



Dear Notre Dame Family -

The month of October was filled with amazing times and memories! It has been wonderful to see so many parents, alumnus, and friends of Notre Dame back on and off campus for events. We enjoyed a great month celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month and we thank our Foreign Language Department, Spanish Club, and Cafeteria staff for all of their extra efforts.

We enjoyed a beautiful liturgy to honor the many First Responders in the Notre Dame community with special guest celebrant, Fr. Brendan McAleer, C.S.C. '07. We had a record crowd and we honored many of our first responders and hundreds of our students who come from a first-responder family.

This has been an epic fall to celebrate the accomplishments of our Dons and athletic teams. At every turn, there is great news! A few congratulations to fall sports - golf had a great season and advanced several golfers to Sectionals in one of the toughest regions in the state. Cross country advanced the entire team to the IHSA State Finals this Saturday in Peoria after an amazing run in the Deerfield Sectional. Soccer inspired the entire school again with an ESCC Championship, Irish Cup title, regional championship, sectional championship, and a third straight appearance in the IHSA Elite 8! Football continues to roll in the IHSA State Playoffs and travels to Wauconda for Round 2 this Friday night. Winter sports are right around the corner and Boxing Night will take place on Saturday, November 12th in the Don Dome and all are invited!

We inducted 50 Dons into the National Honor Society and just celebrated 28 Dons who earned the prestigious award of Illinois State Scholar! The leadership, academic success, and service work that we see from our Dons is truly inspiring! Notre Dame is truly a leader in Catholic education for young men in the Chicagoland area and our Senior Class of 2023 has certainly made us proud!

One of my favorite events of the year, our Burke Scholars Celebration, takes place this Saturday, November 5th at St. John Brebeuf at 6 p.m. This event represents everything great about Notre Dame and what we call the 'Notre Dame Difference'. We will honor our alumni and current Burke Scholars and give thanks for this wonderful, inclusive educational program at Notre Dame!

Finally, it has been great to see so many alumni at our school and athletic events! Our fall sports games have been packed and we have started our Lifetime Learning program up again where alumni come back to share lessons to help our students be successful in high school and beyond. We recently inducted four new alumni into our Hall of Honor as well. We are grateful for the support of our alumni and hope all will continue to stay involved and CONNECT with their alma mater. You are always welcome at NDCP!

An exciting November awaits the Notre Dame Family! If you know an 8th grader, please encourage them to take the NDCP Entrance Exam on December 3, 2022 and join the Class of 2027. A great Holy Cross education awaits them at Notre Dame! This is THE PLACE TO BE!

Go Dons!

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