

GUIDE TO THE START



OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

BETWEEN GOOD NEWS

2026.27

WELCOME TO THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year, Lions! It is with great joy, deep gratitude, and just a tiny bit of disbelief that I write to you as the new principal of NDCL.

After 22 years here, you might be thinking, "New principal? Haven't we seen him somewhere before?" The answer is yes. Over the past two decades, I have had the privilege of serving this community as a teacher, varsity coach, Dean of Students, and Assistant Principal.

Some people might call this a promotion. Others might call it a natural consequence of simply never leaving.

The truth is that NDCL is not just where I work—it is home. For 22 years, I have witnessed students grow into remarkable young adults, families become lifelong friends, and our community continually live out its mission of educating leaders who transform the world, as Jesus did, by living the truth in love. I am honored and humbled to continue that mission as principal.

As we prepare for the 2026-2027 school year, our NDCL theme is: **"Be the Good News"**

St. Francis of Assisi said "Preach the Gospel. If necessary, use words." In this Jubilee year of St. Francis of Assisi, we embrace his message for our school community. In a world that often seems filled with bad news, our students are called to be something different. We are challenged to live the message of Christ through our core values of justice, respect, integrity, community and excellence. Being the Good News isn't just about what we say—it is about how we treat others, how we handle challenges, and how we share God's love in our classrooms, homes, and community.

This theme will guide us throughout the year as we strive to help our students become not only strong learners, but faithful disciples and leaders.

We also have an exciting addition to our campus this fall: the opening of our new Design and Innovation Lab.

This incredible new learning space will provide students with opportunities to explore creativity, problem-solving, engineering, technology, collaboration, and design thinking. While our students have always been innovative, we are now giving them a space specifically designed to imagine, create, build, and discover. We are excited to see the projects, ideas, and future innovations that will emerge from this new environment.

As we begin this next chapter together, please know that my commitment remains the same as it has been for the past 22 years: to support our students, partner with our families, and ensure that NDCL continues to be a place where faith and learning thrive.

Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your prayers. I look forward to welcoming everyone back this fall for what promises to be an outstanding year.

God Bless,



Mr. Chris Poulos
NDCL Principal



Coming Soon: The Design & Innovation Lab

INFORMATION FOR OUR OPENING DAYS

New Student Family Orientation & Picnic

We invite incoming freshmen, transfer students and their families to join us for the **New Student Family Orientation & Picnic** on Wednesday, August 5th at 6 PM. Student ambassadors will be on hand to welcome all students and families at Lion Stadium. The picnic will be from 6-8:30 PM. While students are gathering for activities, they will also select their locker.

Parents will follow a schedule where they will rotate through presentations with our administration, counselors, and campus ministers.

The spirit shop at the stadium will also be open to purchase apparel.

Locker Selection Process

This year upperclassman locker selection will take place in the main lobby as follows on **Tuesday, August 4th**:

- **Seniors:** 10:30-11:30 AM
- **Juniors:** 1:00-2:00 PM
- **Sophomores:** 2:00-3:00 PM
- **Sophomore and Junior Transfers:** These students are welcome as well, or can wait to make their selections at the Picnic on Wednesday, August 5th)
- **Freshmen/Transfers** Wednesday, August 5th during the Picnic

The cost for locker selection is \$20.00. Cash, check or credit card. A text will be sent out with a link prior to the Picnic. Cash and checks are still accepted. However, credit card is preferred.

Schedules will be available for:

- Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores will all be ready on 8/4
- Freshmen will receive schedules during freshman orientation

If you purchased a parking permit, you will also receive your permit tag for your vehicle that needs to be displayed on your review mirror.

New Student Orientation

The following Wednesday on August 12th, a high-energy orientation program for **NEW STUDENTS** will begin at 8:00 AM. Guides will be available in the main parking lot to welcome and assist our newest Lions as their parents and/or caregivers drop them off. Students should be in school uniform. Following a welcome in the gym, new students will participate in a series of activities to help them get to know each other, the upperclassmen, and their teachers. In the afternoon, they will receive their class schedules and follow an abbreviated version of the school day. **Students will be dismissed at 2:00 PM.**

Books & Course Materials

Students do not need to purchase books, workbooks, and similar materials as these items are included in tuition. Teachers will distribute these materials during the first few days of classes. Teachers will also share any specific requirements they have for school supplies such as binders, notebooks, etc.

First Day of Classes: Thursday, August 13

Students should report in uniform to their Block 1 classes by 7:55 AM. Students with an Enhanced Learning Block for Block 1 should also report at 7:55 AM on the first day for an orientation session. **All students will be dismissed at 2:45 PM.**

AVI Foodsystems, Inc.

Details on the lunch program provided by AVI Foodsystems, our food service partner, can be found in this booklet.



Student Dress Code

The NDCL dress code appears in this booklet. We begin the year with the warm weather option. Students may wear solid khaki or navy knee-length (golf or walking, but not cargo or cut-off) shorts.

Bus Transportation and Parking

Students who ordinarily ride public school buses may have to provide their own transportation for the first days of school. Check with your local school district regarding busing. Students who drive to school must purchase a parking permit for the year for \$100 from Mrs. Medve in the main office.

School Picture and ID Day: Tuesday, August 25

Ripcho Studios will take photos for all student ID cards and underclass photo packages on Tuesday, August 25, which will be a regular uniform day for all students.

Cell Phone Policy

Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School implemented a phone free policy beginning in August of the 2025-2026 school year. This decision reflects our commitment to creating a learning environment that is research-based and mission-aligned. This shift in understanding reflects a broader movement across the state of Ohio, where, as of July 1, 2025 a new law (House Bill 250) requires schools to implement policies that restrict student cell phone use during instructional time.

Change of Information

If you have had an address, phone or email change, please email ashley.medve@ndcl.org

Attendance & Absence Reporting

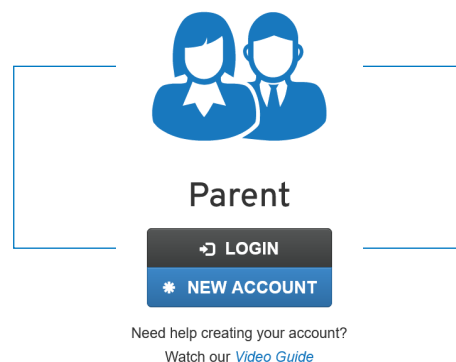
Absence must be reported to the school office by emailing attendance@ndcl.org or a telephone call by 7:55 A.M. each morning.

The parent may call the evening before or early morning since the voicemail is in operation on the **440-286-6226** line. Examples of reasons for excused absences include personal illness; illness in the family if student's services are required; death of a family member; medical or dental appointments that cannot be made outside of the school day; vacation with parent(s); disruption of bus service where student does not have an alternate way to school; and other circumstances judged to be sufficient cause for the student's absence by the administration.

A SIMPLER WAY TO SUBMIT SCHOOL FORMS

To assist our families with school forms, NDCL has partnered with FinalForms.com. FinalForms.com enables parents to complete nearly all of their school forms, including:

- Emergency medical authorization and health concerns
- Activity participation, including athletics
- Pre-participation physical form for sports and all PE classes
- Parent volunteer opportunities and Athletic Booster membership
- Ensuring most current address, email and phone number are on file.



To use FinalForms follow these steps:

FinalForms directions for families NEW to NDCL

- You'll be able to complete all forms in about 10 minutes if you have the following when you sit down at your computer:
 - Your child(ren) because they will need to electronically sign some of the forms
 - Email addresses for you and each child enrolled
 - Family physician and dentist contact information
 - Your medical insurance information (provider and account number)
- Create your account here: <https://ndcl.finalforms.com/>
- You will immediately receive an email to confirm your account. Didn't get the email? Be sure to check your spam folder.
- After confirming your account, you will click ADD STUDENT to add your first enrolled child to your account.
- After entering student information, click CREATE STUDENT.
- You will now assign your student to their sports and activities, if any. ALL freshmen and sophomores (unless they have taken the PE waiver) need to be assigned to PE/Strength & Conditioning because all of these students must take PE or Strength and Conditioning classes.
- Click UPDATE SPORTS to confirm your entries.
- In the Booster tab, please make sure to select your child's correct T-SHIRT SIZE as students receive a t-shirt during Spirit Week.
- Now complete the various forms that appear in the menu on the left side of the screen. To sign each form, enter your full name as you entered it when you created your FinalForms account. Click SUBMIT FORM after you have signed each form.
- If you wish to add another child, click MY STUDENTS at the top of the screen and then click ADD STUDENT. Your contact information from your first child will be automatically copied to each additional child's forms, saving you loads of time.
- When all forms are complete, you will see a FORMS FINISHED message. An email will automatically be sent to the email address(es) of your child(ren) with a link so that each child can sign their forms. The process is not complete until students sign the forms that require their signatures!

Directions for RETURNING families:

- Log on to your account: <https://ndcl.finalforms.com/>
- If necessary, update information.
- Only if you have a new student, click ADD STUDENT.
- Complete and electronically sign all of the forms listed on the right side of your screen.
- When all forms are complete, you will see a FORMS FINISHED message. An email will be sent to the email address(es) of your child(ren) with a link so that each child can sign their forms. The process is not complete until students sign the forms that require their signatures!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS . . .

I am a returning parent. Do I create a new account? No, the beauty of FinalForms is that your information carries over from year to year. Just log in and follow the directions in the box to the left on this page.

What if I forgot my password? The FinalForms site has a "forgot password" link.

What if I have questions or problems? Ms. Rachel Breckenridge will be happy to help. Email her at rachel.breckenridge@ndcl.org or call her at 440-279-1099.

Healthy Roster:

University Hospitals Drusinsky Sports Medicine Institute will now support our thirty-one NDCL athletic teams, expanding access to expert care and strengthening the health and well-being of our student athletes. Families of our student athletes should have received a link to Health Roster, a HIPAA compliant Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system that our new Athletic Trainer will utilize to keep track of all injuries and treatments as well as secure storage for clearance and participation notes from an athlete's physicians. If you have further questions, please contact our new Athletic Trainer, Mitch Geddis at mitch.geddis@ndcl.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

New Student Family Orientation & Picnic, August 5

This Picnic is a great way to celebrate the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year. New students will have the opportunity to connect, learn more about the school, and even select their own locker.

Please note this year's event is for new NDCL students and families only.

New Student Family Orientation
BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC
Wednesday, August 5th
6:00 PM



Opening 2026-2027 All-School Mass: Wednesday, September 2

Wednesday, September 2. We will celebrate Mass at 10:20 AM in McGarry Gym.

Annual Notre Dame Chicken BBQ & Boutique: Sunday, September 27

This September we celebrate the 64th Annual Barbecue and Boutique to benefit the educational ministries of our Sisters of Notre Dame. NDCL will once again host this community gathering on Sunday, September 27, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

We call upon NDCL parents to help as adult volunteers to make this year's Barbecue success. Why not become a volunteer and be a part of this popular and successful event?

What about student volunteers? Student volunteers will sign up with Sister Michelle Kelly in early September. Students may earn service hours for participation.

How do I/we sign on as a volunteer? Simply use the form that appears in this booklet. Please return this paper form via your student to school, to the Notre Dame Education Center, or through the mail.

Thank you in advance for your help and support. The Barbecue provides an occasion to celebrate friendship and to express our gratitude to all who join us in our mission of educational service in the Church. In gratitude, our sisters pray daily for our benefactors. Please include any special intentions with your completed volunteer form.



2026 -2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

AUGUST	4	Senior Locker Selection, 10:30 AM-11:30 AM Junior Locker Selection, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM Sophomore Locker Selection, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM
	5	New Student Family Orientation & Back to School Bash 6:00 PM
	5-6	New Teacher Orientation
	10-11	Teacher work days
	12	Freshman Orientation, 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
	13	First day of classes for all students
	20	Meet the Teacher Night, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
SEPTEMBER	7	Labor Day (no classes)
	25	Professional day (no classes)
OCTOBER	7	Testing Day
	8	Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences
	9	Professional day (no classes)
	13	First Quarter ends
NOVEMBER	25-27	Thanksgiving Vacation
DECEMBER	15-18	Testing Days
	18	Christmas Vacation begins after last exam First Semester ends
JANUARY	4	Professional day (no classes)
	5	Classes resume
		Second semester begins
	18	Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (no classes)
FEBRUARY	12	Professional day (no classes)
	15	Presidents Day (no classes)
MARCH	8	Third Quarter ends
	9	Testing Day
	16	Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences
	17	No Classes
	25-2 [April]	Easter Vacation
APRIL	5	Classes resume
MAY	6, 7, 10	Semester exams for seniors
	12	Baccalaureate Mass, 10:00 AM
	14	Prom and After-Prom (no classes for all students)
	17-20	Semester exams for freshmen, sophomores, juniors
	20	Fourth Quarter ends (last day for students)
	21	Class of 2027 Commencement

MEET THE TEACHERS NIGHT: THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

In this popular program, parents and/or caregivers follow their student's schedules to meet our expert, caring teachers and to learn about their exciting learning plans for the year ahead.

The program begins at 6:00 PM and concludes about 8:30 PM. Copies of class schedules will be provided that evening.

DAILY BELL SCHEDULES

TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY DAILY SCHEDULE

Blocks 1 (5): 7:55 AM - 9:15 AM

Blocks 2 (6): 9:20 AM - 10:50 AM (with video announcements at 9:20 AM)

Lion Time: 10:50 AM - 11:20 AM

Blocks 3 (7): A: 11:20 AM - 11:50 AM

B: 11:50 AM - 12:20 PM

C: 12:20 PM - 12:50 PM

D: 12:50 PM - 1:20 PM

*Three blocks will be for class,
and one will be for lunch.*

Blocks 4 (8): 1:25 PM - 2:45 PM



MONDAY TWO-HOUR DELAY SCHEDULE

This special schedule will be followed on these days only:

September 28, October 19, November 30, February 1, March 15, and April 5.

Teacher time: 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Blocks 1 (5): 9:40 AM - 10:45 AM

Blocks 2 (6): A: 10:50 AM - 11:15 AM

B: 11:15 AM - 11:40 AM

C: 11:40 AM - 12:05 PM

D: 12:05 PM - 12:30 PM

*Three blocks will be for class,
and one will be for lunch.*

Blocks 3 (7): 12:35 PM - 1:35 PM

Blocks 4 (8): 1:40 PM - 2:45 PM



MONDAY 45-MINUTE DELAY SCHEDULE

This schedule will be followed on all Mondays except those listed above.

Teacher time: 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Blocks 1 (5): 8:40 AM - 10:00 AM

Blocks 2 (6): 10:05 AM - 11:35 AM

Blocks 3 (7): A: 11:40 AM - 12:05 PM

B: 12:05 PM - 12:30 PM

C: 12:30 PM - 12:55 PM

D: 12:55 PM - 1:20 PM

*Three blocks will be for class,
and one will be for lunch.*

Blocks 4 (8): 1:25 PM - 2:45 PM



LIONS LEAD WITH PRIDE!

AVI FRESH: OUR DINING SERVICES PARTNER



Since 2019, our dining services partner, **AVI Foodsystems**, has enhanced our students' school experience with nutritious and delicious lunches. Headquartered in Warren, Ohio, AVI is a privately held, family-owned company with nearly 60 years in the food and hospitality services industry with extensive experience serving students of all ages. AVI's clients include The Ohio State University, Hiram College, Hathaway Brown School, Gilmour Academy, and hundreds of schools and corporations in 44 states.

AVI is focused on culinary excellence, sustainable business practices and community involvement that is unrivaled in the industry. Looking forward and anticipating trends allows AVI to exceed the expectations of student customers. AVI's hallmark is its commitment to listen, to understand and to respond to each school it serves to deliver a student dining program that is as unique and distinctive as the people and community it serves.

A Focus On Fresh

AVI team members are passionate with their culinary endeavors and seek to provide a wide variety of healthful dishes at each meal, keeping things fresh, fun and interesting. They focus on from-scratch preparation, using fresh seasonal ingredients and sourcing local purveyors when possible.

The **AVI Fresh Food Zones** offer nutritious and delicious selections. The contemporary areas include the exhibition-style cooking at **Fusion**, the sizzling and seasoned selections from the **Grill**, authentic **Pizza and Pasta**, garden fresh salads and ancient grains at **NutriBar**, as well as our **Soup and Fresh-to-Go** choices.

For your convenience, AVI will identify most common dietary allergens (wheat, dairy, eggs, fish, shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts and soy) and special dietary needs (vegetarian, vegan or gluten-sensitive) at each station to help meet students' dietary needs. Students will enjoy the variety and taste the difference!

An Inviting Look

AVI creates an interactive culinary environment. Look for exciting upgrades with signage, uniforms, serving tools and overall appearance of the café to provide an entirely new level of service.

An Array of Menu Options

We will post a weekly menu on the NDCL website. **Complete lunches will cost \$7.25 for pizza, side, and beverage; \$7.75 for any grill item, side, and beverage; or \$7.75 for the daily complete meal and beverage.** Menu items can also be purchased à la carte.

POINT-OF-SALE SYSTEM (POS)

Dear Notre Dame Families,

As we continue to prepare for the 2026-2027 school year, Notre Dame Schools and our foodservice provider AVI Fresh have chosen a new point-of-sale partner, Meal Magic.

Benefits of Meal Magic include:

- 35+ years of experience supporting school lunch programs
- High level of personal customer service
- Secure data handling
- Easy to use on desktop or mobile app
- Funds can be added to your account for a fee of \$2/transaction, or cash/check can be sent to the school office and funds will be added without a fee (same as in the past)
- Email reminders can be customized by you
- Student allergies will be incorporated into the checkout process to help keep allergens away from students who shouldn't have them

All families are required to set up an account. Any previous balances with AVI were transferred over, and your student's 6-digit ID will remain the same.

Your student(s) account number(s) are: Student Name: XXXXXX ID#: XXXXX

To enroll in the POS system:

- Go to ndcl.familyportal.cloud
- Watch the two short instructional videos
- Select MY ACCOUNT, then "I need to register as a Family Portal user" and enter your email address on file with the school
- Read and accept Terms and Privacy Policy
- Go to your email and click on the Activation/Verification email
- Establish your account pass phrase
- Enter your student(s) using the above listed ID numbers and full names
- Students may also make cash purchases in the cafeteria.

Using the site's customization features, you can add multiple parent managers of the account. You can also deposit one amount and split it among several students (keeping the fee to only \$2).

Please set up your account before the opening of school. If you have any questions or problems establishing your account, please contact **Mr. Jay Cabatingan at 440.286.1058** or lunchaccounts@ndcl.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jacqueline Hoynes, President Notre Dame Schools

DRESS CODE FOR BOYS

THE GENERAL RULE:

A student who wears a visible item that is not specifically permitted by the dress code is in violation of the code. The administration of Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School has the ultimate authority to determine the appropriateness of all attire.

Boys dress uniform

- Khaki plain front or pleated slacks, purchased from Schoolbelles, Tommy Hilfiger, or Lands' End School. Dockers™-style khaki slacks may be obtained from any supplier. However, these pants must be traditionally styled slacks with inside pockets (not patch pockets), plain or pleated fronts, cuffed or stitched hems, and no contrasting seams or other adornments. A belt that is securely fastened around the waist is worn if the slacks have belt loops.
- White or light blue oxford style, button-down collar shirt, long or short sleeves, not oversized, with tie. This shirt, which must be properly tucked into the pants, may be purchased from any supplier.
- Navy blue V-neck or crewneck sweater or sweater vest with NDCL logo, purchased from Schoolbelles, Tommy Hilfiger, or Lands' End School.

Boys standard uniform

- Navy, khaki, or grey plain front or pleated slacks, purchased from Schoolbelles, Tommy Hilfiger, or Lands' End School. Dockers™-style navy or khaki slacks may be obtained from any supplier. However, these pants must be traditionally styled slacks with inside pockets (not patch pockets), plain or pleated fronts, cuffed or stitched hems, and no contrasting seams or other adornments. A belt that is securely fastened around the waist is worn if the slacks have belt loops.
- Long or short-sleeved polo shirts with NDCL emblem, mesh or interlock knit, in white, maize, navy or cobalt blue, from Schoolbelles, Tommy Hilfiger, or Lands' End School. Students may

choose to wear a white, maize, navy, cobalt or light blue oxford style, button-down collar shirt, long or short sleeves, not oversized, with tie. This shirt, which must be properly tucked into the pants, may be purchased from any supplier.

- Long-sleeved NDCL pullover obtained from NDCL athletic teams or organizations or purchased from a supplier.
- Navy blue V-neck or crewneck sweater or sweater vest purchased from Schoolbelles, Tommy Hilfiger, or Lands' End School. Students also have the option to wear a white, black, navy, gold, grey, or royal NDCL sweatshirt or an NDCL pull-over in these colors.

Other items

- Socks must always be worn.
- Solid white t-shirts with no writing or design may be worn under shirts.
- Simple jewelry that complements the uniform may be worn. However, boys may not wear earrings.
- Dress shoes or athletic shoes must be worn with the standard uniform and need to be black, brown, navy, tan, white, taupe, or gray. Shoes must be closed-toe in loafer or tie style. Slippers, "crocs," moccasins, Birkenstocks, and sandals are not part of the uniform.
- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Extreme spiking, shaved sides or backs, carvings, and unnatural colors or combinations of colors are some examples of hairstyle extremes. Boys' hair should not extend beyond the top of the shirt collar. Students may not wear scarves, bandanas, hats, or other headwear.
- Winter boots will be permitted after the fall warm-weather option expires and spring warm-weather option begins.
- Boys are to be clean-shaven; beards, mustaches, and sideburns extending below the earlobe or onto the cheek are not permitted.
- Students may not have visible tattoos.

Late summer/late spring warm weather option

For approximately the first month and the last month of school (specific dates determined by the administration), boys may opt for the following clothing suited for warm weather:

- Solid khaki or navy knee-length (golf or walking, but not cargo or cut-off) shorts purchased from any supplier
- Banded bottom or straight-hemmed polo shirts with NDCL emblem, long or short sleeves, in mesh or interlock knit, in white, maize, navy or cobalt blue, from Schoolbelles, Tommy Hilfiger, or Lands' End School.
- Socks and athletic shoes

Boys who choose the warm weather option must choose it in its entirety (shorts, polo, socks, and shoes). They may not "mix and match" items with the standard or dress uniform. The warm weather option does not apply to dress uniform days.

LION PRIDE FRIDAYS

ALL students may wear NDCL spirit wear tops with standard dress code bottoms on all Fridays throughout the school year.



DRESS CODE FOR GIRLS

THE GENERAL RULE:

A student who wears a visible item that is not specifically permitted by the dress code is in violation of the code. The administration of Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School has the ultimate authority to determine the appropriateness of all attire.

Girls dress uniform

- Herringbone or navy skirt purchased from Schoolbelles, Tommy Hilfiger, or Lands' End and worn with opaque (not see-through, not patterned, not mesh) tights or leggings in solid black or navy blue. Skirt must come within six (6) inches of the top of the knee in front and back and be in good condition. Any girl who does not abide by this reasonable expectation may lose her privilege to wear the skirt.
- White oxford-style, button-down collared shirt, long or short sleeves, appropriately fitted and tucked into the skirt
- Navy blue V-neck or crewneck sweater or sweater vest with NDCL logo, purchased from Schoolbelles, Tommy Hilfiger, or Lands' End School.

Girls standard uniform

- The uniform skirt described as above or khaki, navy, or grey plain front or pleated slacks, purchased from Schoolbelles, Tommy Hilfiger, or Lands' End School. Dockers™-style navy or khaki slacks may be obtained from any supplier. However, these pants must be traditionally styled slacks with inside pockets (not patch pockets), plain or pleated fronts, cuffed or stitched hems, not tight-fitting, and no contrasting seams or other adornments. A belt securely fastened around the waist is worn if the slacks have belt loops.
- Banded bottom or straight-hemmed polo shirts with NDCL emblem, long or short sleeves, in mesh or interlock knit, in white, maize, navy or cobalt blue, from Schoolbelles, Tommy Hilfiger, or Lands' End School.
- Long-sleeved NDCL pullover obtained from NDCL athletic teams or organizations or purchased from a supplier.

- Navy blue V-neck or crewneck sweater or sweater vest purchased from Schoolbelles, Tommy Hilfiger, or Lands' End School. Students also have the option to wear a white, black, navy, gold, grey, or royal NDCL sweatshirt or an NDCL pull-over in these colors.

Other items

- Socks must always be worn with pants. Girls must wear opaque (not see-through, not patterned, not mesh) tights or leggings in solid black or navy blue with skirts. Girls may not wear leg warmers, thigh-highs, thermal underwear, or long pants under skirts.
- Solid white t-shirts with no writing or design may be worn under blouses or shirts.
- Simple jewelry that complements the uniform may be worn. Large dangling earrings may not be worn; no more than two earrings per ear are permitted. Anatomical piercing, except of the ear, may not bear jewelry of any kind. No accessory may be worn that is contrary to the philosophy of the school.
- Dress shoes or athletic shoes must be worn with the standard uniform and need to be black, brown, navy, tan, white, taupe, or gray. Shoes must be closed-toe in loafer or tie style. Slippers, "croc," moccasins, high heels, Birkenstocks, and sandals are not part of the uniform.
- Cardigans and winter boots will be permitted after the fall warm-weather option expires and spring warm-weather option begins. Cardigans may be solid white, blue, black, navy, or grey only.
- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Extreme spiking, shaved sides or backs, carvings, and unnatural colors or combinations of colors are some examples of hairstyle extremes.
- Students may not wear bandanas, hats, or other headwear.
- Students may not have visible tattoos.

Late summer/late spring warm weather option

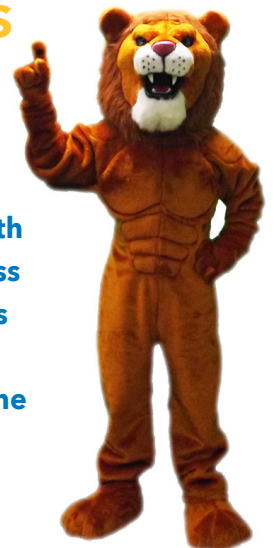
For approximately the first and last months of school (specific dates determined by the administration), girls may opt for the following clothing suited for the warmer weather:

- Solid khaki or navy knee-length (golf or walking, but not cargo or cut-off) shorts purchased from any supplier
- Banded bottom or straight-hemmed polo shirts with NDCL emblem, long or short sleeves, in mesh or interlock knit, in white, maize, navy or cobalt blue, from Schoolbelles, Tommy Hilfiger, or Lands' End School.
- Socks and athletic shoes

Girls who choose the warm weather option must choose it in its entirety (shorts, polo, socks, and shoes). They may not "mix and match" items with the standard or dress uniform. The warm weather option does not apply to dress uniform days.

LION PRIDE FRIDAYS

ALL students may wear NDCL spirit wear tops with standard dress code bottoms on all Fridays throughout the school year.



LIONS GET READY TO ROAR FOR FALL SEASON

Fall sports kick off with August 6 Lion Pride Night

Mark your calendars to kick off the start of our 2026 fall sports season on Thursday, August 6, at 6:00 PM in McGarry Gym. According to the regulations of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA), this event is mandatory for every student-athlete and at least one parent.

Our Lion Pride Night provides a convenient and informative way to:

-  **Understand your roles** as athletes, parents of athletes, and fans of NDCL.
-  **Meet the parents of other student-athletes.**
-  **Learn important information** from Athletic Director, coaches, and Athletic Boosters. The evening will include an opportunity for coaches to meet in small groups with their players and parents.
-  **Join the Athletic Boosters** if you have not already done so.



VOLUNTEER EXPECTATIONS FOR FAMILIES OF ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES

NDCL's athletic program is truly a community endeavor. Our fans and visitors enjoy a well-organized game experience because the families of our athletes help with the many tasks that are part of each athletic contest on our campus.

We require the family of each NDCL athlete to volunteer for three (3) events. Events are defined as a job completed before, during, or after a competition. Volunteer opportunities vary by sport, but service typically involves such tasks as parking, pre-event set-up, concessions, and post-event clean-up. [SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT LION PRIDE NIGHT.](#)

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FALL SPORTS PRACTICES BEGIN

According to the directives established by the Ohio High School Athletic Association, all fall sports are permitted to begin practice on August 1st.

Coaches have the discretion to set actual start dates later than August 1st.



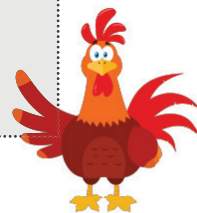
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NDCL GIRLS LACROSSE

64TH ANNUAL NOTRE DAME CHICKEN BBQ & BOUTIQUE

One Sunday only! September 27th from 12:00 - 5:00 PM

This form is to be used by ADULT volunteers only. Students will be invited to volunteer when school begins in the fall and assigned to tasks by NDCL staff. Every effort will be made to assign you to the same shift.



Yes! I would like to volunteer to help.

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Assignment Options: Indicate 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd choice. Within the choice, circle the specific duty		
SERVICES Choice # _____ Early Bird Pies (9:00 to 11:30) Cutting Pies Running Pies	SERVING FOOD Choice # _____ McGarry Gym - Serving for 1 of 2 stations	SELLING/ASSISTING Choice # _____ Boutique tables \$ Draw Raffle
FOOD Choice # _____ Beverage Distribution Food/Supplies Transportation Serving Ice Cream	HOST/HOSTESSES Choice # _____ McGarry Gym or Baker Gym SND Center: Visitor location TBD	COUNTRY KITCHEN Choice # _____ Selling Pies Jelly/Jam & Misc
TRAFFIC CONTROL Choice # _____ Indoor Traffic Outdoor Traffic	MISSION SALES/SUPPORT Choice # _____	OTHER Choice # _____ Assist wherever needed

Please check your preferences.

- ☐ SHIFT 1: 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
☐ SHIFT 2: 2:30 - 5:30 PM
☐ SHIFT 1 or 2, when help is needed most
☐ CLEAN-UP: 5:30 - 7:00 PM

☐ If possible, I would like to work the same assignment as last year.

It was: _____

VOLUNTEER STUDENT

My child will sign up to volunteer at school:

Name: _____

Grade: _____

FIRST NAME(S): _____

LAST NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____

CELL: () _____

EMAIL: _____

PLEASE RETURN THE FORM BY AUGUST 15, 2026

Mail to the SND Advancement Office @ 13000 Auburn Rd., Chardon, OH 44024
Your assignment will be confirmed by postcard no later than one week prior to the BBQ

Thank you in advance for your support. In gratitude, the Sisters pray for you daily!

Questions? Please contact Paula Aveni at paveni@ndec.org