



NOTRE DAME LOWER SCHOOL  
NOTRE DAME MIDDLE SCHOOL  
VIEWBOOK

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**YOU WANT MORE.** You want a school where your child will learn, grow, have fun and be loved. You want a community whose mission is to develop Christians, citizens and scholars who will make our world a better place. Notre Dame offers a world-class educational experience where academic excellence flourishes and all students are encouraged to be their best selves. Now is the time to go where you belong.

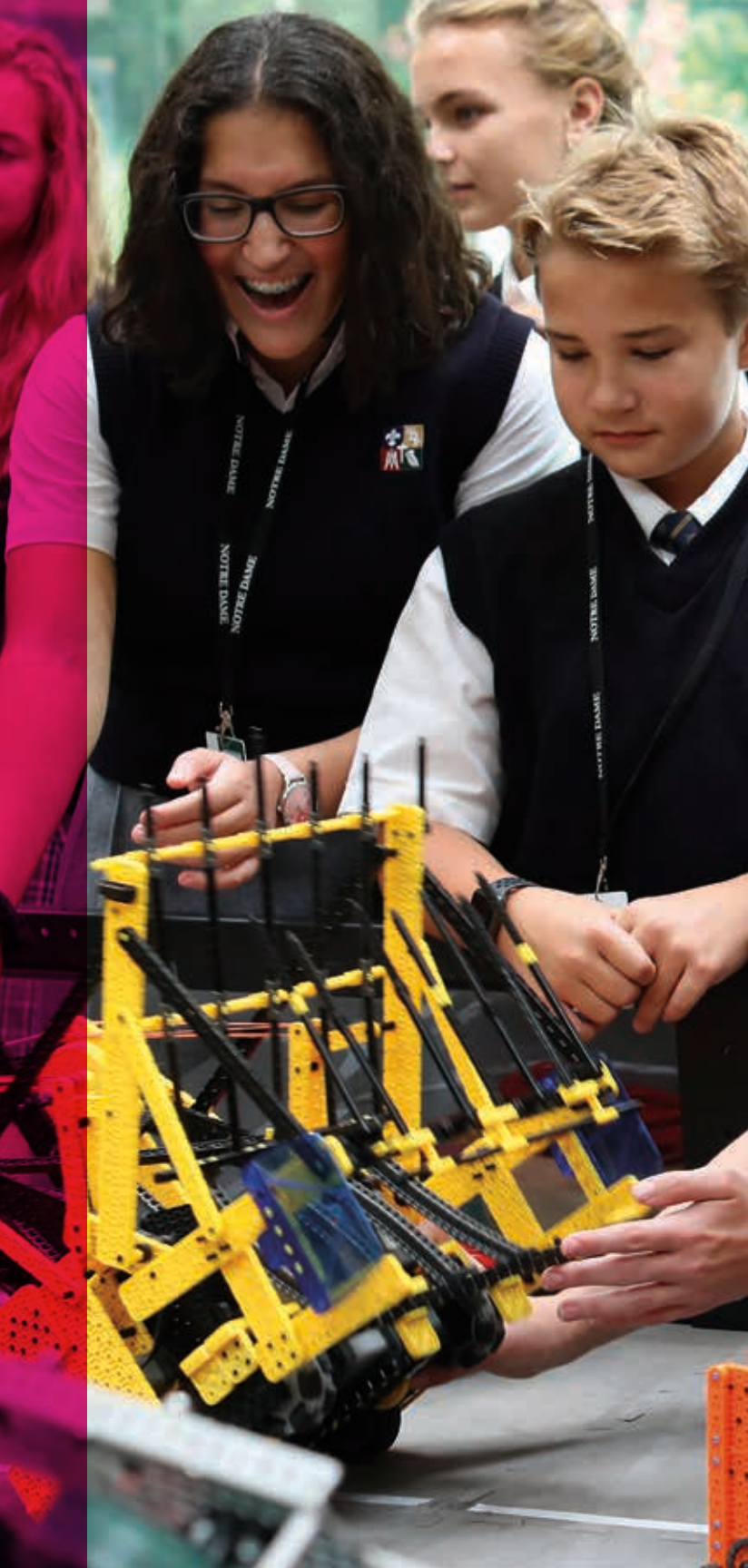


"I feel that my students are just as excited as I am. I love the momentum of my students' engagement. They are incredibly talented and I can't emphasize that enough."  
— LAUREN (TEACHER)

# be creative

**PAINT! SING! PLAY! PERFORM!** At Notre Dame, students excel as artists, singers, musicians, actors, inventors and explorers. They express themselves and develop new talents. In this creative community, *your child belongs.*





## IMMERSIVE LEARNING THROUGH ROBOTICS

There's no greater reward for you as a parent than watching the light bulb go off in your child's head. At Notre Dame, we take mastery of academic principles as well as life skills such as team-working and problem-solving out of the classroom and immerse students in a hands-on learning approach. Through our after-school robotics program, students are exposed to fun and exciting ways of mastering concepts like math, science and computer coding in a team-based learning environment. Learn more about our K-12 robotics program at [www.ndpma.org](http://www.ndpma.org).



## APPLYING CRITICAL THINKING TO REAL-WORLD ISSUES

Have you ever sought a window into your child's mind, especially when it comes to complex issues today? At Notre Dame, we encourage students to actively explore life's questions and solutions, creating well-balanced children who are prepared for the future. The apex of the International Baccalaureate journey at the lower level is the fifth-grade exhibition and eighth grade community project, both of which are designed to give students a platform to showcase their ability to problem-solve. Understanding your place in the broader community and how to affect positive change also is a focal point through student-led community service. Learn more about the IB program and Notre Dame's approach to learning at [www.ndpma.org](http://www.ndpma.org).



*"I really liked learning about machines and the Kellogg brothers last year in third grade." — BRADY*

*"Teaching within an IB school allows student-driven inquiry and open-ended learning. I truly enjoy watching my students take ownership of their learning." — TINA (TEACHER)*

*be challenged*

**REACH HIGHER. DIG DEEPER. MAKE CONNECTIONS.** Students go further in their discovery of themselves and the world by asking important questions and gaining new perspectives. In an environment where young minds are empowered to learn, *your child belongs.*







"I feel like I know everyone,  
everyone knows me, and  
everyone is nice. It is a great  
community." — THOMAS

*be confident*

DARE TO ASK. DARE TO TRY. DARE TO DREAM BIG. At Notre Dame, students bravely  
discover knowledge, purpose and happiness. Among the bold, *your child belongs.*



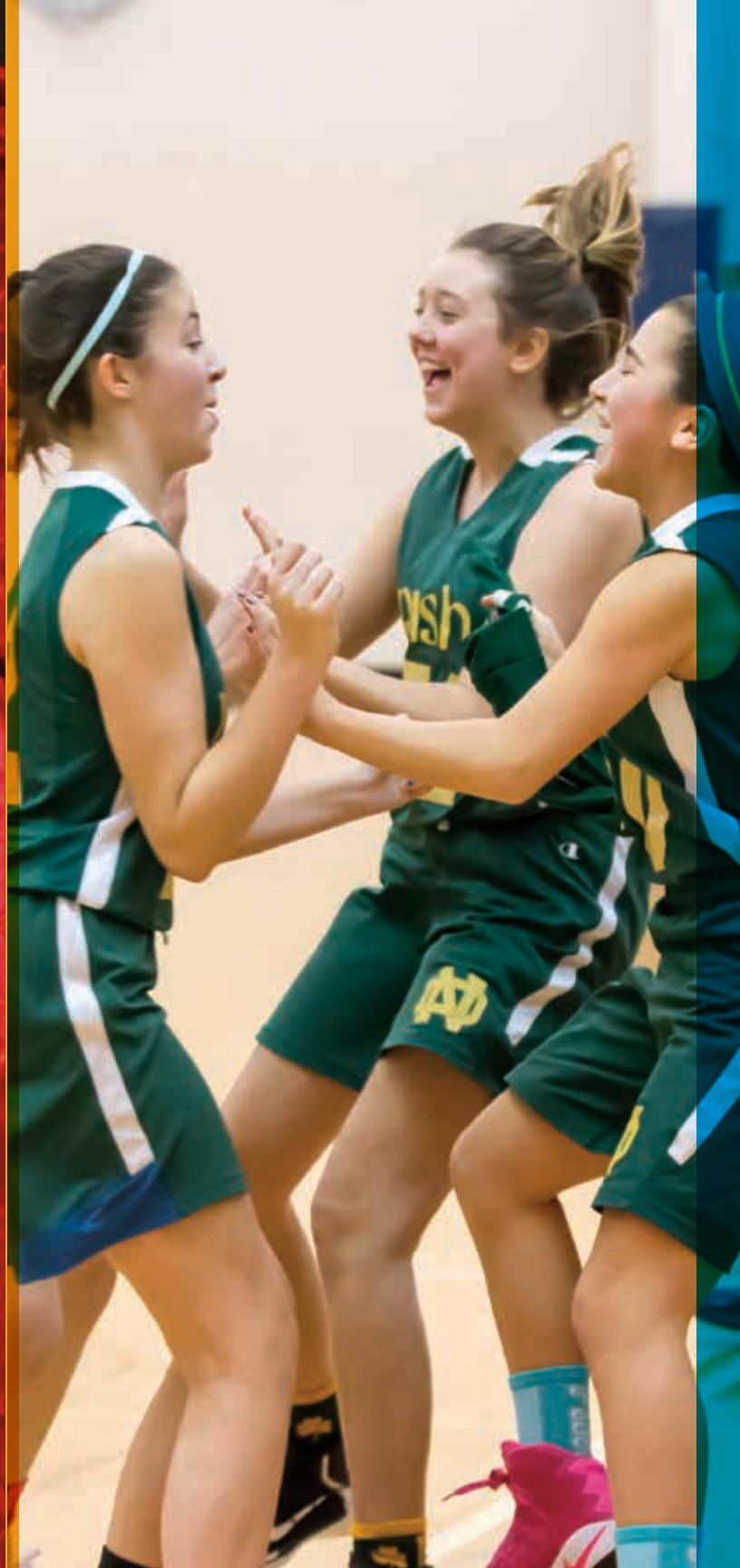
*"I liked figuring out our talent show routine with my partner."*  
— EMILY

*"Notre Dame gives its students the tools for personal development in the classroom, in the chapel, and on the field. But it also skillfully provides them with a sense of community and teamwork. I don't believe many schools offer such a unique blend of development for a young person."*  
— MARK (PARENT)

*be involved*

NOTRE DAME PROVIDES STUDENTS with many life-enriching opportunities, like sports, drama, robotics, student council, service and other fun activities. On a team, in a cast or in any group of supportive friends, *your child belongs.*







## A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT WITH GOD

Explaining the gospel is no small task. Explaining the gospel to children can be even more difficult. The challenge comes in simplifying the language without simplifying the concepts. At Notre Dame we address each child's understanding of spirituality with reverence and respect. One way this is accomplished for our youngest students is through the Atrium, a specially prepared environment that allows the relationship between God and the child to grow through hands-on learning. Students who use the Atrium are free to explore very deep concepts of Catholic faith, and familiar rituals and traditions at a level they can understand through imagination and exploration at their own pace. Learn more about faith at Notre Dame at [www.ndpma.org](http://www.ndpma.org).



*"I think what makes our school  
a great place is our bond  
with God, Jesus and Mary"*  
— PRESLEY

*"Every day, before school and  
before each class, we say a  
prayer. At the end of the day, we  
also say a prayer. It is so nice  
to be reminded throughout  
the day to be thankful for our  
blessings." — ELIZABETH*

*be faithful*  
STRIVING TO FOLLOW CHRIST, students at Notre Dame embrace opportunities to  
grow in their faith through daily prayer and spiritual development. At Notre Dame,  
*every child of God belongs.*



*"The most important part of my job here at Notre Dame is making that 'connection' with my students. Especially in middle school, children need to feel a sense of belonging."*

— NADINE (TEACHER)

*"Notre Dame is special because almost all of my favorite memories are here. I love it! I want to stay here until college!"*

— CRISTIANA

*be loved*

TEACHERS WHO CARE. Parents who support. Community that uplifts and empowers.

Embraced and secure, *your child belongs.*



## MIDDLE SCHOOL HOUSES OFFER SENSE OF CONNECTION

Making friends and finding your tribe isn't always easy. But at Notre Dame, community is built into the experience. Every student is assigned a "house" upon enrolling and stays with that house throughout the entirety of his or her middle school journey. Houses include a diverse blend of students from all middle school grade levels. Throughout the year, students engage in several activities, allowing them to grow in their leadership and decision-making skills, gain more confidence, and ultimately move closer to becoming Christian people, upright citizens and academic scholars. Learn more about the Notre Dame Middle School experience at [www.ndpma.org](http://www.ndpma.org).

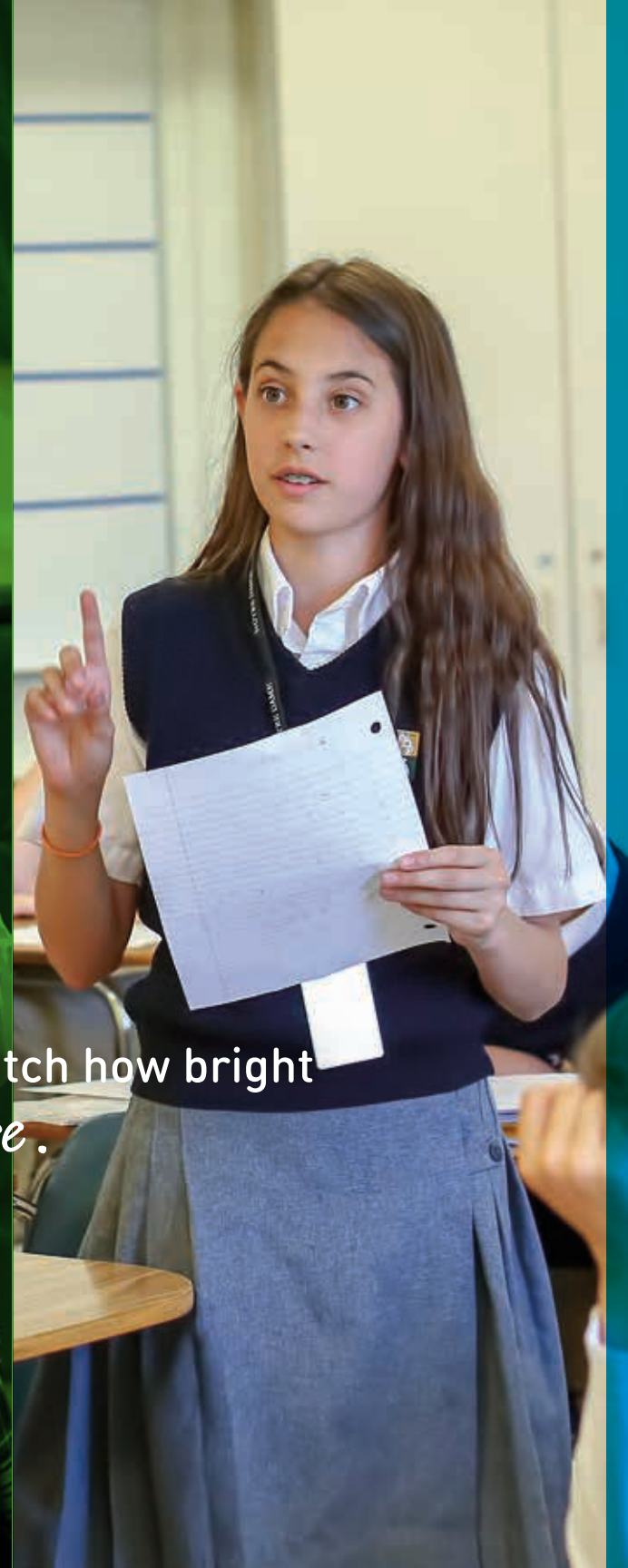




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*be you*

YOUR CHILD IS A UNIQUE GIFT and a light for the world. Watch how bright his or her light shines at Notre Dame. *You belong here.*



**NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
AND MARIST ACADEMY PROVIDES ITS  
DIVERSE STUDENT BODY A CATHOLIC  
AND INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED  
COLLEGE-PREPARATORY EXPERIENCE  
OF LASTING VALUE. OUR MISSION:  
WITH GOD, WE FORM CHRISTIAN  
PEOPLE, UPRIGHT CITIZENS AND  
ACADEMIC SCHOLARS."**

Notre Dame is a co-educational school run by the Marist Fathers and Brothers, and is welcoming to students and families of all faiths. We are an authorized International Baccalaureate World School, providing the Primary Years Programme (PYP) from pre-kindergarten through grade 5, the Middle Years Programme (MYP) from grades 6 to 10, and the prestigious Diploma Programme (DP) to juniors and seniors.

Notre Dame students in grades 6 through 12 begin their school day at 7:45 a.m., and finish at 2:45 p.m. They carry eight courses, but sit for five 55-minute classes per day in an eight-day rotating schedule. Built into each day is Community Time, giving all students 30 to 35 minutes to meet with clubs, catch up on schoolwork, collaborate with peers, or visit with a teacher/advisor in a small-group setting. Students in our Lower School, located at 1425 Giddings Road, attend school on the same academic calendar as their older peers. Their school day runs from 7:45 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.



## ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

The admission process at Notre Dame is designed to build a diverse student body that strives to fulfill all the major components of our school mission in developing Christians, citizens and scholars. Though Notre Dame serves a predominantly Roman Catholic population, applicants from other Christian denominations or non-Christian faiths are welcome. Based on this approach, Notre Dame focuses on attracting students prepared to thrive in a challenging academic program and interested in becoming a contributor to our learning community through their development in arts, athletics, leadership, and faith life. Notre Dame's model applicant strives to grow in all these areas.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO NOTRE DAME (GRADES PK-8)

- Complete online application through Blackbaud's MySchoolApp, available at [ndpma.org](http://ndpma.org).
- Download and submit Academic Information Request form to student's current school.
- Send online Student Evaluation form(s) to student's current teacher(s).
- Interview.

*Note: Students accepted to grades 1 to 5 will take reading and math assessments on campus in the spring semester or later, depending on date of acceptance.*

## ADMISSION TO NOTRE DAME

Notre Dame begins accepting applications in October, and reviews applicants once all requirements have been met. Admission decisions typically are communicated 24 to 48 hours following the student-parent interview. The initial deadline for applications is December 18. After that date, applicants may continue to pursue admission and ultimately register as space permits. Registration for the 2021-22 school year opens January 25.

### SHADOWING AT NOTRE DAME

As a result of COVID-19, Notre Dame has suspended its "Irish for a Day" program for the 2020-21 school year. We encourage you to visit [ndpma.org](http://ndpma.org) to see our students and teachers in action, check out our top-notch indoor and outdoor facilities, and watch videos depicting the unmatched student experience we provide.

## TUITION AT NOTRE DAME

Notre Dame utilizes a 12-month tuition calendar, beginning in February. In addition to tuition, students are assessed fees for materials such as a tablet, apps, books, etc. Fees range by division. Tuition for 2020-21 follows.

Preparatory School: \$17,324

Middle School: \$15,419

Lower School: \$11,988

## FINANCIAL AID AT NOTRE DAME

Notre Dame is happy to partner with families wishing to realize an education for their child(ren) at our school. All families are welcome to apply online for assistance through Financial Aid for School Tuition (FAST), which requires all filed tax documentation and W-2s as part of its application. The review period for new families runs from December 1 to February 1. Applications will be accepted after that date, as long as funds remain available. Whenever possible, qualified applicants in the aforementioned two-month review window will receive notice of an award in their student's letter of acceptance. Awards are applied on September 1.

### ALUMNI AWARD (PK-12)

Children of NDP, NDHS (Harper Woods), Oakland Catholic and Pontiac Catholic alumni are eligible for yearly discounts in tuition at Notre Dame. The award is \$1,000 for the first student and is prorated for additional students. Alumni awards cannot be combined with financial aid awards.





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