

Grade 8 Parent Night

January 15, 2025



AGENDA



PARENT INFO

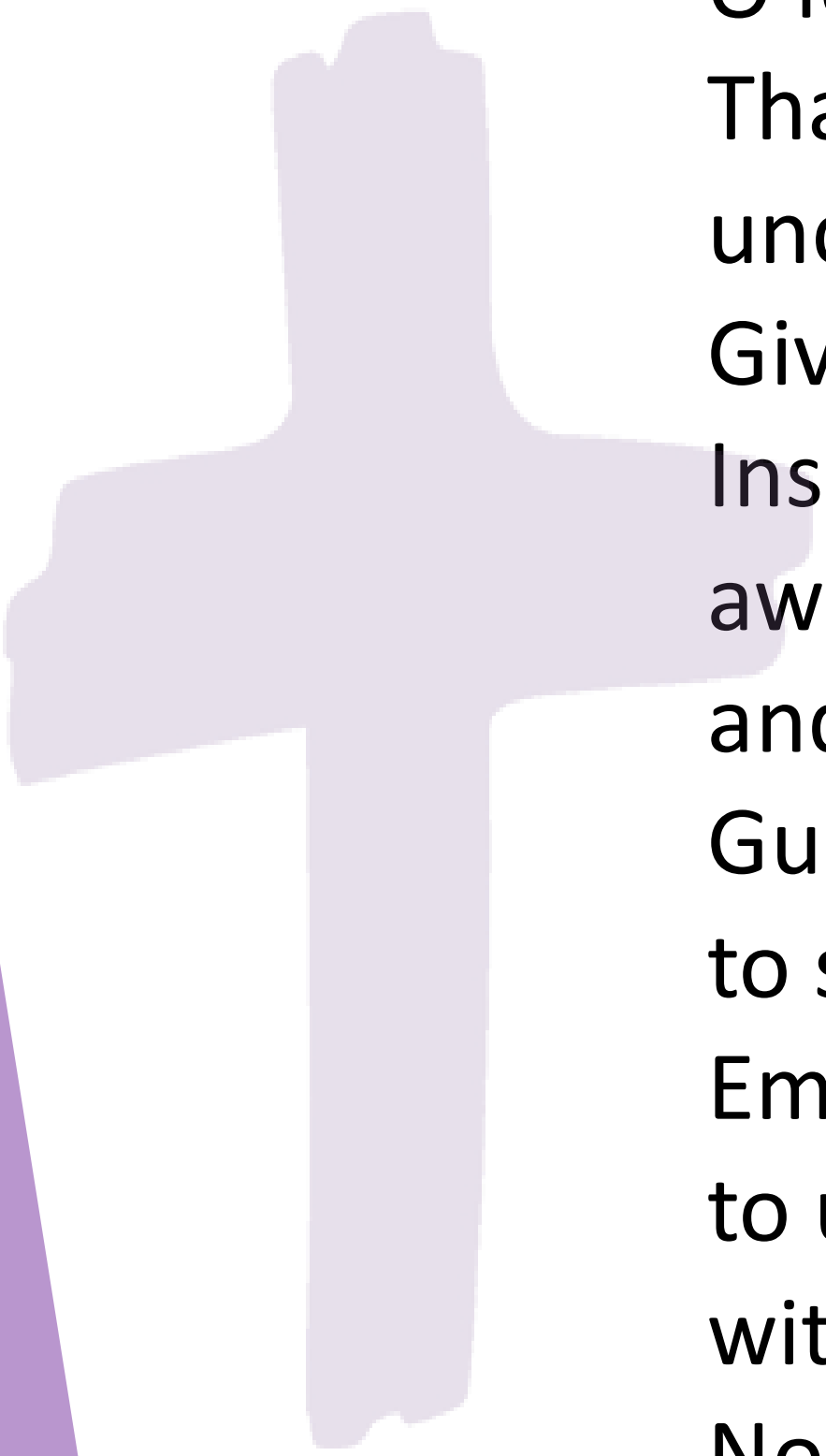


Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that we, here in the Durham Region, are on the traditional lands of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island.

Notre Dame Community Prayer

O loving God,
Thank you for the many blessings and
unconditional love you have bestowed upon us.
Give us the strength to overcome temptation.
Inspire us to act as leaders in charity,
awaken our minds to your infinite wisdom,
and help us to work together in harmony.
Guide us to live for others before ourselves and
to serve others as you so greatly serve us.
Empower us to grow as individuals and
to unite as a community,
with the fire of your love in our hearts.
Notre Dame, Our Lady, pray for us.



Administration

S. O'Connor

Principal

Y. Hannelas

Vice Principal (A - L)

A. Serrao

Vice Principal (M - Z)

Durham Regional Police Service

Constable L. Kennedy
Liaison Officer

Student Council

Ayesha Young
President

Grace Opaleye
Kyna Parmar
Grade 9 Reps

Extra Curricular Activities

A circular graphic containing a list of extra-curricular activities. The text is arranged in a roughly circular pattern, with some items in green and others in purple. The activities listed include:

- DelfExamPrep
- Non-ProfitSHSM
- DualCreditCourses
- DramaClub
- TerryFoxRun
- Arts&CultureSHSM
- BusinessSHSM
- LunchIntramuralSports
- TechCrew
- APPhysics
- BoysBasketball
- DebateClub
- GirlsSoccer
- UofWaterlooMathContests
- PeerMediators
- BoysSoccer
- LunchCrunch
- GirlsBasketball
- APCalculus
- CoffeeHouse
- Yearbook
- PhotographyClub
- NEXUS:MathClub
- SportsSHSM
- ReachForTheTop
- CoreFrenchPeerTutoring
- BookClub
- Retreats
- MuslimStudentAssociation
- Baseball
- BEST:BlackExcellenceStudentCommittee
- Eco-Team
- Track&Field
- DECA:BusinessEmpowermentInitiativeClub
- ChessClub
- TravelForCredit
- ACAC:AsianCultureAppreciationClub
- BoysVolleyball
- CodingClub
- SAA:StudentAthleticAssociation
- WednesdayMorningRosary
- NDPost
- BreakfastClub
- SpecialOlympics
- Riveters
- APEnglish
- GirlsVolleyball
- HOSA:HealthSciencesClub
- VolleyballClub
- BoysHockey
- Artists'Corner
- Cross-Country
- Weight-TrainingClub
- ConcertBand
- PromCommittee
- ChamberChoir
- StudentCouncil
- Robotics
- Badminton
- ConstructionClub
- APChemistry
- FaithAmbassadors
- PRISMConcertChoir

Program Support

L. Collins

(A - J)

M. Tonna

(K - Z)

Program Support

monitor, support and connect with students on an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and/or requiring assistive technology (AT)

a resource space open to all students to access one-on-one support

transition meetings will be arranged for students requiring them in the spring

Guidance

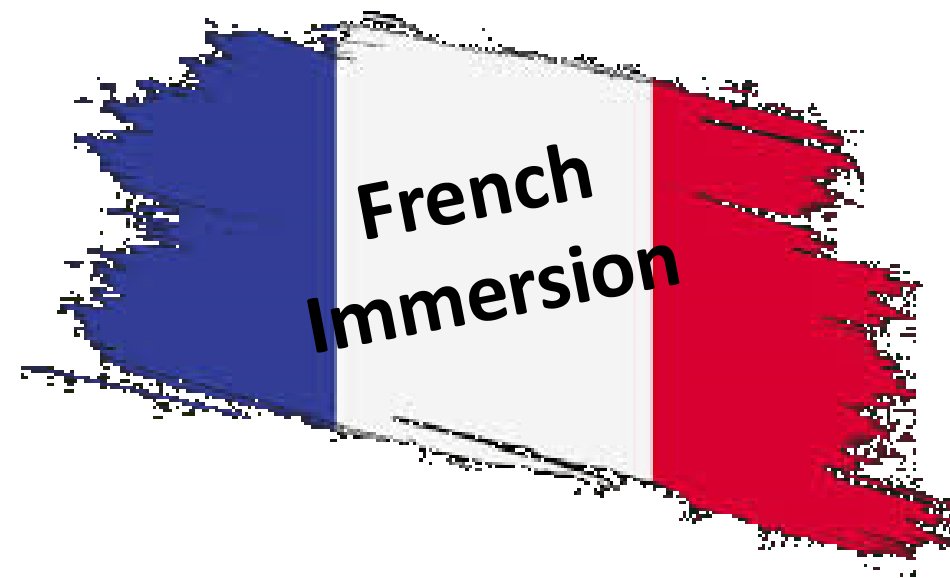
L. Najera
(A - G)

W. Manuel
(H - M)

D. Hodkinson
(N - Z)

S. Garth
Intermediate Guidance Counsellor

Specialty Programs





Advanced Placement

university-level curriculum incorporated into
academic courses starting in

- grade 10 for **math**,
- grade 11 for **biology, chemistry, physics**, and
- grade 12 for **English**

completion of AP courses until grade 12
establishes eligibility for AP exams

successful scores on AP exams demonstrate commitment to
learning and **could** earn university credits



French Immersion

To be eligible for **French Immersion**, students must have completed a minimum of **3800 hours** by the end of grade 8.

For these students, their French program began in Grade 1.

Students in the French Immersion program must complete **10 courses** in French throughout high school.



Specialist High Skills Major

**Arts & Culture * Business * Construction
Non-Profit, Education & Childcare * Sports**

an experiential learning program starting in grade 11
which allows students to focus on their **preferred career path**
while meeting the **requirements of their diploma**

- choose course bundles
- take co-op
- reach ahead opportunities – trips & guest speakers
- mentoring by professionals in the community
- industry health and safety certifications

30 CREDITS

17 Compulsory + 13 Elective

- 4 credits in English (9, 10, 11 & 12)
- 3 credits in Mathematics (9, 10 & 11 or 12)
- 2 credits in Science
- 1 credit in Canadian History
- 1 credit in Canadian Geography
- 1 credit in the Arts
- 1 credit in Technological Education (9 or 10)
- 1 credit in Health and Physical Education
- 1 credit in French as a Second Language
- 0.5 credit in career studies
- 0.5 credit in civics
- 1 credit in the STEM-related group
 - Business Studies
 - Computer Studies
 - Cooperative Education
 - Mathematis
 - Science
 - Technological Education

GRAD REQUIREMENTS

COMMUNITY SERVICE

40 Hours

Must be completed between Grade 8 graduation and May 31st of Grade 12

LITERACY REQUIREMENT

OSSLT or OLC

The Ontario Literacy Test with a minimum score of 300 OR the Grade 12 Ontario Literacy Course

ELEARNING

2 credits

Opt-out option is available

students MUST take

religion

in each of their four years
at Notre Dame

Choosing Courses

choose courses wisely - be informed

seek **recommendations**
from your Grade 8 teachers and IGT

make selections based on your
STRENGTHS, INTERESTS & LEARNING SKILLS

Once submitted,
course selections **cannot** be changed in myBlueprint.

Compulsory Courses

Grade 9	ENG	FI	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Religion (FI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • open 	HRE1O1	HRE1OF	Religion (FI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • open 	Religion (FI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • university/college 	Religion (FI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • university/college
English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • de-streamed • locally developed 	ENL1W1 ENG1L1		English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • academic • applied • locally developed 	English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • university • college • workplace 	English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • university • college • workplace
Math <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • de-streamed • locally developed 	MTH1W1 MAT1L1		Math <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • academic • applied • locally developed 	Math <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • university • university/college • college • workplace 	
Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • de-streamed • locally developed 	SNC1W1 SNC1L1		Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • academic • applied • locally developed 		
Geography (FI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • de-streamed 	CGC1W1	CGC1WF	History (FI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • academic • applied 		
French (FI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • de-streamed 	FSF1D1	FIF1DF	Civics & Careers (FI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • open 		

* French Immersion Students MUST take French every year.

Compulsory Courses

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<p>1 Art Credit any grade; recommended in grade 9 or 10 for prerequisite reasons</p>			
<p>1 Phys Ed Credit (FI – Gr 9 & 10) any grade</p>			
<p>1 Tech Credit grade 9 or 10</p>			
	<p>1 STEM Group Business Studies, Computer Studies, Cooperative Education, an additional Mathematics, an additional Science, an additional Technological Education</p>		

Elective Courses

choose 2 in
grade 9

Grade 9

Grade 10

Arts

- ADA1O1 ~ Drama
- AMI1O1 ~ Instrumental Music
- AMV1O1 ~ Vocal Music
- AVI1O1 ~ Visual Arts

- ADA1O1 ~ Drama
- AMI1O1 ~ Instrumental Music
- AMG2O1 ~ Guitar
- AMV1O1 ~ Vocal Music
- ASM2O1 ~ Media Arts
- AVI1O1 ~ Visual Arts
- AWC2O1 ~ Ceramics

Phys Ed

- PPL1O1 ~ Phys Ed (Male)
- PPL1O2 ~ Phys Ed (Female)
- PPL1OF ~ Phys Ed (Co-ed French Immersion)

- PAF2O3 ~ Cardio & Weight Training (Co-ed)
- PPL2O3 ~ Phys Ed (Co-ed)
- PAI2OF ~ Individual & Small Group activities (Co-ed French Immersion)
- PPL1OF ~ Phys Ed (Co-ed French Immersion)

Tech

- TCJ1O1 ~ Construction Technology & the Skilled Trades
- TGJ1O1 ~ Communications Technology & the Skilled Trades

- TDJ2O1 ~ Technological Design & the Skilled Trades
- TEJ2O1 ~ Computer Technology & the Skilled Trades
- TMJ2O1 ~ Manufacturing Technology & the Skilled Trades

Other

- GLE1O1 ~ Learning Strategies
(only in consultation with Program Support)
- GLS1OR ~ U.P. Math
(only in consultation with Grade 8 Teacher)

- BEP2O1 ~ Launching & Leading a Business
- ELS2O1 ~ Literacy Skills: OSSLT Prep
- FSF2D1 ~ Core French
- GLE2O1 ~ Learning Strategies
(only in consultation with Program Support)
- HFN2O1 ~ Food & Nutrition
- ICD2O1 ~ Digital Technology and Innovations in the Changing World
- LWSBD1 ~ Spanish

Alternate Courses

- An **alternate course** is an *additional elective* that may be used if your courses conflict or are full.
- Alternates will be used based on subject area whenever possible.
(2 electives in the same subject area will be avoided)
- ***Make sure to choose courses you are interested in as you cannot make changes later.***



Choose 2

Course Selection Planning Tool

available on our website and the Edsby transition page

Course Selection Planning Tool GRADES 9 & 10 ♦ ENGLISH STREAM

GRADE 9	GRADE 10
Religion <input type="checkbox"/> HRE101	Religion <input type="checkbox"/> HRE201
English <input type="checkbox"/> ENG1L1 <input type="checkbox"/> ENL1W1	English <input type="checkbox"/> ENG2L1 <input type="checkbox"/> ENG2D1 <input type="checkbox"/> ENG2P1
Math <input type="checkbox"/> MAT1L1 <input type="checkbox"/> MTH1W1	Math <input type="checkbox"/> MAT2L1 <input type="checkbox"/> MFM2P1 <input type="checkbox"/> MPM2D1 <input type="checkbox"/> MPM2D2
Science <input type="checkbox"/> SNC1L1 <input type="checkbox"/> SNC1W1	Science <input type="checkbox"/> SNC1L1 <input type="checkbox"/> SNC2P1 <input type="checkbox"/> SNC2D1 <input type="checkbox"/> SNC2D2
Geography <input type="checkbox"/> CGC1W1	History <input type="checkbox"/> CHC2D1
French <input type="checkbox"/> FSF1D1	Civics <input type="checkbox"/> CHV201
Elective	Careers <input type="checkbox"/> GLC201
Elective	Elective

1 credit is required in grade 9 or 10

Tech

- Grade 9 Options:
 - TAS10C Construction & Comm Tech
 - TAS10S Green Industries & Health Care
- Grade 10 Options:
 - TCJ201 Construction Tech
 - TDJ201 Tech Design
 - TGJ201 Communications Tech

1 credit is required & recommended in grade 9 or 10

ART

Grade 9 Options:

- ADA101 Drama
- AM101 Instrumental Music
- AMV101 Vocal Music
- AV101 Visual Arts

Grade 10 Options:

- ADA201 Drama
- AM201 Instrumental Music
- AMG201 Guitar
- AMV201 Vocal Music
- AMS201 Media Arts
- AV201 Visual Arts
- AWC201 Ceramics

1 credit is required & recommended in grade 9 or 10

PHYS ED

Grade 9 Options:

- PPL101 Phys Ed (male)
- PPL102 Phys Ed (female)
- PPL10F Phys Ed French Immersion (co-ed)

Grade 10 Options:

- PPL201 Phys Ed (male)
- PPL202 Phys Ed (female)
- PAF201 Weight Training (male)
- PAF202 Weight Training (female)

OTHER ELECTIVES

Grade 9 Options:

- GLE101 Learning Strategies

Grade 10 Options:

- BEP201 Launching & Leading a Business
- ELS201 Literacy Skills
- FSF201 Core French
- GLE201 Learning Strategies
- HFN201 Food & Nutrition
- LWIBD1 Italian
- LWSBD1 Spanish

1 Any Language
Canadian Studies
English
Guidance
Indigenous Studies
Social Studies
Co-op
Gr 11 Religion

2 Art
Business
French
Phys Ed
Co-op

3 Computers
French
Science
Tech
Co-op

Summer School Reach Ahead ~ Optional

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Course Selection Planning Tool ENGLISH STREAM

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
Religion <input type="checkbox"/> HRE101	Religion <input type="checkbox"/> HRE201	Religion <input type="checkbox"/> HRF301 <input type="checkbox"/> HRT3M1	Religion <input type="checkbox"/> HRE401 <input type="checkbox"/> HRE4M1
English <input type="checkbox"/> ENG1L1 <input type="checkbox"/> ENL1W1	English <input type="checkbox"/> ENG2L1 <input type="checkbox"/> ENG2D1 <input type="checkbox"/> ENG2P1	English <input type="checkbox"/> NBE3E1 <input type="checkbox"/> NBE3C1 <input type="checkbox"/> NBE3U1	English <input type="checkbox"/> ENG4E1 <input type="checkbox"/> ENG4C1 <input type="checkbox"/> ENG4U1 <input type="checkbox"/> ENG4U2
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French <input type="checkbox"/> FSF1D1	Civics <input type="checkbox"/> CHV201	Elective	Elective
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Course Selection Planning Tool GRADES 9 & 10 ♦ FRENCH IMMERSION

GRADE 9	GRADE 10
Religion <input type="checkbox"/> HRE10F	Religion <input type="checkbox"/> HRE20F <input type="checkbox"/> HRE20G
English <input type="checkbox"/> ENG1L1 <input type="checkbox"/> ENL1W1	English <input type="checkbox"/> ENG2L1 <input type="checkbox"/> ENG2D1 <input type="checkbox"/> ENG2P1
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Geography <input type="checkbox"/> CGC1WF	History <input type="checkbox"/> CHC2DF
French <input type="checkbox"/> FIF10F	Civics <input type="checkbox"/> CHV20F
Elective	Careers <input type="checkbox"/> GLC20F
Elective	French <input type="checkbox"/> FIF20F
Elective	Elective

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- ELS201 Literacy Skills
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Access Resources on the ND Website

The screenshot shows the Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School website. The navigation menu includes: OUR SCHOOL, **STUDENTS** (circled in purple), PARENTS, PROGRAMS & SERVICES, and I'D LIKE TO. A search icon is also present. Below the navigation, there are several menu items: 21st Century Learning, Black Excellence, Celebration, History, Calendar, Catholic Graduate Expectations, Code of Conduct, Community Involvement Hours, Consent for Information Sharing - Students 18+, Daily Announcements, Edsby, Extra and Co-Curricular Activities, **Guidance** (circled in purple), Indigenous Education, LaunchPad Learning Portal Login, and Mental Health. A purple arrow points from the 'STUDENTS' menu to the 'Guidance' menu item. Another purple arrow points from the 'Guidance' menu item to a larger inset window showing the Guidance page. The inset window displays the 'Guidance' page with a welcome message, office hours, contact information, and a list of staff members. A purple arrow points from the 'Secondary Pathway Planning' item in the right-hand menu to the corresponding row in the staff table. A QR code is located in the top right corner of the main screenshot. The URL <https://notredame.dcdsb.ca/en/students/Students.aspx> is visible at the bottom left of the main screenshot.

STUDENTS View our Students page

21st Century Learning
Black Excellence, Celebration, History
Calendar
Catholic Graduate Expectations
Code of Conduct
Community Involvement Hours
Consent for Information Sharing - Students 18+

Daily Announcements
Edsby
Extra and Co-Curricular Activities
Guidance
Indigenous Education
LaunchPad Learning Portal Login
Mental Health

myBlueprint
Pathways to Student Success

Guidance
Home / Students / Guidance

Welcome to Guidance at Notre Dame!
We look forward to helping you navigate your years at ND.

Office Hours
Monday to Friday
7:30 am to 3:00 pm

Please Contact Us

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Students

- Guidance
- Alternative Education
- Community Involvement Hours
- Continuing Education for High School Students
- Cooperative Education
- Experiential Learning
- Grade 12 Information
- Graduation Requirements
- Job Search
- NCAA Information
- Post-Secondary Pathway Planning
- Scholarships and Financial Aid
- Secondary Pathway Planning
- Student Success
- Student Support Services
- Transitioning to Grade 9
- Transitions and Pathways

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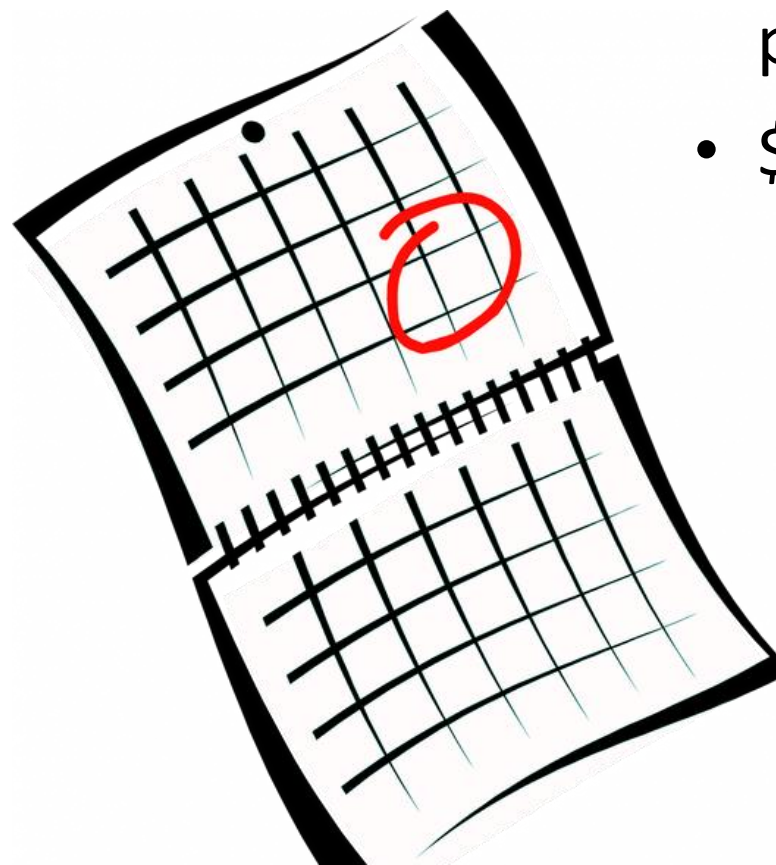
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Important Dates

January Course selection presentations for associate schools by IGT and ND Guidance Counsellors to help with the course selection process.

February 10 Grade 8 Course Selection Deadline

- course selection submission in myBlueprint **AND** electronic parental approval
- \$75 activity fee payable through **School Cash Online**



retreats
yearbook
guest speakers
school council
lock



STUDENTS **NOT** ATTENDING A NOTRE DAME ASSOCIATE SCHOOL



- Visit the Notre Dame website.
- Locate **REGISTER FOR SCHOOL** on the homepage.
- Create an account to complete the Online Student Application.
- Print the pre-admission application package and email it with the required accompanying documents to the Notre Dame Guidance Department by February 10, 2025.

French Immersion students must contact the guidance office to get a registration package; online applications are not available.

Prepare for Grade 9

Head Start

2nd Last Week of August

9:00 am - 1:30 pm (to be confirmed)

Find out more and register at con-ed.ca

A high school preparation program for Grade 8 students moving into Grade 9. This program is intended to prepare new Grade 9 students by focusing on mathematics, English, mental health and study skills. It also allows students the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the school and their Grade 9 peers prior to the first day.

Parent Council

G. Sajonas-Roopansingh

A. Romero-Ramos

Co-Presidents



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Notre Dame Parent Council Ajax



<https://notredame.dcdsb.ca/en/our-school/Catholic-School-Council.aspx>

thank you for coming

SEE YOU IN

September