



Notre Dame Junior Academy - provides a holistic education in the **Catholic tradition** that nurtures the development of individual strengths and gifts in an **academically innovative environment**.

SIXTH GRADE STATEMENT

Notre Dame Academy (NDA) has successfully operated a seventh and eighth grade as Notre Dame Junior Academy (NDJA) for five years. The program incorporates a modified-block academic curriculum which allows seventh and eighth graders to take advantage of high school level courses.

After careful consideration of the addition of a sixth grade, the NDA Board of Trustees and school administrators believe that the current seventh and eighth grade program is the optimal structure for the academic and personal growth of our young women at this time. Additionally, the Board and school administration are studying other distinctive curricular innovations that will expand and deepen the learning options for young women.

The research and expertise we have gathered over the past five years with seventh and eighth grades enables us to offer exceptional opportunities in all academic disciplines as well as extracurricular activities for young girls. NDJA students benefit from teachers who are masters in their subject areas. Our unique academic approach allows seventh and eighth grade students to mix for select classes, creating broader friendships as well as encouraging older students to mentor younger ones. Our structure also encourages students to advance, when appropriate, to higher-level high school courses.

NDJA offers a broad range of age-appropriate extra-curricular and Christian service activities to our seventh and eighth grade young women.

Realizing that the Diocese of Toledo is reviewing and reflecting on possible new educational models for Catholic elementary schools, Notre Dame Academy is open to helping meet future diocesan middle school needs.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: JANUARY 29TH - FEBRUARY 5TH

The Catholic Schools Week 2012 logo is a rectangle, with the words Catholic Schools in red across the bottom of the rectangle. The "t" in Catholic is a purple cross and from the right top corner of the T/cross is an undulating green banner with words in white lettering that proclaim, "Faith. Academics. Service."

The theme focuses on three priorities that Catholic schools establish that make them stand out from other educational institutions. Children are taught faith – not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. Academics, which in Catholic schools are held to very high standards, help each child reach his or her potential. Service, the giving of one's time and effort to help others, is taught both as an expression of faith and good citizenship.

NDJA will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week next week and each day will have its own special theme. Thank you, parents, for the sacrifices you make to send your daughters to Notre Dame Junior Academy!

MONDAY, JAN. 30 – SWEATPANT DAY - TAKE COMFORT IN CHRIST!

- Wear sweatpants, No yoga pants or pj bottoms

TUESDAY, JAN. 31 – TALENT DAY - BLESSED WITH GOD'S TALENTS!

- Dress in clothes that portray your talent: athletic wear, karate, costumes, etc.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1 – JEANS DAY - JEANS FOR JESUS!

- Wear jeans and bring in a canned good for Salvation Army

THURSDAY, FEB. 2 – NEON DAY - BRIGHT STUDENTS, BRIGHT FUTURE!

- Wear jeans and neon clothes

FRIDAY, FEB. 3 – NOTRE DAME SPIRIT DAY GRADE 7-12!

- Jeans and NDJA/NDA spirit wear
- Pizza Day provided by NDJA. There will be no hot lunch.

8TH GRADE RETREAT: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

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TUITION ASSISTANCE DEADLINE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

Tuition Assistance Renewal Application Deadline is February 28, 2011. All families receiving need based tuition assistance must complete a needs assessment through FACTS Management Co. each year. Submit financial information on-line through the link on www.nda.org. To complete the application, required tax documents must be mailed to FACTS Management Co. postmarked no later than February 28th. This requirement applies to all families including those receiving Quest and Ed Choice scholarships.

NDJA TALENT SHOW: THURSDAY, MARCH 8TH 3:00PM – 5:00PM

Mark your calendars for the annual talent show held in the Avé Maria Performing Arts Center, it promises to be a lot of fun!

MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLY: SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH

Please see attached flyer for information. NDJA will not be registering students as the date is on a Saturday. Please check with your local parish to register.

8TH GRADE GRADUATION: FRIDAY, MAY 25TH 4:00PM

GRADUATION DAY TIMELINE:

- 2:00pm Last name A-G arrive at Provincial Center for photographs
- 3:00pm Last name H-Z arrive at Provincial Center for photographs
- 4:00pm Graduation Mass
- 5:00pm Allow for additional photos to be taken and robes to be returned
- 5:30pm Proceed to NDA/NDJA dining hall for celebration dinner

Further information will be sent home as the date approaches. **Both 7th and 8th grade families should mark their calendars** because the 7th grade class hosts a dinner for the graduates and their families after the Graduation Mass. 7th grade girls are expected to be present to help serve at this special celebration of the 8th grade class.

WEATHER CLOSING REMINDER

NDA follows **Sylvania City Schools** for all weather related closings and delays.

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NDJA 8TH GRADE/PCT SERVICE RETREAT PERMISSION SLIP

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In order to complete the service portion of the day, we will need several parents to transport the girls. We will depart from NDJA at 9:00am and will return to the SND Provincial Center to have lunch with the Sisters at 12:00pm. We will walk from the PC back to our campus for our regular dismissal.

Please complete the form below and return it to Mrs. Aimee Parks as soon as possible.

Name of student: _____

Has my permission to attend the 8th Grade NDJA/PCT Retreat at The Catholic Club or Maria Childcare as well as The Sisters of Notre Dame Provincial Center. As this student's parent/guardian, I hereby release Notre Dame Junior Academy and any associated person (volunteer) or agency from any claims in consideration of the opportunity to participate in the 8th Grade NDJA/PCT Retreat. I will also advise Notre Dame Junior Academy of any changes in my daughter's medical history that may affect her health.

Parent or Guardian Signature of approval

Date

Everyone transporting our school students is required to have his or her own personal liability insurance.

Parent drivers are asked to depart from NDJA at 9:00am and are welcome to remain for the service portion of the retreat. We will depart each location at 11:30am and return to the SND Provincial Center to have lunch with the Sisters at 12:00pm.

_____ I am able to drive both ways! Number of students in vehicle: _____

_____ I can take ____ students in my vehicle **to the service location only.** (Depart NDJA at 9:00am)

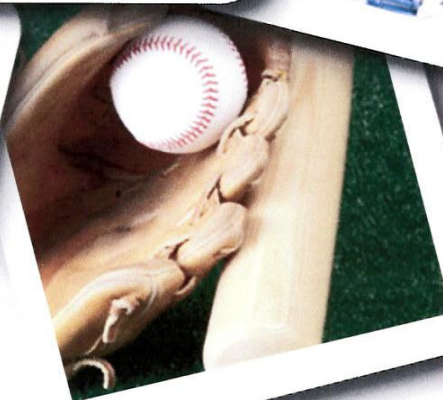
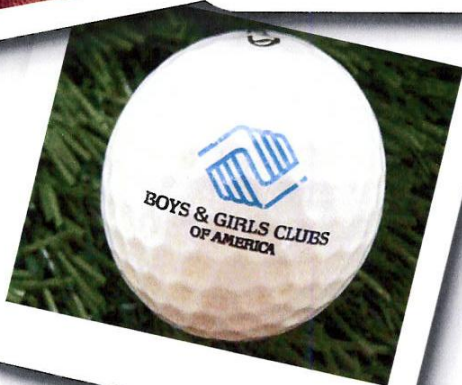
_____ I can take ____ students in my vehicle **from the service location only.** (Depart Catholic Club at 11:30am)

Thanks in advance to our generous parent volunteers!

SPORTS EQUIPMENT DRIVE



We will be collecting *new and gently used* sports equipment. Please – no ripped or battered items.



- New and gently used sports equipment is accepted.
- It does not have to be an official brand name, but can be any piece of equipment (ex. Nerf foam football)
- No sports apparel, clothing, mouth guards, etc. are accepted due to hygienic reasons
- Examples of what to bring: baseballs, mitts, bats, lacrosse sticks, soccer balls, tennis rackets, basketballs, golf clubs, golf balls, etc.
- All sports equipment will be donated to Boys and Girls Clubs of America, providing deserving boys and girls with the equipment they need
- Collection bins will be set up in the front of the dining hall
- Equipment Drive will last from January 23rd - February 3rd
- There will be small raffles throughout the 2 weeks for people who have donated. Prizes may include bags of candy and other various items.
- Contact Claire Seiler at CSeiler16@nda.org for any questions



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF AMERICA**

Diocese of Toledo

Middle School Rally

“KNOW LOVE SERVE”

Featuring
Michael James Mette



www..michaeljamesmette.com

11am Registration

11:30am Opening

Depart @ 5:45pm

**\$20 per person, includes
lunch, Mass and a t-shirt.**

Grade level sessions.

Music & Fun!

Date: Saturday March 24, 2012

**@ St. Michael the Archangel
Findlay**

All 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders
are
invited for a day of faith
and fun, to experience the
joy of being Catholic!

**Deacon Jerry Ziemkiewicz
Coordinator of Youth Ministry
419-244-6711 X334
jziemkiewicz@toledodiocese.org**

DIOCESE OF TOLEDO – MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLY

St. Michael Church, Findlay
750 Bright Road
Saturday, March 24, 2012

KNOW, LOVE, SERVE

What is a Rally?

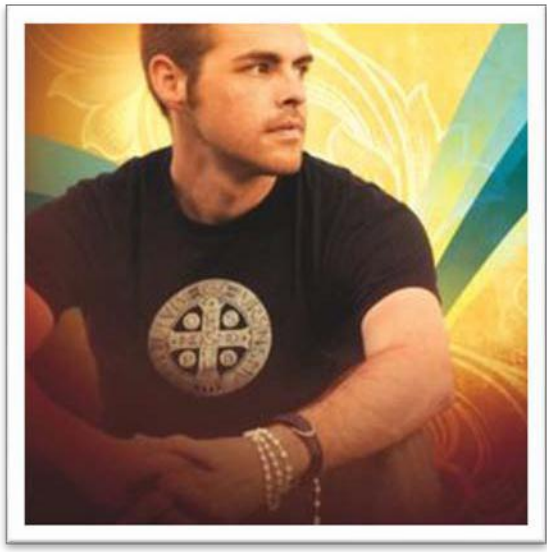
A day of music, fun, food, friends and faith! *Michael James Mette* will use the energy of his music and message to excite our young people about being Catholic.

Why Come to this Rally?

The Rally is a great way to experience what it means to be Catholic and learn more about ourselves and our relationship with God.

Who can come?

All Middle School youth, grades 6, 7 & 8th are invited to this amazing day.



Michael James Mette

www.michaeljamesmette.com

With Special Guest, MC/Speaker –

Greg Wasinski

www.wasinski.com

SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

11AM

Doors open for Registration

11:30AM

**Welcome/Community
Builders/Introductions**

12:30PM

Lunch

1PM

Welcome, Music, Overview

1:15PM

Keynote- MJM

2:15PM

Grade Level Sessions

3:15PM Keynote

- MJM &

Greg Wasinski

4:30PM

Mass w/Fr. Jeff McBeth

5:30PM

Closing/Sending Forth

5:45PM

Youth Depart

GROUP REGISTRATION FORM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLY 2012
(Complete and mail this form with payment)

- Registration will be processed by number per parish/school and not by individual name. This process will allow you to substitute without notifying the YYACM Office saving time and money and stress over last minute changes.

Please use only this form to register with payment of all the youth and adults that will be attending the Rally. You must have one adult for every ten youth who attend.

Return this form with you registration fees to: YYACM Office, Catholic Center, 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, OH. 43604 - Parish or School Checks ONLY!

Parish/School Name & City: _____

Parish Contact: _____

Email Address: _____

Total number of youth: 6th Gr. _____ 7th Gr. _____ 8th Gr. _____ Total- _____
X \$20

DEADLINE TO REGISTER - MARCH 5TH Total Payment _____

T-shirt sizes (Adult sizes)

Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Special needs (name of person and need, handicap or food allergy, other):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.