NOTRE DAME COMMUNITY
Notre Dame is located in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, population 36,000. Notre Dame is a regional Catholic high school with students coming from several communities in Southeast Missouri and Southern Illinois traveling up to 60 miles one way to school. Notre Dame has also served as host to several international students, including students from Japan, China, Indonesia, South Korea, Thailand, Mexico, Spain, Brazil, and Germany.

FACULTY—the faculty is comprised of over 40 clergy, religious and lay men and women who are all fully certified. The faculty has an average of 20 years of teaching experience, and more than 75% possess advanced degrees.

STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO—13:1
CLASS SIZE—15-30 students
ENROLLMENT—approximately 510 students in grades 9-12

CHRISTIAN SERVICE
Students currently participating in the Christian service program have volunteered in excess of 13,000 hours of service to local communities, parishes and schools.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

INTER-SCHOLASTIC COMPETITION:
Baseball Cross Country Soccer
Track Basketball Dance
Softball Volleyball Cheerleading
Golf Swimming Scholar Bowl
Wrestling Tennis Music

ADDITIONAL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:
Robotics Team International Thespian Society
National Art Honor Society Franciscan Service Club
Class and TEC Retreats Harry Potter Club
Kairos and Emmaus Retreats Backstage Blue
Blue Crew Friends of the Library
Tri-M (Music Honor) Encore
Math Club National Honor Society
FCCLA Gaming Club
Peer Helpers FBLA
Science Club Pro Life Club
SADD United We Geek
Foreign Language Clubs Student Council
Athletes Give Back Seasons of Giving
Pep Band Select Singers
First Friday Men’s Club Spanish/French Honor Society
Women In God’s Service(WinGs) Sportscasting Club

EXTRA CURRICULAR HONORS
95% of students participate in extra curricular activities - 68% in sports activities. Notre Dame has been recognized in many areas of sports and activities with district titles, state championships, and state qualifiers.

MISSION STATEMENT
Notre Dame Regional High School endeavors to foster and build upon the teaching mission of Jesus Christ. Our mission is to challenge and support students in their spiritual, academic, physical, and emotional development. Notre Dame encourages participation in activities that build character, with an emphasis on respect for self and others. Notre Dame offers a disciplined environment which rewards excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. Centering on the student, we pledge to promote superior standards of academic excellence in which gospel values and Catholic Church teachings are integrated in the lives and work of all members of the Notre Dame Regional High School community. Incorporating these ideals, our school motto is “Give us your child and we shall return you an apostle.” It is the vision of the school that students will Enter to Learn and Leave to Serve.

ACCREDITATION
Notre Dame is accredited by the Missouri Nonpublic School Accrediting Association (MNSAA).

RECOGNITION
Notre Dame has been recognized as a School of Excellence, a distinction achieved by less than five percent of the Catholic high schools in the U.S. This recognition denotes excellence in the integration of Catholic Identity in all aspects of our school. Catholic Education Honor Roll is a program sponsored by the Cardinal Newman Society in its mission to promote faithful Catholic education.

STREAM-FOCUSED
STREAM schools, as identified by the NCEA, are schools that provide a challenging curriculum in the fields of Science, Technology, Math, and Arts through the lens of faith. This is a commitment to teaching both church doctrine and living a life representative of church values.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Notre Dame is committed to educating all students. We make every effort to provide educational accommodations for those with special learning needs to ensure their success throughout high school.

MEMBERSHIPS
•National Catholic Education Association
•National Association of Secondary School Principals
•Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals
•Missouri State High School Activities Association
•National Honor Society
•National Student Council Association
Each department holds memberships in district, state, and national associations.
ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Notre Dame strives to promote the Academic and spiritual well-being of every student. Challenging courses in academics are teamed with a strong foundation of theology instruction to prepare students for active participation in the workplaces and communities of the future. Emphasis is placed on a four-year program in Theology, Math, Science, English, Social Studies and at least two years of a Foreign Language. Additional courses are available in practical arts (Business, Family and Consumer Science), fine arts (Choirs, Band, Drama, Visual Arts), and physical education.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Credits in:
- Theology (four years and retreats) 4
- English 4
- Mathematics 3
- Science 3
- Social Studies 3
- Practical Art .5
- Economics .5
- Fine Art 1
- Physical Education 1
- Health .5
- Electives 9.5
- Total Credits 30

Students are encouraged to pursue the College Preparatory Studies Certificate issued by Notre Dame, requiring additional credits, specific grade point averages, and above average ACT or SAT test scores.

WEIGHTED COURSES

Advanced courses (Honors courses) are weighted an additional .35 grade point. For example, a student who receives an A in a weighted course receives 4.35 points in his GPA rather than the 4.00 points given in regular courses. If a student fails a weighted course, it is not weighted (F=0 grade point). The following courses are weighted:

- Adv. English I & II
- Interpersonal Comm.
- Oral Communication
- College Composition I & II
- Music Theory
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Algebra II
- Pre-Calculus
- Calculus
- Honors Spanish II
- Spanish III, IV, V
- French I, II, III, IV
- Advanced Chemistry I & II
- Advanced Physics I & II
- Advanced Biology I & II
- Anatomy & Physiology I & II

This school is authorized under Federal Law to enroll nonimmigrant students.

GRADING AND RANKING

Notre Dame is very challenging academically with the lowest passing grade at 70%. Most area high schools have a passing grade of 60%. All courses are included in a student’s grade point average (GPA) except Physical Education courses (P.E., Dance, Weight Training), summer school, or correspondence courses. High school courses taken in eighth grade are noted on the transcript but neither grades nor credits are included in the high school GPA. Letter grades appear on transcripts and grade points are assigned as follows:

- 99%-100% A+    -4.33
- 95%-98% A    -4.00
- 93%-94% A-    -3.67
- 91%-92% B+    -3.33
- 88%-90% B    -3.00
- 86%-87% B-    -2.67

Additional courses are available in practical arts (Business, Family and Consumer Science), fine arts (Choirs, Band, Drama, Visual Arts), and physical education.

CLASS RANK and ACADEMIC HONORS

The practice of reporting class rank has been discontinued at Notre Dame Regional High School. Only the ranks of valedictorian and salutatorian will continue to be recognized based on students' accumulative grade point averages at the end of the third quarter of the senior year. Instead of reporting class rank or percentage in class, a student's GPA will be reported on the transcript and a GPA distribution chart is made available on the Notre Dame school profile. Academics will further be recognized by the following academic honors system:

- 4.00 or better:
- 3.75 – 3.99:
- 3.50 – 3.74:
- Summa Cum Laude
- Magna Cum Laude
- Cum Laude

We strongly encourage full attention to admissions and scholarship considerations based on rigor of course work, grades earned, and college admissions testing rather than any emphasis placed on class rank or percentile.

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ACT SCORE DISTRIBUTION - CLASS OF 2019

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SAT

Because so few students take the SAT (3-6 per year), we do not report averages or other statistics for this test. Individual scores are included on the transcript.

COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

Qualified students may earn college credit through dual credit or early college credit programs. A total of 61 college credit hours are available through Southeast Missouri State University or St. Louis University. In addition, seniors and juniors may earn college credit through Mineral Area College as part of a Tech Prep curriculum at the Cape Career and Technology Center. Students are also encouraged to register for the AP exams given at Notre Dame each year.

POST SECONDARY PLANNING

Generally, 97% of our graduates attend college. Over the last five years, approximately 92% attended 4-year institutions and 5% attended 2-year schools.

IN THE CLASS OF 2019:

- 92% 4-year college
- 1% military
- 5% 2-year college
- 2% work

HIGHER EDUCATION PREPARATION

CLASS OF 2019

- 100% of our seniors took the ACT with an average score of 24 and the top 10% of students averaged a 31
- 78% of our tested seniors scored at or above the national ACT average of 21
- 15% of the tested seniors scored in the top 5% in the state on their ACT scores
- 86% of the seniors earned in excess of $7 million in scholarships

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

- Auburn University
- University of Alabama
- Belmont University
- University of Arkansas
- Kansas State University
- University of Louisville
- Loyola University Chicago
- University of Mississippi
- Marquette University
- University of Missouri–Columbia
- Rhodes College
- University of Missouri–Kansas City
- Rockhurst University
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- St. Louis University
- University of Notre Dame
- United States Naval Academy
- Xavier University