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Dear NDCA Parents and Students,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome all our returning students and our new students to the 2020-2021 school year! I hope this letter finds you relaxed and enjoying a fun-filled summer with your family. Although we did not finish the year off as we expected, while taking the necessary precautions I hope we are able to have a safe and successful school year. The teachers and staff are excited and look forward to sharing many learning experiences with our students as long as we can safely have them within the requirements of the CDC guidelines and NYS. There may be a lapse in learning due to the Coronavirus pandemic, for these reasons I have decided to have Ms. Byron and Mrs. Preiss move with your children to their respective grades. With those changes I also hired a Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Juliana Cruz who is coming to us from Queen of the Rosary and has thirty years of experience, as well as Ms. Tina Gericke for Nursery. Ms. Gericke is certified in Education and working on her certification in Teaching English to speakers of other languages, she will be a good fit at NDCA. Along with this change, I have made the decision to move Ms. Taranto into the third grade.

Unfortunately, Ms. Forgiione will be leaving us to move to Florida. She always has a home here at NDCA to visit or if she decides to return. Mrs. Cooney has also made her way back to us and will be coming back to her position of 6-8 Social Studies and 6-7 ELA. We thank Mr. Turner for holding down the fort for Mrs. Cooney and thank him for his hard work and dedication to the students and families of NDCA. We will continue to focus on providing each child with new challenges that will result in a rewarding school experience. As we partner with our parents, we will work together for a rich and fruitful Catholic education for our students. While we are still unsure what this school year will look like, I want you to feel comfortable and know that we are taking every precaution necessary to keep the children safe, happy and socially distanced.

Teacher Assignments for the 2020-2021 School Year

<i>Homeroom/Subject(s)</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
<i>Nursery</i>	<i>Ms. Tina Gericke</i>
<i>Pre- K For All Classes</i>	<i>Ms. Nicole Baldassarre</i>
	<i>Mrs. Susan Meyers</i>
	<i>Ms. Shakima Renee</i>
<i>Kindergarten A</i>	<i>Ms. Rosalina Alves</i>
<i>Kindergarten B</i>	<i>Mrs. Julianna Cruz</i>
<i>First Grade</i>	<i>Ms. Geraldine Byron</i>
<i>Second Grade</i>	<i>Mrs. Santa Ferraro Preiss</i>
<i>Third Grade</i>	<i>Ms. Palma Taranto</i>
<i>Fourth Grade (ELA and SS Grades 4-5 and Religion Gr. 4)</i>	<i>Ms. Lourdes Crus</i>
<i>Fifth Grade (Math & Science Grades 4-5 and Religion Gr. 5)</i>	<i>Ms. Daysi Munoz</i>
<i>Sixth Grade (6-8 Science, 6-8 Religion & Earth Science Regents Class)</i>	<i>Ms. Barbara Wolski</i>
<i>Seventh Grade (ELA Gr. 6 and 7 and S.S. Grs. 6-8)</i>	<i>Mrs. Lisa Cooney</i>
<i>Eighth Grade (ELA Gr. 8 and Math Grs. 6-8)</i>	<i>Mrs. Judith Munno</i>
<i>Common Core Algebra 1 Regents Course</i>	<i>Mrs. Judith Munno</i>
<i>Foreign Language K-8</i>	<i>Mr. Nicola Firla</i>
<i>Physical Education K-8</i>	<i>Mr. Mark Tracy</i>

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES
FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR:**

Grades 6-8

Students in grades 6-8 will come in on
Wednesday, September 9, 2020
Doors will open at 7:45 and close at 8:00

Grade 6:

Students will enter through the back door entrance in the school yard, have their temperature taken, and proceed up the staircase to their classroom following the guidelines on the floor and stairs to maintain social distancing guidelines.

Grades 7 and 8:

Students will enter from the front doors and have their temperature taken and proceed up the staircase to their classroom following the guidelines on the floor and stairs to maintain social distancing guidelines.

Any child in grades 6-8 that arrives after 8 will not be able to enter the building until after 8:30 a.m. due to tracing guidelines.

September 9, 2020 will be a half day with 12 noon dismissal.

Grades 6-8 will not return until Monday, September 14, 2020 beginning our Full day abbreviated schedule with dismissal being at 1:30 p.m. Students are to bring a working snack/sandwich.

All students in grades K-8 are permitted to wear their gym uniform for the month of September and October and we will reevaluate it as necessary.

Grade 6 will be dismissed from the back door into the school yard at 1:30

Grade 7 will be dismissed out the front door on 61st in front of the school yard gate at 1:30

Grade 8 will be dismissed out the front door ramp and on the corner of Bleecker and 61st at 1:30.

Grades 3-5

Students in grades 3-5 will come in on
Thursday, September 10, 2020
Doors will open at 7:45 and close at 8:00

Grade 3:

Students will enter from the front doors have their temperature taken, and proceed up the staircase to their classroom following the guidelines on the floor and stairs to maintain social distancing guidelines. They are in the same classroom as last year.

Grades 4 and 5:

Students will enter through the back door entrance in the school yard, have their temperature taken, and proceed up the staircase to their classroom following the guidelines on the floor and stairs to maintain social distancing guidelines

Any child in grades 3-5 that arrives after 8 will not be able to enter the building until after 8:30 a.m. due to tracing guidelines.

September 10, 2020 will be a half day with 12 noon dismissal.

Grades 3-5 will not return until Monday, September 14, 2020 beginning our Full day abbreviated schedule with dismissal being at 1:30 p.m. Students are to bring a working snack/sandwich.

All students in grades K-8 are permitted to wear their gym uniform for the month of September and October and we will reevaluate it as necessary.

Grade 3 will be dismissed from the back door into the school yard at 1:25.

Grade 4 will be dismissed in the alley way by the back door onto Bleecker Street. (On the side of Church) at 1:25

Grade 5 will be dismissed from the front of the Church at 1:25

Grades 1-2	Kindergarten
<p>Students in grades 1-2 will come in on <u>Friday, September 11, 2020</u> it will be a half day with noon dismissal.</p> <p>Doors will open at 8:00 and close at 8:15</p> <p><u>Grades 1 and 2</u></p> <p>Students will enter through the back door entrance in the school yard, have their temperature taken, and proceed up the staircase to their classroom following the guidelines on the floor and stairs to maintain social distancing guidelines. Grade 2 is in Mrs. Preiss' classroom from last year and Grade 1 is in Ms. Byron's classroom from last year.</p> <p>Grades K-2 will return on Monday, September 14, 2020 beginning our Full day abbreviated schedule with dismissal being at 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Students are to bring a working snack/sandwich.</p> <p><u>Any child in grades K-2 that arrives after 8:15 will not be able to enter the building until after 8:30 a.m. due to tracing guidelines.</u></p> <p>All students in grades K-8 are permitted to wear their gym uniform for the month of September and October and we will reevaluate it as necessary.</p> <p>Grades 1 and 2 will dismiss through the cafeteria doors into the school yard at 1:25</p>	<p>Students in Kindergarten will come in on <u>Friday, September 11, 2020</u>, it will be a half day with noon dismissal.</p> <p>Doors will open at 8:00 and close at 8:15.</p> <p>The children will enter into the Gym for the 11th and the week of the 14th and stand on social distancing markers to meet their teacher and be brought to their classroom. Their temperature will be taken upon entrance into the building.</p> <p>Grades K-2 will return on Monday, September 14, 2020 beginning our Full day abbreviated schedule with dismissal being at 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Students are to bring a working snack/sandwich.</p> <p><u>Any child in grades K-2 that arrives after 8:15 will not be able to enter the building until after 8:30 a.m. due to tracing guidelines.</u></p> <p>All students in grades K-8 are permitted to wear their gym uniform for the month of September and October and we will reevaluate it as necessary.</p> <p>Kindergarten will dismiss through the front entrance of the building at 1:25</p>
<u>Pre-K For All (4 year olds)</u>	<u>Nursery (3 year olds)</u>
<p>Pre-K For All will begin with a staggered schedule Orientation that will take place on Monday, September 14th, at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. You will receive a message letting you know what time to attend for the staggered schedule. One parent and the child will be invited in for approximately one hour to walk through the process of what Pre-K For All will look like this year for both students and parents. When you arrive for the orientation you will arrive at the front door and be escorted into the gym before</p>	<p>Nursery will begin with a staggered schedule Orientation that will take place on Monday, September 14th, at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. You will receive a message letting you know what time to attend for the staggered schedule. One parent and the child will be invited in for approximately one hour to walk through the process of what Nursery will look like this year for both students and parents. When you arrive for the orientation you will arrive at the back door and be escorted to the classroom. <i>All parents and</i></p>

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Full Day Schedule

- *Grades N-8 will begin their first full week of school following regular schedule on Monday, September 14th. The doors will open at 7:45 a.m., and all students should arrive at their designated time at their designated door. Any student in K-8 arriving to school after their designated arrival time, will not be permitted to enter until 8:30 am at the front door main entrance.*
- *Please see the following chart for regular dismissal times for all Notre Dame Catholic Academy students. Students in grades Kindergarten to 8th grade (as well as full day Nursery students) will be dismissed per directions given earlier. We will not be able to use the Gym for dismissal at this time.*

Grades	Dismissal Time
Nursery	Half Day-11:30 a.m.
	Full Day-1:30 p.m. (For Sept. and Oct.)
Pre-K For All	2:20 p.m.
Kindergarten	1:25 p.m.
1 st through 5 th grades	1:25 p.m.
6 th through 8 th grades	1:30 p.m.

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Opening Mass:

Our academy is working on planning a Virtual Opening Mass that will take place on Friday, September 18th, The Mass will be streamed into the classes and begin at 8:30 a.m. More information to follow.

Back-To-School Parent Night:

In order to welcome all of our parents and allow you the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and attain some valuable information about the school year, we have planned several Zoom Back- To- School Night meetings in grade band levels. The meetings will take place the week of the 21-25. Schedule to follow

This is a MANDATORY Meeting for all parents of Kindergarten to Eighth graders.

Extended Day Programs:

Just a reminder, that NDCA will continue to offer our school families Early Morning Drop-Off and After-School Programs. **EARLY MORNING DROP-OFF AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION WILL BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14th**. More information, including registration forms, will be sent home and placed on the website the first week of school.

Summer Reading/Math Assignments:

Please make sure your child completes his/her summer assignments. All summer work must be emailed to the homeroom teacher this year no later than September 21, 2020. If your assignment was Education City or Athletics, your teacher has already printed out your progress

School Uniform:

Please be aware that all students at NDCA have been given permission to wear their gym uniform for the months of September and October. The school uniform will be required and it is expected that all children be in the uniform that we changed to two years ago as seen below. The girls in K-8 will be wearing a skort year round with a polo shirt and the boys will have blue slacks with a polo shirt. The gym has changed also. They are on sale at Flynn and O'Hara uniform or Ideal Uniform. Please note that Nursery – First grade can wear the sweat suit instead of the track suit. Nursery should be in the gym sweat suit uniform and Pre-K has the option if they would like.



Very Important...

Please be aware that the parking lot is for school personnel only. Parents may not enter the parking lot with their vehicle at any time. This policy must be strictly enforced for the safety of our students! We will be having children enter and dismiss through the school yard. When in the vicinity of the school at dismissal time please drive with caution.

Please continue to check the website daily. We will update it with important memo's on a regular basis.

OFFICE VISITS:

Please note that at this time no parents or visitors will be permitted to the office or to bring your child up to the office if late due to limiting exposure for the safety of the students and faculty. You will need to call and someone will come down after 9 a.m., when it is safe to do so. You MUST call ahead and schedule your visit for social distancing protocols.

In closing, please enjoy the remaining days of summer. I look forward to seeing many new and familiar faces on our first day of school. We will do all we can to make it a great one and we know you will, too.

Sincerely,

Jennifer DiLorenzo
Principal