



Notre Dame Academy

Pre K-3 to 8

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Dear Notre Dame Families,

This week, on Tuesday we mailed out a packet that included classroom and cohort assignments, a handbook addendum to be signed by all parents with in person schooling, and the September calendar. If you have not received this packet by Monday of next week please email Carrie at ckoralja@notredameint.org.

Many of you have already completed the powerschool data update. I know it is a lot of information but please remember that this takes the place of many of the items we usually send home on the first day of school. It is also more intensive because it is the first time we are using this system. Please check your spam/junk mail folders if you haven't gotten this yet. If you have not received the email for this update OR you are experiencing issues, please email Mr. Reid at ereid@notredameint.org.

Our Home School Association will be having an outdoor UNIFORM SALE on Wednesday, September 2nd from 6-8 PM in the school parking lot. This is a great opportunity to pick up gently used uniforms at reduced prices. We ask that you find street parking and observe all social distancing rules and wear a face covering. Everyone who makes a purchase at this uniform sale will automatically be entered in a drawing for a \$150 gift card for Flynn & O'Hara Uniform Company.

We are all still hard at work finalizing schedules, book & technology pick up, and teachers are working on preparing all of their presentations for our orientations. I am including the schedule for September 9th - 11th which includes sessions for virtual meetings with students & parents. We have tried to accommodate different schedules with multiple sessions and we will record everything so that if you miss it...not a worry we've got you covered. The schedule below are the meetings that will be school-wide. Your child's teachers may want to schedule other meetings with them and they will notify you if that's the case.

Tuesday, September 8th at 7pm: Parent Orientation Meeting with Mr. Valvano & Mr. Reid

Wednesday, September 9th:

- 9:00 - 10:30 A.M. Homeroom teachers will meet with all remote only students
- 1:00 - 2:30 P.M. Homeroom teachers will meet with all hybrid students
- 7:00 P.M. Homeroom teachers in grades PK3 to 3 will hold Back to School Night with parents.

Thursday, September 10th:

- 9:00 - 10:30 A.M. Homeroom teachers will meet with all hybrid students
- 1:00 - 2:30 P.M. Homeroom teachers will meet with all remote only students
- 7:00 P.M. Homeroom teachers in grades 4-8 will hold Back to School Night with parents.



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Friday, September 11th: Book & Technology Pick up For Remote & Gold Cohorts ONLY

- 9:00 - 11:00 A.M. Grades PK4 to 3rd
- 12:00 - 2:00 P.M. Grades 4-8

We will assign stations in the front of the school, the side lot, and the back lot to spread everyone out and handle it very similarly to how we did in June.

(Blue Cohort students will receive their books & technology during their first in person week which starts on September 14th.)

If you have requested technology and no longer need this because your child is in a grade that is not cohorted or any other reason please let us know as devices are limited at this time. There is no fee to borrow these devices.

If you plan to use the Before or Aftercare Program we ask that you please complete the Google Form so that we have it on file prior to the start of school.

It can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf29gWYt5jeO2YKMKGpevBESe1ZQnymZRep57vs9dg9rCwGQA/viewform>

Our First Annual Tuition Raffle will be drawn on Monday, August 31st! There is still time to get tickets. Please visit the school website to complete purchases. Please share the flyer with family and Friends! [Tuition Raffle.jpg](#)

What to expect next week:

- You will all receive a welcome email from your child's homeroom teacher next week with your child's school email address and password, the code to join their Google Classroom and instructions how to do that, and some guidelines and standards for the year.
- You will receive an email to sign up for the daily health screening service Cleared4School. On days your child will be in the school building, the screening must be completed by 7 am to clear them for arrival. There will still be secondary temperature checks for all students and staff entering the building daily. Once you have your account created, it is best to save the link to your home screen on your cell phone so that it has the appearance of an app for easy access. This is a mandatory process for all students and staff.

On behalf of all of the members of the administrative team I want to thank you all for your patience, support, and understanding this summer as we have been working diligently to ensure the safest possible return for our entire school community. Your continued patience, cooperation, and understanding will be crucial in the next few weeks. We must all work together to make sure that our school community stays safe and healthy. We are all in this together and we are honored to lead this amazing school family.

In The Peace Of Christ,
Mr. Valvano