A Message from the President and Principal

Dear NDHS Parents, Alumni, and Friends,

The April edition of the NDHS News Briefs comes as Notre Dame High School continues to confront the challenges of COVID-19. Every school year brings its challenges, but the current unprecedented situation is far from anything we could have expected. Many things may be different, but what remains the same is that we continue to educate the hearts and minds of our students. Classes continue online, and we are hopeful that the traditions of prom, baccalaureate, and commencement exercises will proceed at the end of May. To follow our school updates and progress, please refer to our website for current information and announcements at www.ndhs.org. Our Holy Cross mission theme for the year is “Bringing Hope” and with the inspiration of our founder Blessed Basil Moreau and our Holy Cross Saint Andre Bessette, and the intercession of St. Joseph, we are living that theme in bringing hope to the NDHS community.

During this Easter season of rebirth, renewal, and new life, our prayers go out to the entire Notre Dame family. We ask the Lord to watch over our community and heal those affected by this virus. We especially offer prayers for the first responders, health care professionals, and members of the military, who even in the most difficult of times devote their lives to be in service to others.

Blessings of the Easter Season,

Brett Lowart
President

Alice Cotti
Principal
A reflection by liturgical composer David Haas on the many cancellations due to the coronavirus outbreak.

**Not Canceled**

*Love has not been canceled. Mercy has not been canceled. Attentiveness has not been canceled. Goodness has not been canceled. Gratitude has not been canceled. Loving relationships have not been canceled.*

*Kindness has not been canceled. Music has not been canceled. Conversations have not been canceled. Poetry and storytelling have not been canceled. Courage has not been canceled. Meditation and contemplation have not been canceled.*

*Art has not been canceled. Families have not been canceled. Community and solidarity have not been canceled. Learning has not been canceled. Prayer has not been canceled. Faith has not been canceled. Hope has not been canceled.*

*And … God’s presence with us, has not been canceled.*

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**School News**

**Our campus is empty, but our hearts are full**

The coronavirus has presented a profound challenge to education, but Notre Dame High School has risen to the challenge. NDHS principal, Mrs. Cotti, takes us on a tour of the NDHS campus as the school has moved to an online learning format. Click the picture above to learn more.

**NDHS Classes Go Online**

NDHS quickly confronted the challenges of the coronavirus by transitioning to online classes. With the support of an amazing educational technology team, Notre Dame teachers transitioned almost seamlessly into a distance learning program. Click the picture above to learn more.

**Bringing Hope and Food**

During these difficult times, we hope you will support Notre Dame families who own restaurants and catering businesses. A list is available at the NDHS website. If you know of other NDHS-connected food service businesses that we can promote, please have them reach out to advancement@ndhs.org.
Stay Positive ND!

Mr. Pagnotta and the ND Percussion students remind us to stay positive! Please click the picture or here to view their video. It is guaranteed to make you smile! Shout-out to Mr. P and our Drumline Knights!

NDHS Athletics

CIF-SS 2020 Spring Sports Season

The CIF-Southern Section has announced that the 2020 Spring Athletic season is canceled. Our hearts go out to everyone dealing with this situation and especially to our student-athletes. They have worked hard, spending countless hours preparing to represent our school and compete at the highest levels of competition. Click here to read the full statement from our Athletic Director, Alec Moss ’00.

NDHS Alumni

NDHS Alumni Facebook

NDHS is on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and we also have a Facebook page specifically for alumni here. Please take a look to see recent news from alums John Stege ’69, Jack Intlekofer ’62, and Ka’Ena “Sissy” Farmer ’16. Please contact Associate Director or Advancement, Chris Turkmany ’83 at turkmany@ndhs.org with alumni news and updates.

NDHS Alumni Reunions

Attention Classes of ’70, ’80, ’90, ’00, and ’10!

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, plans have not been finalized for your class reunions. We will reach out soon with information and details. If you have questions, please contact Associate Director of Advancement, Chris Turkmany ’83 at turkmany@ndhs.org.
School Events

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, NDHS events planned for the spring have been canceled or modified. Here is a summary (subject to change):

**HCMG Fashion Show** - A modified event is being planned. Additional information below.

**Knights of Honor / Hall of Fame** - Will be rescheduled for Spring 2021.

**Scholarship Golf Tournament** - Please see information below.

**IKB Gathering** - Canceled. Additional information below.

**Baccalaureate Mass** - Rescheduled to Thursday, May 28, at 5:00 pm.

**Graduation Ceremony** - Saturday, May 30, rescheduled to 5:00 pm.

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**HCMG Fashion Show**

Unfortunately, we were not able to hold the Holy Cross Mothers Guild Fashion Show in March. We are hoping to schedule a modified event and online auction soon. Please watch for details.

For more information, contact Colleen Pace, HCMG Moderator, at (818) 933-3694 or pace@ndhs.org.

**NDHS Golf Tournament**

Given the COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be able to hold the Golf Tournament on May 11, 2020. We will share updated information as soon as it is available.

For more information, contact Lynn Silberberg, Event Manager, at (818) 933-3605 or silberberg@ndhs.org.

**IKB Alumni Events**

In view of recent developments, all Alumni Band activities for this school year, including The Gathering 2020 are canceled. We look forward to resuming IKB alumni activities during the 2020-21 school year.

For more information, contact John Combes at combes@ndhs.org.

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Thank you from Notre Dame High School

**NDHS and COVID-19**

COVID-19 restrictions have presented NDHS with unprecedented challenges. We are grateful to everyone who has done so much to allow us to continue educating hearts and minds. We also thank our students, especially our seniors, who have been remarkable in carrying on with their education despite the disappointment of losing irreplaceable school activities. We are also especially grateful to
everyone who has supported NDHS in prayer. Blessed Basil Moreau, the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, faced similar circumstances during a cholera epidemic in 1849. He said...

“Prayer is like a health zone which we must set up around our homes and schools. Moreover, it can heal souls. . . . Put your confidence in prayer, therefore, but at the same time, do not neglect the precautions recommended by doctors and other officials.”

Please continue to pray for the Notre Dame High School community. If you are interested in also supporting NDHS with a gift, please click here or contact the NDHS Advancement Office.

In keeping with this year's theme of "Bringing Hope", here is a gift of music that is sure to keep us optimistic. Every Notre Dame Knight will always be uplifted hearing this song. This IKB performance was to cheer on the girls basketball team, who went on to a CIF championship. Click here to cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame!

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**In Memoriam**

Robert Laughlin ’57        Ed Bellezzo ’59, father of Valerie ’89
Kurt Weingartner ’59       Bill Luehm ’65

Gertrudes Macaraig, grandmother of, and Eugenio Convento, father of Gerard Convento ’02 and Jason Convento ’04

*Please join our faculty, staff and students in prayer for the repose of the souls of our departed alumni, parents, and friends. Please report community deaths to our Advancement Office so we can remember the deceased and offer prayers of support for families. If you would like to make a contribution (of any amount) to NDHS in memory of a friend or loved one, the NDHS Advancement Office will acknowledge your gift to you and notify the family of your thoughtfulness.*

To make a donation in memory of a loved one, please click here.

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**Important Dates and Links**

**Dates**
- Baccalaureate Mass - Thursday, 5/28
- Graduation - Saturday, 5/30

**Links**
- NDHS Website
- Make a Gift to NDHS