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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 2022-2023 school year! I hope this letter finds you relaxed and enjoying a fun-filled summer with your family. I am excited to offer a school year that looks closer to pre-pandemic than last year. Fingers Crossed. Although last year was different, while working together and 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. I will update you regularly through class dojo and the Facts email system so please make sure you have both set up come September.

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.

As you will see below some changes have been made. Over the Summer Ms. Wolski decided to retire. Please join me in giving her well wishes in her retirement. Ms. Munoz will be moving up to grade 6 and teaching grade 6-8 Science, 6 Math and 6 Religion. That left an open place in grade 5. I am happy to announce that Ms. Lauber will be joining us working with Ms. Cruz and teaching grades 4-5 Math and Science.

Teacher Assignments for the 2022-2023 School Year

<i>Homeroom/Subject(s)</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
<i>Pre-K, 3 Nursery Program</i>	<i>Ms. Lauren Christopher, 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</i>	<i>Mrs. Julianna Cruz</i>
<i>First Grade</i>	<i>Ms. Rosalina Alves</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. Amanda Lauber</i>
<i>Sixth Grade (6-8 Science, 6- Religion and 6 Math & Earth Science Regents Class)</i>	<i>Ms. Daysi Munoz</i>
<i>Seventh Grade (ELA Gr. 6 and 7 and S.S. Grs. 6-8, Religion Grade 7)</i>	<i>Mrs. Lisa Cooney</i>
<i>Eighth Grade (ELA Gr. 8 and Math Grs. 6-8 and Religion Grade 8)</i>	<i>Mrs. Judith Munno</i>
<i>Common Core Algebra 1 Regents Course</i>	<i>Mrs. Judith Munno</i>
<i>Earth Science Regents Course</i>	<i>Ms. Daysi Munoz</i>

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES
FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR:**

All students in K-8 will enter the building using the main entrance for the 2022-2023 school year. Grades 4-8 will enter from 7:45 am-7:55 am and grades K-3 will enter from 7:55-8:05. Teachers will greet the children at the door to their classroom.

The first day of school for grades K-8 is Wednesday September 7, 2022. 1-8 will come in at their scheduled time and Kindergarten will have their Orientation at 9 a.m. in the Auditorium.

Grades 1-8

Students in grades 6-8 will come in on
Wednesday, September 7, 2022
Doors will be open at 7:45

Grade 6:

Students will enter through the front door, but they will dismiss at the back door entrance in the school yard

Grade 6 classroom is 206

Grades 7 and 8:

Students will enter from the front doors and dismiss from the front doors.

Grade 7 classroom is 204

Grade 8 classroom is 205

Any child in grades 6-8 that arrives after 7:55 will be marked late.

September 7th will be a half day with 12:30 dismissal. September 8th and 9th will be full days with 3:00 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 7, 2022
Doors will open at 7:45

Grade 3:

Students will enter through the front door entrance at 7:55 and dismiss through the back door entrance in the school yard, The are in classroom 207.

Grades 4 and 5:

Students will enter through the front door between 7:45-7:55 am and dismiss through the back door entrance in the school yard.

Grade 4 classroom is 307

Grade 5 classroom is 304

Any child in grades 3-5 that arrives after 7:55 will be marked late

September 7th will be a half day with 12:30 dismissal. September 8th and 9th will be full days with 3:00 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.
Grades 4 and 5 will be dismissed in the alley way by the back door onto Bleecker Street. (On the side of Church) for the school year.

Grades 1-2	Kindergarten
<p>Students in grades 1-2 will come in on <u>Wednesday, September 87, 2022</u> it will be a half day with 12:30 dismissal. Doors will open at 7:55 and close at 8:05 <u>Grades 1 and 2</u></p> <p>Students will enter through the front door main entrance and dismiss from the cafeteria doors into the school yard for the school year. 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 8:05 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 7, 2022, 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 8 and Friday, September 9 without their parents for school with a 12:30 dismissal time. Doors will open at 8:00 and close at 8:15. The children will enter into the Gym to meet their teacher.</p> <p><u>Any child in grades K-2 that arrives after 8:05 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>3K For All (3 year olds)</u>
<p>Pre-K For All will begin with a staggered schedule Orientation that will take place on Thursday, 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 Friday, 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 12th. The doors will open at 7:45 a.m., and all students should arrive at their designated time at the main entrance. Any student that arrives after the door has been closed will be marked late .
- 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

Grades	Dismissal Time
Pre 3 For All	2:20 p.m.
Pre-K For All	2:20 p.m.
Kindergarten	2:45 p.m.
1 st through 5 th grades	2:55 p.m.
6 th through 8 th grades	3:00 p.m.

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Opening Mass:

Our academy is planning on attending an Opening School Mass on Friday September 9, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. All are invited to attend. More information will 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 are working towards an in person back to school night on September 14th if permitted.

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 12th** . More information, including registration forms, will be sent home and placed on the website and sent home with your child 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 bring your child up to the office if late due to safety precautions as well as 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.

In closing, please enjoy the remaining days of summer. I look forward to hearing about all of the great things NDCA continues to do and seeing its great accomplishments as a District Superintendent,
Sincerely,

Jennifer DiLorenzo
Principal