

"I love the retreats... it really helps us bond like a family."

"Boys = pressure and who needs that while we are learning."

"All girls makes being yourself much easier."

What NDJA STUDENTS are saying...



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Why Choose a Single-Sex Junior High?

"Seventh grade is the most dangerous age for girls," states Trudy Hammer, author of THE GENDER GAP IN SCHOOLS. And many researchers agree.



Some studies report that by high school only 29% of the girls are "happy with the way I am" and less than half report they're good at math.

Although girls have historically done better academically in school, boys tend to do better on standardized tests such as the SAT and PSAT leading to more opportunities to earn college awards.

And in a world that is technology driven with science and math, often viewed as "male subjects," as a strong basis for the future and the job industry where does that leave today's young women?

College degrees are necessary today, but are girls going to have the confidence to pursue the technology careers of tomorrow? **Notre Dame Junior Academy girls will.**

Tuition Assistance is available for families. Find out why Notre Dame young women are **Bold, Brilliant, Beautiful,** and **Blessed,** call Admissions at 419-475-9359 or see us online at www.nda.org

Encourages Girls to Achieve More

All-female classrooms encourage young women to achieve more. Generally you see them do much better in math and science and across the board in all subjects. In a single-sex environment girls aren't afraid to be known as smart or as competitive out on the athletic field.

The single-sex environment allows girls to explore "male subjects" such as mathematics, advanced sciences, computers, and technology without the connotation that they are "geeks."

Women who choose non-traditional careers in the sciences and technology can expect to have lifetime earnings that are 150% of women who choose traditional careers.

First, the Junior Academy . . .

then Notre Dame Academy for high school recognized nationally and regionally for its outstanding academic program

Notre Dame Academy

- * Has the largest area all-girls advanced placement and honors program
- * Offers the largest, award winning all-girls Fine Arts program in music, dance, drama, and art
- * Earned the City League All Sports Award-eight times in a row
- * Provides leadership opportunities in 30 clubs and activities
- * Has career exploration courses in engineering, business, law, media arts, medicine and science
- * Offers the International Baccalaureate Program with full diploma and certificate programs
- * Volunteers thousands of hours in the community
- * Develops spirituality through its four-year retreat program, theology classes, and thousands of volunteer hours to the local community



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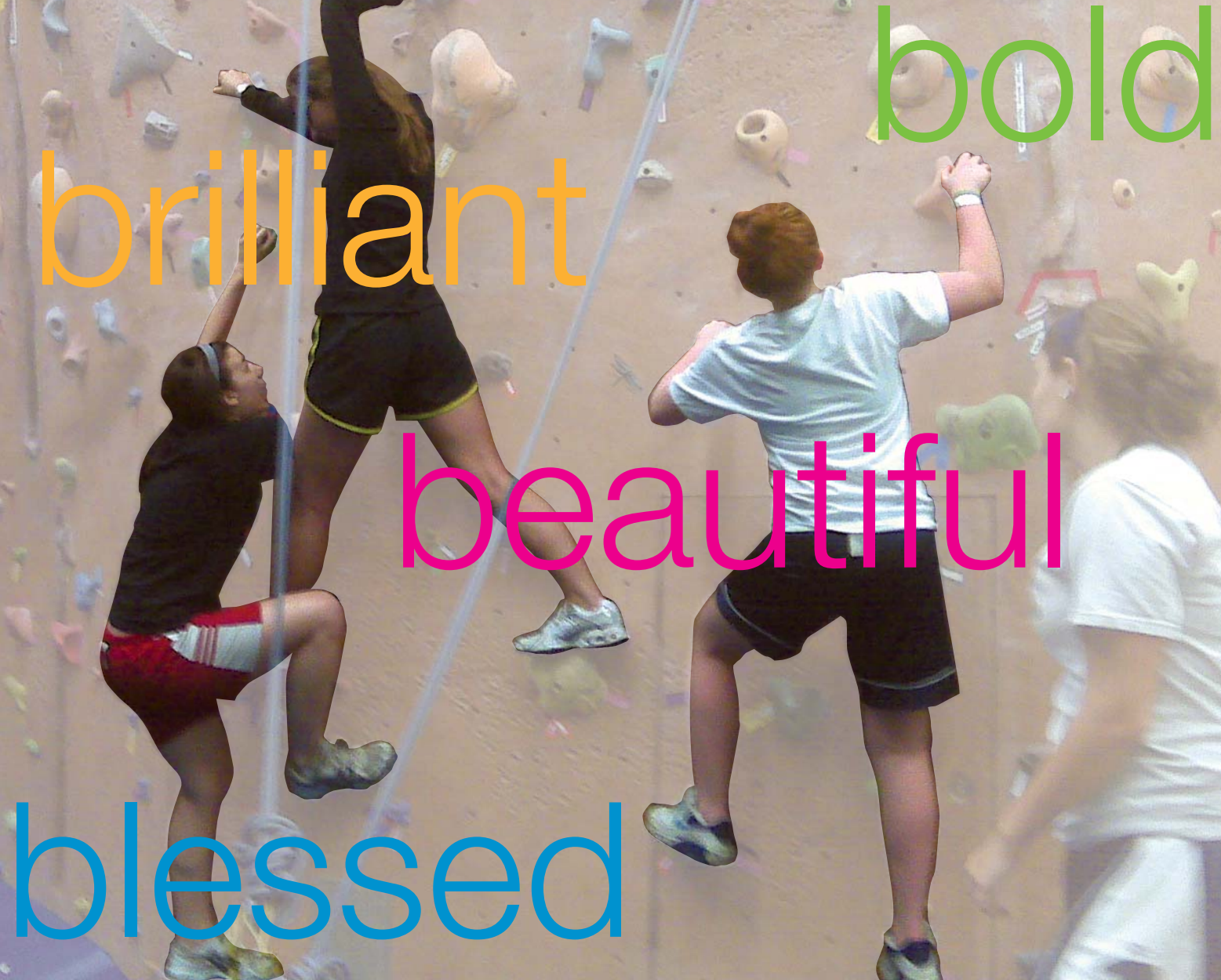
*** MISSION STATEMENT ***
 Notre Dame Junior Academy, for adolescent women in grades 7 and 8, provides holistic education in the Catholic tradition that nurtures the development of individual strengths and gifts in an academically innovative environment.

NDA Junior Academy

A BOLD ACADEMIC PROGRAM FOR 7TH & 8TH GRADE GIRLS



OUR VISION: Empower Girls to Be Bold, Brilliant, Beautiful, and Blessed



BOLD! BRILLIANT! BEAUTIFUL! BLESSED!

“The level of academic achievement that students attain by eighth grade has a larger impact on their college and career readiness by the time they graduate from high school than anything that happens academically in high school.”

The Forgotten Middle
An Executive Summary By ACT on College Readiness

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Notre Dame Academy graduates women who are bold, brilliant, beautiful, and blessed. Now girls can start that journey toward college and career readiness during seventh and eighth grade by getting a jumpstart on high school preparation in Notre Dame Junior Academy.

Bold Academics in 7th & 8th Grades

Notre Dame Junior Academy's focus is on:

- * Developing **an individualized academic program** for each student to progress at her own pace.
- * **Providing a challenging curriculum** in core academic areas with the opportunity to participate in high school level classes *depending on a student's qualifications.*
- * **Expanding math options** for young women who can move ahead more quickly **for Advanced Placement and college courses later in high school.**
- * **Beginning foreign language** with choices in Spanish, French, Latin, or Chinese.
- * **Transitioning to a block schedule** for *early preparation for college, time for more in-depth and hands-on learning, better academic retention, and time for academic support services, if required.*



“The Junior Academy gave my daughter the opportunity to excel. She took freshman honors math and Spanish as an eighth grader.”

“In most junior high gifted programs you have to excel across the board. Here it is individualized. My daughter could take high school and honors classes in subjects in which she was strong.”

WHAT NDJA PARENTS ARE SAYING...

Brilliant in Global Perspective

Notre Dame Academy is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, **the first and only Catholic, all-girls school in Ohio and the largest program in northwest Ohio.** This honor further enhances our outstanding reputation with colleges and universities. The Junior Academy directly benefits from its relationship with the high school by:

- * Staff and faculty that are IB-trained
- * Association with the world's most prestigious educational system
- * The IB philosophy that permeates the entire school insuring students are prepared for their future to help create a better world through intercultural understanding and respect
- * Enhanced academic preparation in seventh and eighth grade to participate in the high school IB Program

Beautiful in Self-Confidence through the Fine Arts

Girls love to perform and discover who they are. Seventh and eighth grade is the perfect time for her to discover her inner Rembrandt, play an instrument, and learn self-confidence by speaking in front of others. Girls are encouraged, challenged, and inspired to shine in an environment that nurtures her spirit.

The Junior Academy recognizes the importance of creating self-esteem in young women at this crucial time and offers an abundance of fine arts opportunities with classes in 3-D Art, orchestra, speech/drama, and so much more. Throughout the school year girls participate in musical concerts, perform in plays, and exhibit their art.



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“It's not just the curriculum but it's the study skills and habits developed in the Junior Academy that made my daughter successful as a high school freshman.”

“One of the most rewarding changes we saw in our daughter is she became more polished, spiritual, and developed a gentleness and concern for others.”

Brilliant in Leadership with Empowering Opportunities

Everybody deserves a chance to grow as a leader! Tomorrow's Leadership Committee (TLC) is a unique skill development concept that allows different girls to step up at numerous times throughout the year. A variety of social, spiritual, and academic activities allows teams of girls to serve as a leadership group for that specific activity.

This concept allows more girls to begin to develop their time management, team building, communication skills, and natural leadership abilities.

Other leadership opportunities are plentiful, whether in the classroom or on the athletic playing field. NDJA students serve on the high school student council and on the Pastoral Core Team.

Junior Academy athletes are called the “Eagles.” Depending on the student interest, the Eagles could field teams in cross country, soccer, volleyball, basketball, lacrosse, softball, and track. They participate in the highly competitive CYO program. Other sports include archery, tennis, and swimming through various sports leagues.

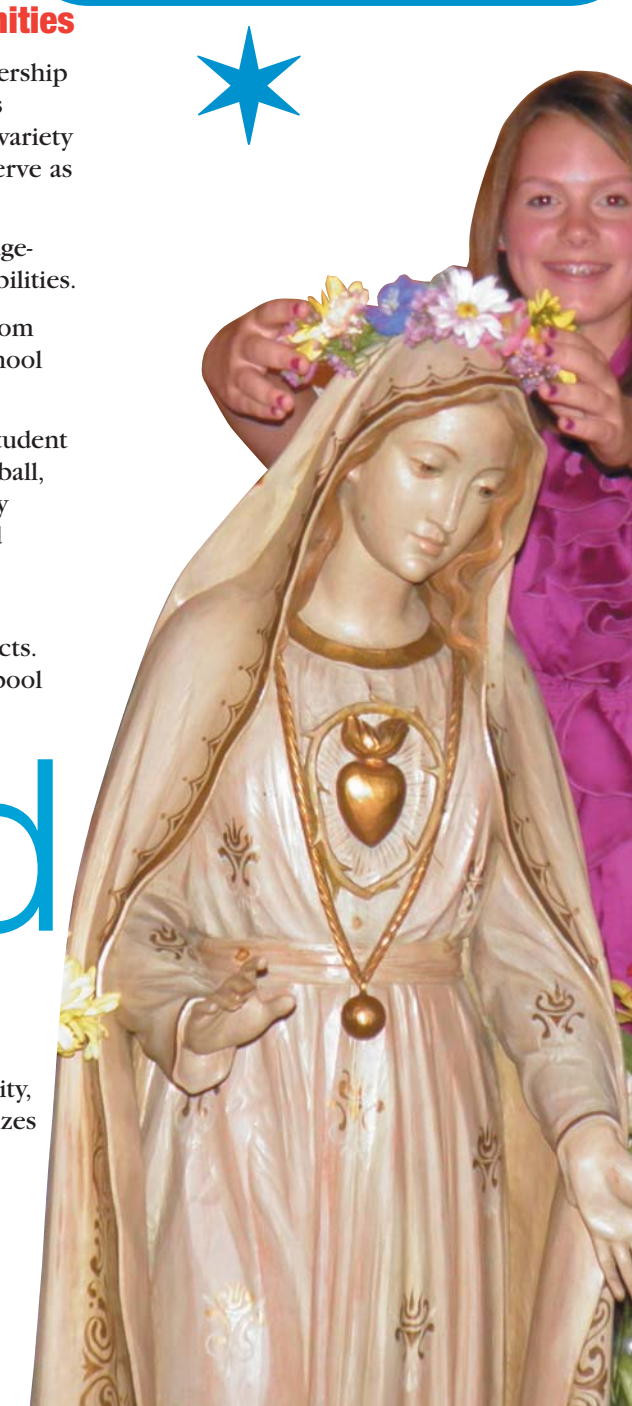
Clubs and activities are geared to create friendships and have fun. Families can choose to participate on committees and special projects. Everyone quickly becomes acquainted at social events such as the pool party, picnic, and bonfire.

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Blessed with a Life Enriched by Faith and Service to Others

The heart of Notre Dame Junior Academy is its faith-based community, where Christian values are nurtured in an atmosphere that emphasizes a young girl's prayer life, moral leadership, and service to others.

Both the seventh and eighth grades have their own retreats. Girls participate in age-appropriate Liturgies, prayer services, and service activities to awaken a young woman's caring heart. Junior Academy students donate hundreds of hours to the community and quickly develop new friendships with the Sisters of Notre Dame.



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