Dear Alumni (ae), Parents, and Friends of Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School,

“Memory Play”: One of the literature selections presented in Grade 11 is The Glass Menagerie written by Tennessee Williams. In the opening scene, Tom, a main character says, “In memory everything seems to happen to music.” These memories presented by Tom are ones which have been influenced by his choices of what to remember and in what context these memories might have existed.

Notre Dame alumni (ae), families, and friends: to what music do you connect your memories of Notre Dame? What is the mood of your memories? Think for a minute before continuing to read. In each alumni newsletter, Mr. Barren includes some memories of the years here at Notre Dame. They reflect the memories of some former students but, probably, not you. What are your memories? If your class has conducted a reunion, do you share these memories with your classmates? Do you laugh a lot and, maybe, cry a little. What made Notre Dame so special in your life?

A few years ago, our Dean of Students, Mr. John Gormley died unexpectedly and I was asked to give the eulogy. My remarks were based on the song, “Seasons of Love” from the Broadway play, Rent. The words to the song, my musical memory, are:

> Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
> Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred moments so dear
> Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
> How do you measure, measure a year?

Notre Dame Jr.-Sr. High School is celebrating 50 Years or 26,280,000 minutes. By what measure do we evaluate these valuable, personal yet communal minutes? The lyricist goes on to say:

> It’s time now, to sing out
> Though the story never ends.
> Let’s celebrate, remember a year
> In the life of friends.

This year we are celebrating 50 Years “in the life of friends.” That means sharing with approximately 2,500 alumni who have formed friendships as they prepared for their future lives within the context of a Catholic education. That reality is impressive.

Another song that should be a part of our alumni’s memories of Notre Dame is “The Impossible Dream” from the Broadway play, The Man of La Mancha. This is the music for our Alma Mater which states that at Notre Dame we dreamed of our futures and:

> Though some day we must leave all our friends
> And must make it alone.
> May the dreams that we have in our youth
> Make us stronger for love.

These are our memories and our inspiration in song. Hopefully, you have been made stronger for love during your years here.

Some of our alumni were here for six years, some for four, and others maybe only a year or two. You may have carved out six of the fifty years. Obviously, there were some or many students here before and after you. The important part is that you are a part of our 2,500 alumni, a small but powerful group of people. Only you can wear the Notre Dame Class Ring and I hope you wear or store your ring with great pride.

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We have to give thanks to Monsignor Cawley and his vision of a Catholic high school in the Stroudsburg area. But as we are thanking him, we must also thank the many families, businesses, and individuals who have supported Notre Dame throughout the years. We have to thank our bishops, pastors, priests, the IHM Sisters, and the many lay teachers who have put forth their best effort to educate our students. Hopefully, they are a part of your memories and I would be interested in knowing the music that you connect with them.

The Class of 2018 will be finishing their ND memories in ten months; the Class of 2023 will just be beginning to create their memories. We want Class Rings for the Class of 2025 and 2050, and 2067 (our 100th Anniversary) but this celebration won’t occur without everyone’s financial support. We will be “kicking off” our annual Fund Drive in the fall and I hope and pray that all of our alumni, parents, and friends will aid us in whatever way possible.

Think of the most exciting, rallying song in your “play list” and sing that song out loud as you write that check or list your credit card information knowing that you have had a part in allowing future ND students the opportunity to belong to our ND family. Whether it’s a Christmas song or a Three Dog Night song, “Joy to the World” would be in the giving spirit. We are being called to help. Please answer the call.

Principal Jeff Lyons
Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School

My best memories were winning the Wayne county league title going undefeated & beating Delaware Valley twice. Then winning the district championship & finally playing in a state playoff game. We had a great team that year. Lots of fun!
~Richard Keller, class of 1977

My favorite memory was the Senior Year Retreat. Coming together as a class for a couple of days to reflect not only our own lives, but also our classmates was truly a wonderful and challenging experience. I definitely feel this retreat set our class up for a successful senior year and future!
~Lea Mignosi, class of 2007

My favorite moment in high school was when our 1986 ND basketball team won the summer league championship. There's nothing like winning a championship.
~Paul Marotta, class of 1987

My best memories were attending Notre Dame with so many great teachers and people, the spring musicals, physics olympics, & winning soccer championships with my sister on the team.
~M'Liss O'Brien, class of 1997

My favorite memories are how Notre Dame supported me and helped us all succeed, the close-knit friends we had in our class, and how everyone still welcomes us back even though we’ve been out a few years.
~Tyerell Mann, class of 2015
Public event calendar for the Notre Dame Schools

Join us as we celebrate 50 years of excellence in Catholic Education!

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Congratulations to the Class of 2017!

A history of Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School

In the beginning…

A vital chapter in the history of the Church in Stroudsburg began in September, 1967 when Notre Dame High School opened its doors to receive their first 110 students. This long awaited dream of many generations was finally realized on that historic occasion.

The roots of Notre Dame go back to 1902 when Father Francis Craft became the first resident Catholic Priest in our town. From the tiny church on the hill by the tracks, he ministered to the spiritual needs of his parishioners for 18 years. Father John T. Butler was our second parish priest, who in 1933 built the “foolishly large” St. Matthew’s Church/School/Convent for 96 Catholic families and 130 school children. But Father Butler had a vision for future growth of his spiritual family and so he built largely to accommodate them. “I plant the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.” (I Cor. 3, 6) The grade school and church, he knew, would someday be joined by a parish high school and other nearby churches and chapels. It was only a matter of time, prayer, hard work and sacrifice. Father Butler built the church at the Gap, St. Mark’s and celebrated Mass in a school house in Bushkill, which served as a temporary St. John’s.

In 1943 when Father Harold Durkin became pastor of St. Matthew’s Parish, the dream of a fully developed school system, grade school and high school, had to wait until the spiritual care of his people dispersed throughout this region was assured. He planned and built in 1948 St. John’s mission chapel in Bushkill, large enough at the time, and in 1953 the Church of St. Luke in Stroudsburg, where at the time only two masses were required but as the needs of the faithful grew it led to six. God called Father Durkin to eternity in 1961 while still planning to construct the complement of St. Matthew’s Grade School, a Catholic High School for the Stroudsburgs.

The goal and the burden inherent in such a vast undertaking were willingly assumed by Msgr. Thomas J. Cawley, the next pastor of St. Matthew’s Church. Equipped with his vast experiences in responsible Diocesan positions, Msgr. Cawley enlisted the ideals, talents and generous support of the people of his parish to see the fulfillment of past dreams come true in due time. Days, weeks, and months of planning went into every phase of preparation for the new school. Attractive, informative brochures aided the dissemination of knowledge concerning projected costs, funding, and staffing a school of this magnitude.

No avenue was left unexplored. Through the faithful counsel of Father Francis G. Barrett and Father John A. Esseff, assistant pastors, along with a staff of dedicated Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary and concerned lay members of the parish, the all important pledge drive for general funds began. The immediate response was extremely generous. There was no doubt the people wanted a Catholic High School here, and they were going to trim their own budgets to see that one would be built. Permission to build and the approval of plans were granted by Bishop Jerome D. Hannan.

The design and layout of school facilities were given to Rinker, Keifer, and Rake Architectural firm in Stroudsburg who utilized the unique rural setting of Peters’ 43 acre farm to create a rugged but yet artistic edifice to crown the highest slopes on the property. Notre Dame would have a commanding view of the Stroudsburgs, Delaware Water Gap, and the surrounding hillsides it would serve. No more picturesque setting could have been found in the Poconos.

Contracts were awarded and construction began in summer 1966. Progress was slow, building materials came late, labor was scarce; there were eight work stoppages and six times the work was picketed. Through it all however, the enthusiasm of Notre Dame supporters remained high, their interest never lagged. It was a common sight on Sundays to see young and old find their way among the steel and concert of partially
completed buildings and to dream out loud of the classrooms filled with students and equipment, of the auditorium resounding with applause at a concert or school play, and of the aroma of cakes and bread freshly baked by our school chef filling the cafeteria. The small cylinder-like structure in the foreground of these buildings seemed to unite the entire shape into one focal point.

In due course, the first day of school arrived in 1967 and so did 110 students for grades seven, eight, and nine. There was still work to be done on the front entrance, breezeway, and chapel; the auditorium and gymnasium were far from complete. However, no one seemed to notice any of this as the children joyously entered the school.

Everyone gathered in the library that day, to offer with Msgr. Thomas J. Cawley their heartfelt thanks and most earnest petitions for God’s abiding presence in the new school. The first celebration of Mass in the library at Notre Dame explained our purpose and directed our cause. We had come here for an education in the arts and sciences as well as for a maturing of our Christian Faith. We knew that we would receive both from a staff dedicated to God, education, and to youth.

Sister M. Immaculeé, our first principal and English teacher, had a contagious spirit of good will and enthusiasm that permeated every aspect of our early school life. From her interest in every student we learned to respect her judgment and to value her counsel; the mixture of work and recreations, serious study and good natured fun brought us together as a family.

Sister was aided in her work by a small but dedicated faculty. Sister Helaine O’Dea taught history and science, Sister Joanne Pickard taught math, and Father John Bendik conducted religion courses and celebrated school masses. Mrs. Ann Olenick and Mr. Ray Welsh taught gym and Mrs. Nancy Coleman Bradley managed the office details; Mr. Pete Margretta was the chef in the cafeteria.

From September 1967 to May 1968 we shared school buildings with construction crews and tradesmen who were building Notre Dame. Around Easter the entire building was completed and occupied. As the school grew, the student body grew.

Notre Dame, the long awaited Catholic High School for the Stroudsburgs, was finally a reality. On Dedication Day (Sunday, May 5, 1968), hundreds of friends came from all parts of the community to witness the solemn blessing of the school by Bishop J. Carroll McCormick. This year we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Notre Dame High School and we are as strong, determined, and committed to a Catholic High School Education in Monroe County as we ever were.
Monsignor Cawley opened the doors in 1967…Dubie Deeble was Pete Margretta’s sidekick…the first yearbook would be called Odyssey…Terry Konawalik said “follow that blonde”…Pat Sobrinski received the first Michael Martin Award in memory of Michael’s “faith, courage, and nobility”…Tom Higgins and Alice Shukaitis led the first 28 graduates in 1971…the class of ‘72 rode horses during their retreat…John Vowciciefski was bumper pool champ at the 1973 Prom…’74 students made TV productions…the class of ’75 made “twenty year predictions” about themselves…the 75-76 Spartans had winning records in every sport…’76-77 brought the first championship and we went “plaid”…Buddy Spang ’78 accidentally hit Mr. Lyons with a crabapple during a fire drill…”79 graduated Notre Dame’s first twins…the class of ’80 led the resurgence of “WE ARE ND”…’81 included the Mullen-Tarrant tandem…’82 was the first to graduate 50+ students…in ’83 we turned to “pinstripes”…the school sponsored a trip to Italy in ’84…’85 seniors served food at the Salvation Army Citadel…Mike Jarvis ’86 bequeathed his locker to the Board of Health…Aileen Adelmann ’87 received “the Christ candle to bring to all reunions” (think she still has it?)…’88 won the first basketball district title of any school in the Monroe/Slate Belt area… “Godspell” won many awards in 1989…Peter and Buffy were “class clowns” in ’90…1991 brought AWARE and Beerman “the voice of the Spartans”…the class of ’92 with just 25 (11 girls/14 boys) was small but most mighty…in 1993, Fr. Vito and Mr. Gormley began taking the seniors to Boston…the class of ’94 withstood the snowiest winter in ND history…Editor Elizabeth Snell and her staff introduced color into the yearbook in 1995…Dr. John Nye was the chosen speaker for Class Night ’96…the class of ’97 dedicated their year to Jim Voorhees…Kevin Kennedy’s ’98 baby picture spoke for their class spirit…the class of ’99 will have three of its members get inducted into our Hall of Fame this coming year…the class of 2000 had to evacuate their Prom at a hotel in Parsippany…in ’01, the most seniors ever “tried” to donate blood…graduation ’02 included a heartfelt speech by a 9-11 firefighter…Coffee House ’03 had another amazing array of talent…2003-04 witnessed the Spartans’ first District 11 champions…the class of ’05 introduced ND to the electric slide…’06 and ’07 seniors included THIRTEEN who would return to be coaches at ND…when students were lost in Boston, the class of ’07 chose to send their two exchange students from Trinidad to look for them…the words Semper Fidelis were never more poignant than in ’07-’08…Odyssey of the Mind ’09 earned a spot in the state competition…the whole class of 2010 guessed wrong on “Sandy” O’Brien’s real full name…in ’11, Early, Flaherty, and Long ran Monsignor Bergamo’s rectory after 5 pm…’12 nicknames included Broz, Rico, Dudz, K-Mart, McLovin, and SugarKane…the class of ’13’s theme of Forever in Hollywood…’14 led an excellent turnout at the Kelly Golat Run…’14-’15 sports teams began an unprecedented three-year run of district success by ND…the class of 2016 graduated a record 73 students…Mr. Musyt helped the ’17 seniors earn a whopping $9.6 million in college scholarships…

Send an e-mail of your favorite ND memories to advancement@ndhigh.org!
October and November Events

Homecoming 2017

50 YEARS AND COUNTING
October 14, 2017
12 Noon

Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School

PONTIFICAL MASS
Join
Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton
Celebrating 50 years
Of Excellence in Catholic Education

Notre Dame Jr./Sr High School
East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania
October 14, 2017
4 o’clock

Save the Date!

November 25, 2017
Dinner and Dancing
Terraview
Stroudsmoor Country Inn

Notre Dame
Junior/Senior High School

Come Celebrate our Future!
Calling All Spartans
Alumni and Friends!

Gala Celebration
Remember to Keep Us Updated

If you have a change of address, email, phone number, or new job, please access the Alumni Link on the Notre Dame Website and update your information. We want to keep the Notre Dame Community “in the know” about exciting upcoming events for our 50th Year and you will be the first to learn about the latest school happenings. You can also email your updated information to the Advancement Office.

We want to hear from our Notre Dame Alumni! If there is an exciting event, you’re succeeding in a new job, a new member of the family is born, or other exciting news, let us know so we can share these achievements with the Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School Community.