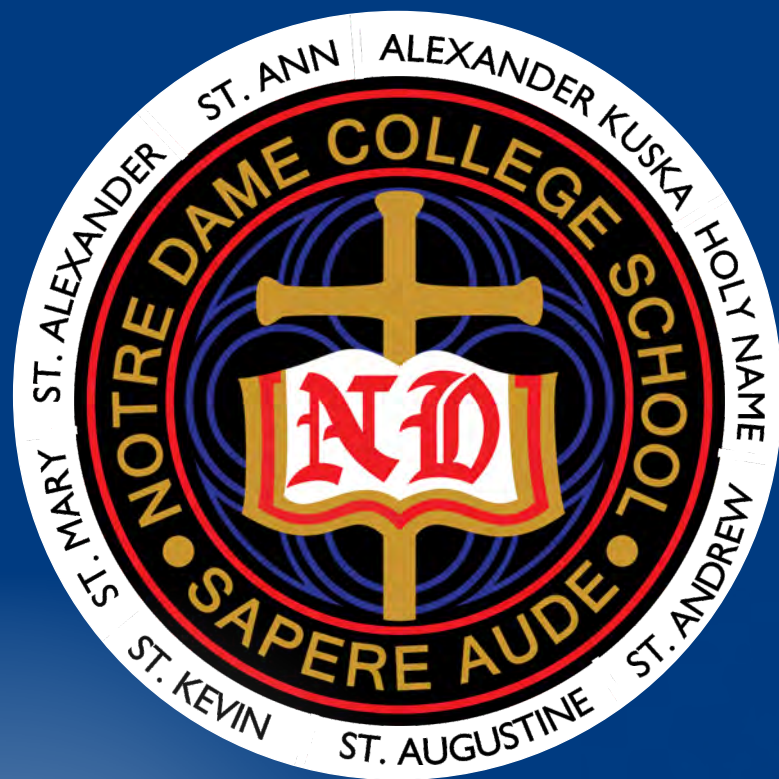


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Welcome Future Irish!

Imagine a place where you can sing and dance, laugh, meet new friends and still be exposed to a curriculum and environment which challenges you to give your best academically, artistically and spiritually. This is Notre Dame!

Our school is an amazing place, filled with spirit, tradition and a strong sense of community. As soon as you enter our home, you'll feel welcome. Be sure to take advantage of every opportunity available to you.

Our success has been achieved as a result of the many years of hard work, commitment and sacrifice of the Holy Cross Religious Community. Today we continue to maintain and uphold those standards and values. It is our hope that when you leave Notre Dame, you will better understand the importance of being kind, respectful and compassionate while doing God's work!

Our gifted and highly qualified teachers are second to none and will go above and beyond to ensure that your high school experience is a memorable one.

God bless and enjoy your time with us!

Sincerely,

Mr. Ken Griepsma,
Principal





* A maximum of 3 credits in English as a second language (ESL) or English literacy development (ELD) may be counted towards the 4 compulsory credits in English, but the fourth must be a credit earned for a Grade 12 compulsory English course.

** In groups 1, 2, and 3, a maximum of 2 credits in French as a second language can count as compulsory credits, one from group 1 and one from either group 2 or group 3.

What you need to Graduate



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Religion Credits:

All students are required to successfully complete a Religious Education course in each year of secondary school: 4 credits in Religion

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18 Compulsory Credits:

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)*
- 3 credits in Mathematics (1 credit in grade 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 Health and Physical Education
- 1 credit in French as a Second Language
- 0.5 credit in Career Studies
- 0.5 credit in Civics

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Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

Additional credit in English, or French as a second language,** or a Native language, or a classical or an international language, or social sciences and the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, or guidance and career education, or cooperative education***

NEW 1 Additional credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, or French as a second language,** or cooperative education***

NEW 1 Additional credit in science (Grade 11 or 12), or technological education, or French as a second language,** or computer studies, or cooperative education***

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NEW In addition to the compulsory credits, students must complete:

- ✓ 8 Optional Credits †
- ✓ 40 Hours of Community Involvement Activities
- ✓ The Provincial Literacy Requirement

***A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits.

† The 8 optional credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual credit courses.



Grade 9 Course Choices

ACADEMIC

In an Academic course, you will learn the core concepts of a subject and explore related material as well. Although your knowledge and skills in the subject will be developed through both theory and practical applications, the emphasis will be on theory and abstract thinking as a basis for future learning and problem solving.

**These courses may lead to
University / College preparation**

APPLIED

An Applied course covers the core concepts of a subject. Knowledge and skills will be developed through both theory and practical applications, but the focus will be on the practical applications. In applied courses, familiar and real-life situations will be used to illustrate ideas, and you will be given more opportunities to experience hands-on applications of the concepts you study.

**These courses may lead to
College / Workplace preparation**

OPEN

Open courses are designed to prepare students for further study in a subject, and to enrich their education. Open courses comprise of set of expectations that are appropriate for all students.

**These courses may lead to
University / College / Workplace preparation**

LOCALLY DEVELOPED

If Academic or Applied courses are not appropriate, you may wish to select a locally developed essential course. These courses are offered in English, Science and Math. Such courses may accommodate your educational and / or career preparation needs. Once you successfully complete a locally developed essential course in Grade 9, you may continue with locally developed courses or possibly take Grade 9 Applied, or even Grade 11 Workplace courses.

These courses may lead to Workplace preparation

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Mandatory Courses

You take each of the following at the level that is appropriate for you. Your teachers will give you their recommendations.

Religion	HRE 1O	Open
	HRE1OF	French Immersion Open
English	ENG 1D	Academic
	ENG 1P	Applied
	ENG 1L	Locally Developed
	ESL	English as a Second Language
Math	MAT1WO	Open
	MAT1L	Locally Developed
Science	SNC 1D	Academic
	SNC 1P	Applied
	SNC 1L	Locally Developed
Geography	CGC 1D	Academic
	CGC 1P	Applied
	CGC1D/1PF	French Immersion (Academic/Applied)
French	FSF 1D	Academic
	FSF 1P	Applied
	F1F1D/1P	French Immersion (Academic/Applied)



Options

You may take any 2 of these:

Arts	ADA10	Drama
	AVI10	Visual Arts
	AMI10	Instrumental Music
	AMV10	Vocal Music
	NAC10	Expressing Aboriginal Culture
Business	BTT10	Business Technology
Technology	TEJ10	Computer Technology
	TIJ10	Exploring Technology - Location - Launch Centre (Seaway Mall)
Health and Physical Education		
	PPL10M	Healthy Active-Male
	PPL10F	Healthy Active-Female
	PAF10	Co-ed Weight Training

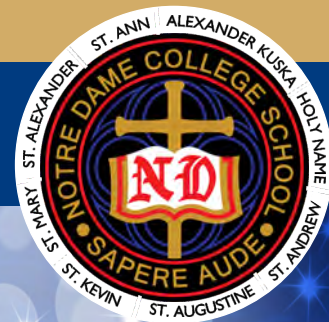


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Uniform Guidelines



The school uniform is a visual sign/symbol that has been part of the tradition of Catholic High Schools in Ontario for over a century. Its purpose is to eliminate competition and to develop a unique school spirit.

The uniform adds greatly to Notre Dame unity and to the pride of the school.

Uniform Attire

- Regulation Grey Pants and shorts
- White embroidered Notre Dame Shirt, Oxford or Polo, long or short sleeve (visible t-shirts worn under uniform tops must be plain white)
- School Vest, Sweater, Cardigan
- Tartan skirt with knee socks or tights (cannot be worn higher than 8 cm from the middle of the kneecap)
- Black Dress Shoe



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School Uniforms

FOR CASUAL DRESS DAYS

Clothing must be suitable for school and reflect the dignity and sense of morality of the total school community. Spirit Wear (club or team Irish jerseys) and Casual Dress Days are usually scheduled for the last Friday of each month.

- Physical education attire is purchased at ND Outfitters Store on campus 905.788.9100
- For pricing and more specific information please visit the school website at: notredamewelland.com



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Co-curricular Programs



- Art Club
- Auto Club
- AV Club
- Badminton
- Band
- Baseball
- Book Club
- Boys' Basketball
- Boys' Football
- Boys' Golf
- Boys' Hockey
- Boys' Lacrosse
- Boys' Soccer
- Boys' Volleyball
- Chaplain's Crew
- Cheerleaders
- Chess
- Comic Book
- Cosmo Club
- Cross Country
- Curling
- Drum Line
- Ecoschools Team
- Engineering Club
- Fashion Arts
- Girls' Basketball
- Girls' Golf
- Girls' Hockey
- Girls' Lacrosse
- Girls' Soccer
- Girls' Volleyball
- GSA
- Harvest Kitchen
- International Club
- Irish Guard
- Jr. Students' Council
- Mathletes
- Musical Production
- ND Front Page
- OSAID
- Peer Helping
- Photography
- Pilgrimage Group
- Reach
- Rowing
- Robotics
- Sewing Club
- Ski Club
- Slo-Pitch-Girls
- Social Climate
- Student Council
- Swim Team
- Teen Angel
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Video Game
- Vocal Music
- Weight Training
- Yearbook



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