It's basic and simple. Someone did it for me. A parishioner paid for my first two years tuition at Latin. Without that gesture, my life would be totally different. I realized long ago that the road to success is lined with people helping to pave the way."

Frank and the Schapels are member of The Marian Society—donors of \$1,000+ more to Giving Day, NDCL Fund, and the NDES Fund. Join the Marian Society today with your leadership gift by June 30th.

Contact Courtney (Rice `98) Bacik at Courtney.Bacik@ndcl.org or (440) 279-1079 today!

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Now in its 8th decade, NDES continues to shape lives and build futures for our youngest learners.

LIONS MANE EVENT

at Windows on the River

Annual gala raises \$170,000+ for NDCL and Notre Dame Elementary/Middle School

Thank you to Preston Superstore and all of our corporate sponsors, guests, student ambassadors, and volunteers who put together an incredible evening on March 9th at Windows on the River! Highlights of the evening:

- The event raised \$170,000 for the students of NDCL and NDES/Middle School. These proceeds help with the greatest needs of the school, including merit scholarships and tuition assistance, investments in technology, our incredible performing arts productions, and student programs like Mock Trial and Robotics.
- Cleveland's iconic Terminal Tower illuminated in blue and gold to celebrate the night
- Amazing Live and Silent Auction items
- Champagne Raffle for diamond earrings
- Nearly \$50,000 attained through the Raise the Paddle for our incredible Middle and High School music program
- The stars of the show: our 15 student ambassadors whose presence reminded us of why we gathered to celebrate our community and raise philanthropy.

Thank you to our sponsors, guests, and students for an incredible evening!

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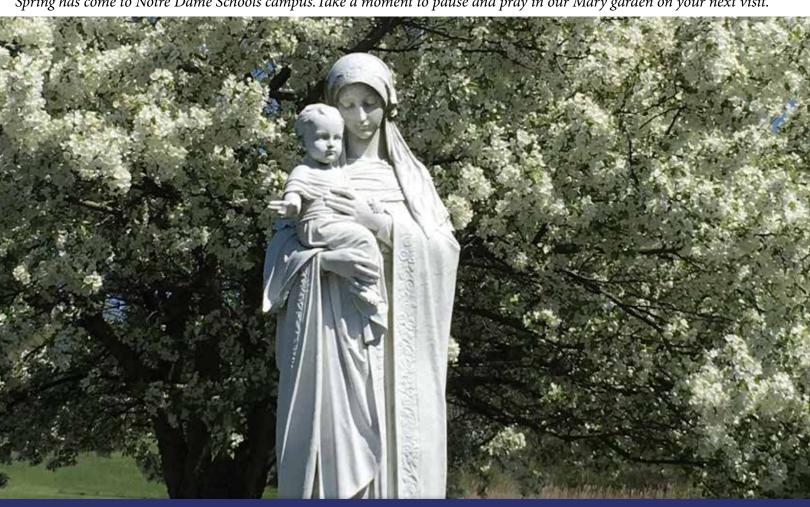








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