

Notre Dame Catholic Academy of Ridgewood

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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 2021-2022 school year! I hope this letter finds you relaxed and enjoying a fun-filled summer with your family. Although last year was not as we expected, while taking the necessary precautions I hope we are able to have another 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. Please be aware that all children will be expected to wear masks while in school and will be given mask breaks when safe to do so.

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>Pre-K, 3 Nursery Program</i>	<i>Ms. Tina Gericke, Ms. Palma Taranto</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. Adrianna Livreri</i>
<i>Fourth Grade (ELA and SS Grades 4-5 and Religion Gr. 4)</i>	<i>Ms. Lourdes Cruz</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 and Art Class</i>	<i>Ms. Julia Culcasi</i>
<i>Physical Education K-8 and Technology Class</i>	<i>Ms. Amanda Lauber</i>
<i>Music Class K-8</i>	<i>Ms. Victoria Drexler</i>

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES
FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR:**

Grades 6-8

Students in grades 6-8 will come in on
Wednesday, September 8, 2021
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, show their daily health screening and proceed up the staircase to their classroom following the guidelines on the floor and stairs to maintain social distancing while wearing masks properly.

Grade 6 classroom is 206

Grades 7 and 8:

Students will enter from the front doors, show their daily health screening and proceed up the staircase to their classroom following the guidelines on the floor and stairs to maintain social distancing while wearing masks properly.

Grade 7 classroom is 204

Grade 8 classroom is 205

Any child in grades 6-8 that arrives after 8 will be marked late.

September 8-10 2021 will be a half day with 12:30 dismissal.

All students in grades K-8 are expected to be back in full summer uniform on the first day of school.

Grade 6 will be dismissed from the back door into the school yard for the school year.
Grade 7 will be dismissed out the front door on 61st in front of the school yard gate and
Grade 8 will be dismissed out the front door ramp and on the corner of Bleecker and 61st for the entire school year

Grades 3-5

Students in grades 3-5 will come in on
Wednesday, September 8, 2021
Doors will open at 7:45 and close at 8:00

Grade 3:

Students will enter through the back door entrance in the school yard, show their daily health screening and proceed up the staircase to their classroom following the guidelines on the floor and stairs to maintain social distancing while wearing masks properly. The are in classroom 207

Grades 4 and 5:

Students will enter through the back door entrance in the school yard, show their daily health screening and proceed up the staircase to their classroom following the guidelines on the floor and stairs to maintain social distancing while wearing masks properly.

Grade 4 classroom is 307

Grade 5 classroom is 304

Any child in grades 3-5 that arrives after 8 will be marked late

September 8-10, 2021 will be a half day with 12:30 dismissal.

All students in grades K-8 are expected to be back in full summer uniform on the first day of school.

Grade 3 will be dismissed from the back door into the school yard for the school year.
Grade 4 will be dismissed in the alley way by the back door onto Bleecker Street. (On the side of Church) for the school year.
Grade 5 will be dismissed from the front of the Church for the school year.

Grades 1-2	Kindergarten
<p>Students in grades 1-2 will come in on <u>Wednesday, September 8, 2021</u> it will be a half day with 12:30 dismissal. Doors will open at 8:00 and close at 8:15 <u>Grades 1 and 2</u></p> <p>Students will enter through the back door entrance in the school yard, show their daily health screening and proceed up the staircase to their classroom following the guidelines on the floor and stairs to maintain social distancing while wearing masks properly. Grade 2 is in room 108 and Grade 1 is in room 106</p> <p><u>Any child in grades K-2 that arrives after 8:15 will be marked late</u></p> <p>All students in grades K-8 are expected to be back in full summer uniform on the first day of school.</p> <p>Grades 1 and 2 will dismiss through the cafeteria doors into the school yard for the school year.</p>	<p>Students in Kindergarten will come in on <u>Wednesday, September 8, 2021 with their parents for an orientation and will meet in the auditorium at 9:00 am and then go up to their classroom</u></p> <p>They will return on Thursday, September 9 and Friday, September 10 without their parents for school with a 12:15 dismissal time. Doors will open at 8:00 and close at 8:15. The children will enter into the Gym and stand on social distancing markers to meet their teacher and be brought to their classroom. Their daily health screening will need to be completed prior to the entrance into the building.</p> <p><u>Any child in grades K-2 that arrives after 8:15 will be marked late.</u></p> <p>All students in grades K-8 are expected to be back in full summer uniform on the first day of school.</p> <p>Kindergarten will dismiss through the front entrance of the building for the school year</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 Wednesday, September 8th Please see the Pre-K For All letter which is separate with your designated time. If you did not receive it, please contact the school for your scheduled start time.</p> <p><u>All parents and students must attend.</u></p>	<p>Nursery will begin with a staggered schedule Orientation that will take place on Thursday, September 9th. Please see the Pre-K For All letter which is separate with your designated time. If you did not receive it, please contact the school for your scheduled start time. 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. <u>All parents and students must attend.</u></p>

Full Day Schedule

- *Grades K-8 will begin their first full week of school following regular schedule on Monday, September 13th. 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 be marked late and may be delayed to get into their classroom due to precautions made for contact tracing.

- 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
Pre 3 For All	2:20 p.m.
Pre-K For All	2:20 p.m.
Kindergarten	2:30 p.m.
1 st through 5 th grades	2:45 p.m.
6 th through 8 th grades	2:55 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 17th, 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 September 13, 2021. Schedule to follow
This is a MANDATORY Meeting for all parents of First 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 13th**. More information, including registration forms, will be sent home and placed on the website the first week of school.

School Uniform:

The school uniform will be required and it is expected that all children be in the uniform that we changed to three 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 memos on a regular basis.

OFFICE VISITS:

Please note that at this time no parents or visitors will be permitted to the office without an appointment 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 when you arrive and someone will come down to meet your child and bring them to their classroom. after 9 a.m. 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