



ND NOTRE DAME SCHOOLS

International Student Brochure



School Summary



- Established: 1960
- Grades: 7 – 12
- Location: Utica, NY
- Enrollment: 355
- Student to Teacher: 7:1
- Foreign Students: < 5%
- College Acceptance: 100%
- Color: Blue and Gold
- Team: Jugglers
- College Scholarship: \$7,000,000

About School

Notre Dame's history goes back to **Utica Catholic Academy** which was established in **1834** and **St. Francis de Sales High School** which was established in 1870. Founded in 1960, **Notre Dame High School** subsequently merged with other Catholic schools and became the only Catholic school in Utica. Notre Dame is a premier Catholic school in New York State. Notre Dame offers a quality education in a safe and productive learning atmosphere. All of Notre Dame's graduates go on to college.



Utica is located in a region with rich education tradition. New Hartford Public School District is ranked among the top 1% in the US. Renowned higher education institutions, i.e. Hamilton College, Colgate University and Utica College are in this area.

All students are encouraged to express their faith through active participation in parish events and volunteer community service. Through the campus ministry program, students serve as retreat leaders, tutors, and advocates for the poor.

The Notre Dame curriculum complies or exceeds with all New York State Regents requirements while offering programs to meet the academic needs of all students. Advanced placement, accelerated courses and dual credit college courses, as well as tutorial assistance, are available.

Over one-half of the student population in grades 10-12 is part of the optional [NJROTC](#) (Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps) program. These cadets (male and female) demonstrate leadership and citizenship as they contribute more than 3,000 volunteer hours within the Utica area annually.

The Mock Trial Program, sponsored by the New York State Bar Association, offers Notre Dame students the opportunity to learn the dynamics of a trial, and to actually work with lawyers to start to learn the skills of advocacy. In 2012, the Notre Dame Mock Trial Team was undefeated in the Oneida County Mock Trial tournament and represented Oneida and Herkimer Counties in the Regional tournament.

Notre Dame just launched a \$10 million dollar campaign to make it a better school. A new school building, as well as an auditorium / multipurpose building is about to be completed to better serve the students.

Curriculum

Notre Dame offers courses in the following departments:

- English
- Social Studies
- Math
- Science
- Foreign Language
- Naval Science
- Career / Technology
- Computer / Technology
- Fine Arts
- Physical Education
- Religion

In addition to the New York State Regents requirements, Notre Dame offers abundant **AP courses**, as well as **college level courses**. Notre Dame also offers the students the opportunity to explore other subjects, such as Nanotechnology, Psychology, Journalism, Statistics, Naval Science, Business Management, Marketing, Business Law and other related courses.

With a small fee, Notre Dame students can take college courses from nearby Utica College, Mohawk Valley Community College and SUNY Polytechnic Institute. Notre Dame juniors and seniors can also participate in Colgate College's Seminar Program.

Notre Dame students can also participate in the BOCES program which offers the students career related trainings, such as Advanced Culinary Arts, Advertising, Automotive Technology, Criminal justice, Strategic Business Application, Engineering Technology, etc.

In order to better serve the students, Notre Dame also offers an acceleration program which allows talented students to take math and science that is one year above grade level.

AP Courses:

- AP US History
- AP World History
- AP Psychology
- AP Biology
- AP English
- AP Calculus

College Level Courses:

- American Government
- Statistics
- Intermediate Math
- Spanish 4
- Spanish 5
- French 4
- French 5

***Notre Dame students can take any college course if suitable from Utica College and SUNY Poly.**

College Matriculated List

Adelphi University
Albany College of Pharmacy and H Science
Amherst College
Assumption College
Baruch College of CUNY
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Canisius College
Clarkson University
Colgate University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Emory University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Georgia State University
Georgetown University
Hamilton College
Harvard University
Indiana University
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
Le Moyne College
Manhattan College
Marist College
Niagara University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Notre Dame University
Ohio State University
Pace University
Penn State University
Princeton University
Providence University

Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Skidmore College
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stonehill College
SUNY at Albany
SUNY at Binghamton
SUNY at Cortland
SUNY at ESF
SUNY at Buffalo
SUNY at Stony Brook
SUNY at Geneseo
Syracuse University
Temple University
University of Massachusetts at Amherst
University of California, Irvine
University of Chicago
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Georgia
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Maryland at College Park
University of New Hampshire
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of Scranton
University of Virginia
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University

Athletics

Here at Notre Dame Junior/Senior High School, student participation in athletics, as a player or a spectator, is an important part of their high school educational experience. Athletics teaches students how to function as a team, as well as teaching them sportsmanship, friendly competition, self-discipline and respect for others. Through athletics, a Notre Dame student develops not only as an athlete but as a person as well. We believe that no one works harder, or practices harder than we do. At Notre Dame, athletics is our number two focus. Our number one focus is academics. Only students in good academic standing are eligible to participate in athletic competition.



Notre Dame offers the following sports:

- Basketball
- Football
- Soccer
- Baseball
- Softball
- Golf
- Cross Country
- Tennis
- Bowling

Notre Dame in the Photos



Beautiful Campus



Class in Session



Juggler, The Mascot



Music Class



Lab Study



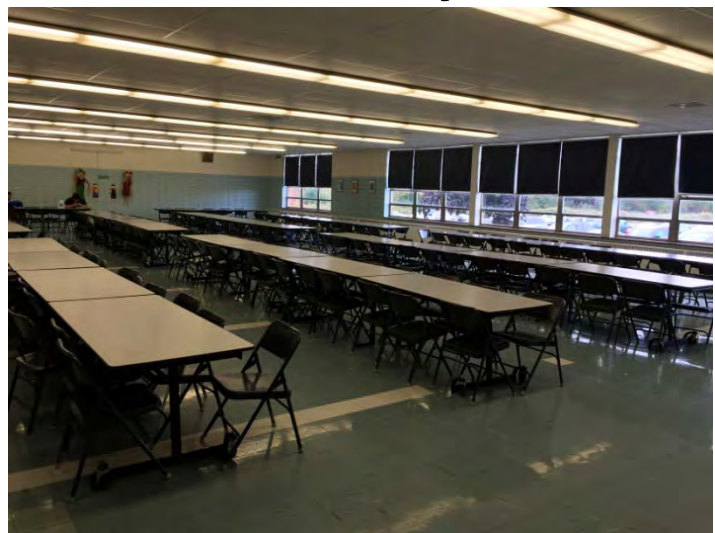
Hockey star inspiration



Hallway



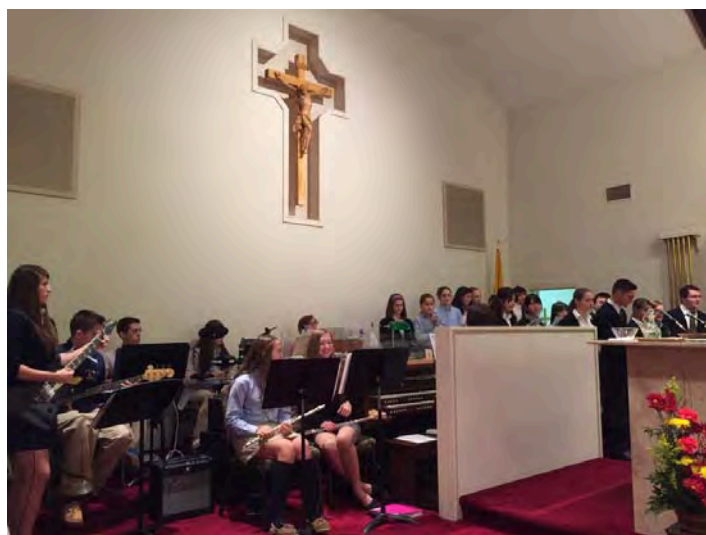
Class Room



Cafeteria



NJROTC



Stage Performing



Food Drive



Christmas Concert



Navy Ceremony



Parents Participation



International Student



The Notre Dame Fan



Happy Student



Love



Soccer



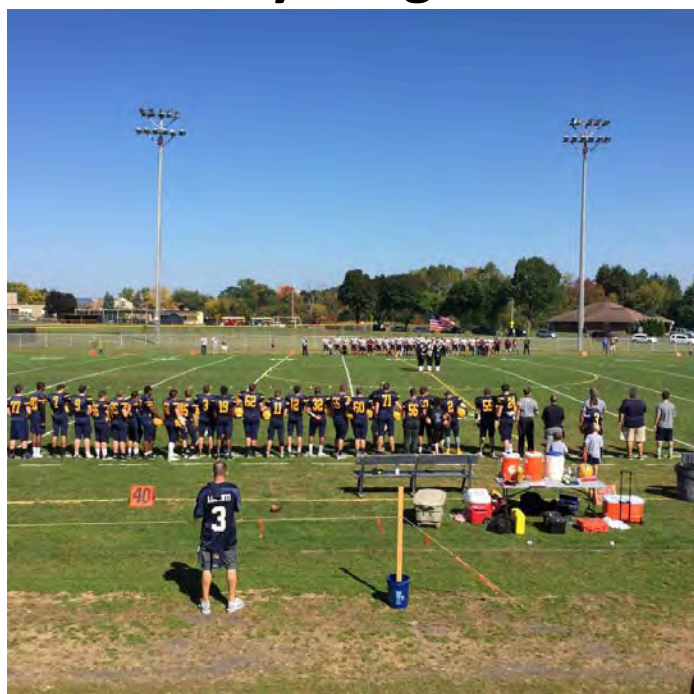
Rifle Show



Navy Program



Football



Football Field



Girl's Basketball Team



Students & Host



Parent & Host



Happy Students



Graduation Ceremony



NJROTC Military Ball

How to apply

Notre Dame is only 50 minutes drive away from Syracuse Hancock International Airport. Students can fly to Syracuse, or take Amtrak after they fly to JFK International Airport in New York City.

Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School accepts a limited number of International Students each school year. International students' applications are reviewed by the school's Admissions Office and are accepted based on their academic and English qualifications. International students may only apply for the beginning of a school year (fall semester only, no spring semester applications).

International students must demonstrate strong English skills (TOEFL English proficiency exam required plus a Skype interview/examination) as all of the classes at Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School are taught in English at an accelerated rate. The goal is to see all international students be successful at our academically rigorous school.

ESL Program:

Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School offers an ESL program to help international students expedite their transition process and achieve better academic performances

International Admission Requirements

- Completed international student application form
- Official transcript: 3 years of transcripts in both native and English languages.
- Two recommendation letters: one from English teacher and one from math teacher (Math teacher's recommendation letter could be in your native language)
- Minimum TOEFL scores:
 - Grade 7/8: 55
 - Grade 9: 65
 - Grade 10: 75
 - Grade 11: 85
- One essay: "Why I want to attend high school in the United States?"
- Skype interview
- US\$100 application fee
- Additional / non-standard application materials should be sent to: admission@oneusaedu.org (less than 4MB)

Notre Dame School works with [One USA Education](http://oneusaedu.org) to place international students into local host families. **One USA Education** recruits, interviews and manages local host families. Home stay experience ensures the safety and well being of the international students. It not only provides international students an opportunity to learn authentic English from host families, but also enables them to make local friends and immerse them in American culture.

Application Deadline: April 1 (Late application acceptable while seats are available)

To Apply, please contact admission@oneusaedu.org or jjones@syrdiocese.org

Notre Dame High School Website: www.notredameutica.org