



NOTRE DAME SCHOOL . . . INSPIRING LEADERS

For more than 50 years, Notre Dame School has provided children with an academically challenging, faith-based education that teaches students strong study skills and prepares them to succeed in high school and beyond. Students receive outstanding test scores on standardized tests and eighth grade students have an unrivaled high school placement record.

During their formative years at Notre Dame School, students' faith strengthens, they develop the drive and understanding for the need to make meaningful and lasting contributions within their communities and they hone the qualities and values they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

Our tight-knit and caring community fosters close relationships between students, faculty and families. We encourage interaction of students across all grade levels and we believe this exposure benefits not only the younger students, but the older ones too. As part of our rigorous academics, we incorporate meaningful prayer and reflection throughout the school day, which helps to shape our children's faith and understanding of God.

Inspiring leaders in *and* out of the classroom

By providing a faith-based education steeped in academic excellence with an emphasis on self-respect, personal responsibility and service to others.

A look at Notre Dame School athletic and enrichment programs

Notre Dame School educates the whole person and offers a variety of athletic and enrichment opportunities that allow students to expand their talents outside of the classroom.

ATHLETICS

Notre Dame School athletics is about building team spirit, team unity and support for each other, beginning at a young age.

Intramural Sports: Beginning in Kindergarten, Notre Dame offers the following Intramural Sports:

- Pillo Polo
- Flag Football
- Basketball

Team Athletics*: Students in grades 5 through 8 are welcome to participate in the following no-cut, team sports:

- Cross Country (boys and girls): Distance races ranging from 1.0 miles to 2.0 miles
- Track and Field (boys and girls): Students participate in both running and field events including sprints, distance and relay races, hurdles, long jump, triple jump, high jump, shot put, javelin and discus.
- Basketball (boys and girls)
- Volleyball (girls only)

* Notre Dame School is a proud member of the Suburban Parochial League.

STUDENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Altar Servers: All students in grades 4 through 8 are welcome to become altar servers. Altar serving builds self-confidence and offers a way for young people to give back to the parish community. Advisor: Mr. Steve Tuttle

Band: Band For Today provides the band program and KinderKeys (piano) program for Notre Dame students. Students in grades 4 through 8 can learn to play flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, saxophone or snare drum. Students in Kindergarten through grade 3 are offered group piano lessons through the KinderKeys program. All lessons take place at Notre Dame. Our students have performed at the All State Arena for the Chicago Wolves, for the Kane County Cougars, won medals and trophies at solo contests, played concerts and more. Advisor: Bandfortoday.com

Book Club: Students in grades 4 through 8 are given the opportunity to read a like book title and come together informally for discussion. Book reads are open to students, parents, parishioners and community members. Krista Devlin, Clarendon Hills Children's

Librarian, is often in attendance. A simple breakfast is offered.
Advisor: Mrs. Jan Cummings

Chess Club: Whether you are a beginner or a grandmaster, you can join the Notre Dame Chess Club! Chess is an exercise of infinite possibilities for the mind. It's an activity that develops mental abilities used throughout life: concentration, critical thinking, abstract reasoning, problem solving, pattern recognition, strategic planning, and creativity, to name a few. Advisor: Mrs. Jan Georgiev

Choir: The choir is designed for children to express their faith through music. It is also an exciting opportunity for students in grade 2 through 8 to serve in a parish ministry. Advisor: Mr. Michael Keefe

Math Team: Learn to solve challenging problems and compete in math contests at area high schools. Math competitions are a lot of fun! Students in grades 6 through 8 are welcome to join. The team meets twice a month before school.
Advisor: Mrs. Becky Schmid

Theatre: All students in grades 5 through 8 are invited to participate in the play, which is performed in the spring. Students are exposed to elements of theatre and drama. Past performances have included *Oliver*, *High School Musical*, *Seussical*, *Annie* and *Wizard of Oz*. Advisor: Mrs. Roberta Moroz

Student Ambassadors: Students volunteer to represent Notre Dame to the outside community. They assist in the school tours and are chosen to represent the school in off-campus events. Advisor: Ms. Mary Ann Feeney

Student Council: The student council promotes school spirit and leadership among students. The students who participate in student council have the opportunity to make a positive impact on their school and community, including planning special events and service projects. Grades 5 through 8 elect two representatives from their respective classes and then all students vote for the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Activities Director from the eighth grade class. Advisors: Mrs. Yvonne Marler and Ms. Elizabeth Rossiter

Writing Club: Writing club is an opportunity for students in grade 5 through 8 to hone their skills in a variety of writing forms, including essays, poems, short stories and journalistic interviews. The club meets in the mornings during the second semester, working toward a final magazine that is distributed at the end of the year.
Advisors: Mr. Ken Lakowski and Mrs. Meg Breslin