

# Practical Details

Provided on the following pages are important logistical details you will need in order to be ready for the beginning of the school year.

## Class Schedules

Class schedules were distributed to parents and students via email on Wednesday, July 22, along with a letter from Janice Tupaj-Farthing, vice principal of academic affairs. The letter explains how to read the schedule, how to contact the counseling staff if needed and how to identify the student group designation. Group A will be designated as the Lily Group. Group B will be the Rose Group. If you did not receive this important email, please email [communications@ndsj.org](mailto:communications@ndsj.org).

Please note that on the following schedules A and B refer to block days. Blocks 1-4 meet on Mondays and Wednesdays. Blocks 5-9 meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lily and Rose group designations will only apply to the Hybrid Learning Model schedule.

You can access a Google document of the daily schedule [online here](#). It is also linked on the [parent page](#) of the website under Quick Links.

## Daily Schedule - Remote Learning Model

A - Monday/Wednesday			B - Tuesday/Thursday			Friday (see page 21 for Friday calendar)		
Block 1	8:15am	9:35am	Block 5	8:15am	9:35am	Mentoring	9:00am	9:25am
Block 2	9:45am	11:05am	Block 6	9:45am	11:05am	Activity 1	9:30am	10:00am
Block 3	11:15am	12:35pm	Block 7	11:15am	12:35pm	Activity 2	10:05am	10:35am
Lunch	12:35pm	1:05pm	Lunch	12:35pm	1:05pm	Clubs	12:30pm	1:05pm
Block 4	1:15pm	2:35pm	Block 8	1:15pm	2:35pm	Leadership	1:10pm	1:50pm
			Block 9	2:45pm	4:05pm	Students should use the time between Activity Block 2 and club meetings/ leadership meetings for individual work time, meeting(s) with teachers, mentors, and/or counselors		
			Block 9 will include Journalism, Yearbook and Independent Science Research					

## Daily Schedule - Hybrid Learning Model

A - Monday/Wednesday			B - Tuesday/Thursday			Friday (see page 21 for Friday calendar)		
Block 1	8:15am	9:35am	Block 5	8:15am	9:35am	Mentoring	9:00am	9:25am
Block 2	9:45am	11:05am	Block 6	9:45am	11:05am	Activity 1	9:35am	10:05am
Block 3	11:15am	12:35pm	Block 7	11:15am	12:35pm	Activity 2	10:15am	10:45am
Lunch	12:35pm	1:05pm	Lunch	12:35pm	1:05pm	Activity 3	10:55am	11:25am
Block 4	1:15pm	2:35pm	Block 8	1:15pm	2:35pm	Brunch	11:25am	11:55am
			Block 9	2:45pm	4:05pm	Mentoring	12:05pm	12:20pm
			Block 9 will include Journalism, Yearbook and Independent Science Research			Clubs	12:30pm	1:05pm
						Leadership	1:10pm	1:50pm

# Campus Ministry

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Our Catholic and multifaith community remains a distinctive sign of God's goodness. In all three learning models, Notre Dame's commitment to spirituality, service and justice continues both in curricular programming and co-curricular activities. Religious studies and campus ministry lead these efforts with, and for, students and families with adaptations for the 2020-2021 academic year. A summary of events, opportunities and resources will be published for the first week of school.

Prayer and reflection will be available on a weekly basis through school communications, the website, Google classroom, religious studies courses and mentoring. Students and families are encouraged to submit their prayer requests to our [Praying our Intentions](#) portal.

Liturgies and other upcoming communal prayer events (e.g. Junior Blessing) will be celebrated live via digital platforms in conjunction with the Remote Learning Model we will have in place for the start of the school year. Student participation and virtual attendance is expected. In person, socially-distanced liturgy and prayer options will be made available when state and county guidelines allow.

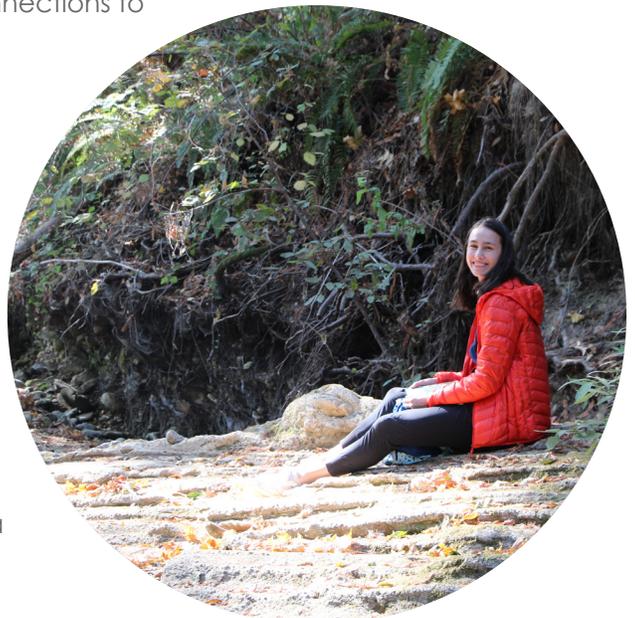
Students will receive a comprehensive orientation to community service learning in September. Community service learning continues as an annual requirement for students regardless of learning model. In response to pandemic limitations, the grade-level requirements will be adapted to enable students to continue their growth as justice advocates and spiritual seekers. Specifically, students will be able to:

- Participate in direct service, philanthropy or justice education/advocacy activities
- Engage with community needs virtually or in person, as determined by county guidelines, organization protocols and family preferences
- Report their service and justice activities through x2VOL with reasonable verification
- Complete reflection on their experiences and make connections to academic learning

A variety of programs to foster spiritual growth and engagement will be available for students and families:

- Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation for junior and senior students
- Interfaith dialogue and prayer celebrations
- Pastoral support for religious diversity and leadership opportunities

Retreats will not be offered for the first grading period of the year as campus ministry makes revisions to fit remote and hybrid environments. More information will be published at a later date.



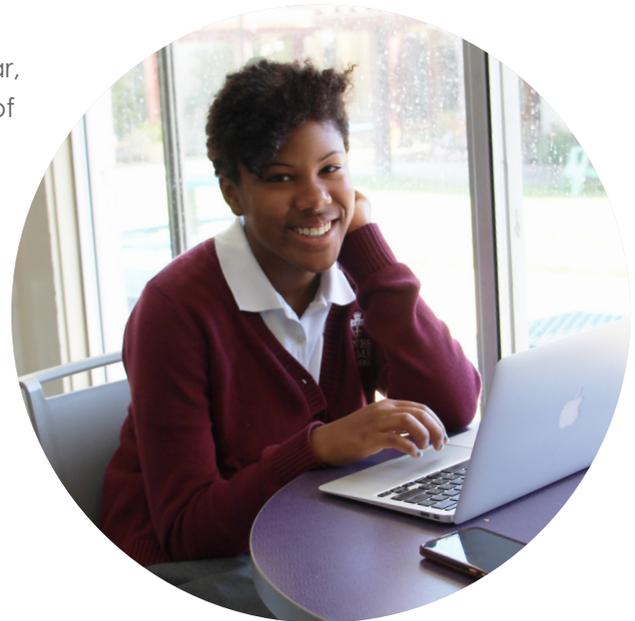
# Orientation Week

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In order to support a successful transition to this academic year, Notre Dame will host a full week of orientations. The purpose of each student orientation is to clarify with students the models of learning for this academic year, set clear expectations for learning, practice using the technology needed for content delivery, identify resources for support, and meet teachers in a walk-through of the daily course schedule.

There are three parts to student orientations:

- A designated day in the week for a virtual orientation by grade-level
- Flexible time during the other days of the week to view orientation videos
- A mandatory assembly for the entire community on Friday



## **Grade-Level Student Orientation Day**

All aspects of orientation will be remote. Orientation classes and meetings will be hosted on Zoom, the primary video conferencing tool used by the Notre Dame High School community. While some classes and meetings are hosted on Google hangouts (and other tools in the Google Suite for Education) throughout the year, familiarity with the Zoom platform is important for student confidence and success. Zoom links for orientations will be organized and hosted by each faculty member. A complete list of links to access classes, meetings and videos will be shared directly with students through their Notre Dame email by Thursday, August 27, 2020.

Grade-level orientations for seniors, juniors and sophomores each occur on a separate designated day and include:

- Meeting with a student's mentor and mentoring group
- A walk-through of each student's class schedule organized by 15-minute periods with each teacher and classmates
- An optional drop-in session in the afternoon to meet with teachers and other staff members regarding any questions or concerns

Freshman orientation spans two days and includes:

- Daily meetings with a student's mentor and mentoring group
- A walk-through of each student's class schedule organized by 20-minute periods with each teacher and classmates
- A remote assembly each day for the entire freshman class to meet other community members
- An optional drop-in session in the afternoon to meet with teachers and other staff members regarding any questions or concerns

# Orientation Week (continued)

## Orientation Week Schedule

Monday August 31	Tuesday September 1	Wednesday September 2	Thursday September 3	Friday September 4
Seniors/ Class of 2021 Remote Orientation Day	Juniors/ Class of 2022 Remote Orientation Day	Sophomores/ Class of 2023 Remote Orientation Day	Freshmen/ Class of 2024 Remote Orientation Day #1	Freshmen/ Class of 2024 Remote Orientation Day #2
8:30am-12:20pm (mandatory)	8:30am-12:20pm (mandatory)	8:30am-12:20pm (mandatory)	8:30am-12:15pm (mandatory)	8:30am-12:15pm (mandatory)
1:15-2:00pm (optional)	1:15-2:00pm (optional)	1:15-2:00pm (optional)	1:00-1:30pm (optional)	1:00-1:30pm (optional)
Flexible time for other grade-levels to watch orientation videos	All Student Assembly 11:50am-12:15pm (mandatory)			

Please click on the [daily schedule](#), which can also be found on the home page and [parent page](#) of the website, to view specific times within each day.

### Parent Orientations

We appreciate the parents who participated in the Notre Dame Parent Association (NDPA) virtual conversations over the summer and met with our principal, Mary Beth Riley. The opportunity to engage and create community among parents will continue to be important for us. In addition to this re-entry guide, we are offering a series of thematic videos for parents to view prior to the start of the academic year. Links to the videos will be shared with parents in the first issue of our e-newsletter, ND News, which is published on Thursdays at 5:00pm. The first issue will be sent out on August 27. Weekly publication will continue throughout the school year.