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That's the Spirit

Spirit Day 2017 was full of twists and turns. "Broadway" was the theme for skits this year, with freshmen doing *Hairspray*, sophomores doing *Annie*, juniors doing *Mamma Mia!*, and seniors performing *Shrek the Musical*. Each skit was filled with heartwarming songs, hilarious teacher impressions, and amazing spirit from all the students. As for the plot twists, the seniors made Spirit Day history by deliberately disqualifying themselves by exceeding the 10 minute limit--a major skit rule--to remind the ND community of the meaning of Spirit Day. Skits are not about winning or losing, but rather we do skits because we love doing it--we love the unity that each skit creates in a class, and we love Notre Dame. That decision left only the other high-school classes eligible



to win Best Skit. This year, two more award categories were added besides Best Skit and Best Banner--Best Song and Best Impressions. The senior class won Best Song, the juniors for Best Impressions, and sophomores for Best Banner, leaving the freshman class--the blue class--to win Best Skit, an unprecedented victory! The freshman class taking Best Skit is a historical event that will never be forgotten, which, in the opinion of many, can also be said for Spirit Day 2017 overall. This was a Spirit Day that people will not forget and will be talking about for years to come.

Favorite Memories

By Liann Dawson ('18)

As the seniors approach their final year at ND, I polled a randomly selected group of them to share what they'll remember best this time *next* year. Here are their most frequent replies:

- Winning Spirit Day junior year
- When the Wawa goose came
- Banging pans on the lockers in freshman hallway
- When all of the seniors were belting "I say "Yes, my Lord!" at the Mother-Daughter picnic mass
- Brock's broccoli
- Mr. Cushing
- Freshman Winter Ball
- Trip to N.Y. in 8th grade
- 9th grade English, when Mrs. Burke let us act out the fighting scenes in Julius Caesar...with swords
- The Sister Dorothy one-woman show
- The first day of senior year tailgate
- Our senior-lounge dance party
- The 8th grade retreat

Father-Daughter Breakfast

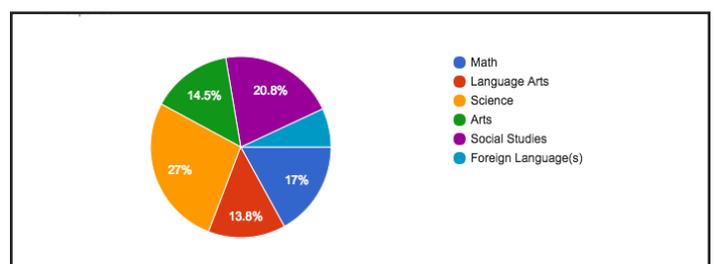
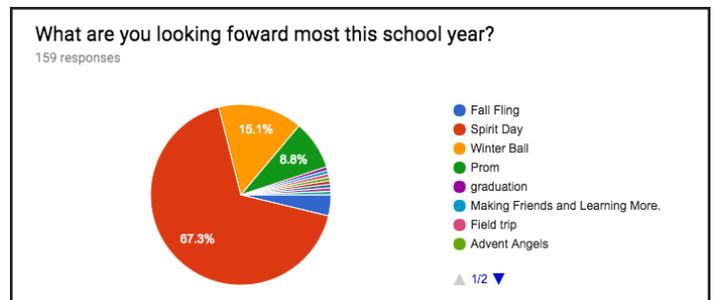
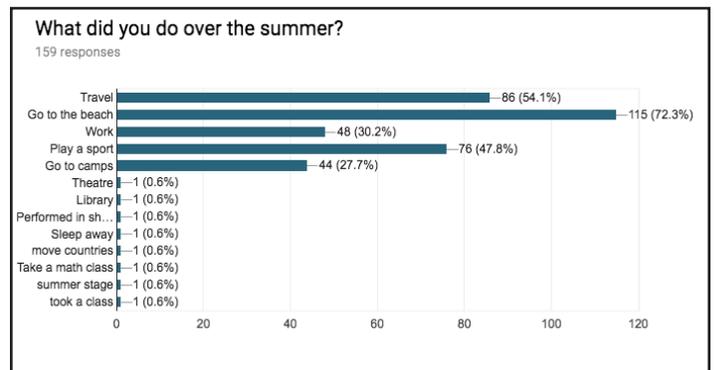
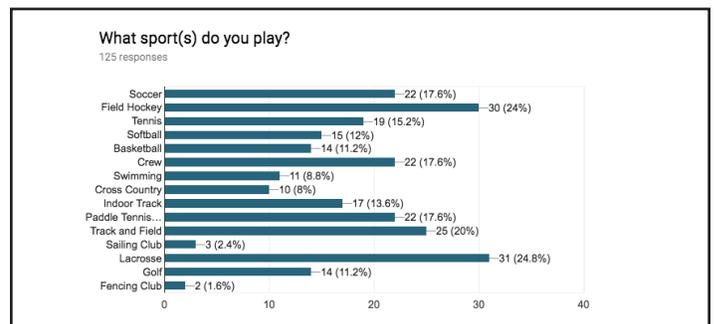
By Rose McDonald ('19)

Sunday, October 15, marked one of ND's most cherished events: the Father-Daughter Communion Breakfast at Springfield Country Club. This year's event was an obvious success! As usual, it started off with a liturgy, which was planned by our new Director of Campus Ministry, Ms. Gandolfo, and especially enjoyable this year. Not a detail was missed. Father Murray's homily was very moving as he expressed the many ways in which fathers show they care for their daughters. Whether it is sending a text to make sure they get home safe or helping them with a project, our fathers are a strong support for all of us. The message was clear and beautiful, something that all fathers and daughters could see in their own lives. The music at the Mass showcased Notre Dame's new liturgical choir and contributed to making the morning truly memorable. The brunch that followed was also extraordinary. From the orange juice to the French toast, the brunch had it all. As always, the true stand-out food item was Springfield Country Club's signature chocolate fountain, which is always popular among the daughters! However, the best part of this event was being able to spend quality time with our fathers. We're all so busy with the hustle and bustle of school and other activities that we forget to spend time with our families, especially our dads. This Father-Daughter Event allowed us to come together as an ND community: dads and daughters were able to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones as well. It was truly beautiful and a perfect way to spend a Sunday.



ND at a Glance

Curious about your classmates this year? *The Gates* was, too. That's why reporters Abby Ryan and Meghan O'Meara (both '20) made it their mission to gather some facts about the student body as a whole. Here are their findings.



In the Lunchroom:

SAGE Culinary and Design Thinking

By: Penelope Riley ('18)

"It's the tantalizing aroma of freshly cooked food. It's the colorful displays of fruits and vegetables laid out before you. It's the welcoming smiles on the faces of the Team Members. It's the comprehensive sustainability initiative that safeguards the environment without losing quality. It's delicious meals and bespoke menus and everything in between – all the hallmarks of the SAGE program that set us apart." This school year, ND welcomes a new food service, SAGE Culinary, rooted in serving fresh and locally grown food.

Georgette has worked the Notre Dame lunchroom for the past two years and notes this year's operations reflect significant improvement. She enjoys working with the great staff and says that the students make it fun. Her personal favorite item on the menu? The chicken Caesar wraps. But while students praise the quality, some have observed that "self-serve" might not be serving everyone best. According to sandwich fan Sara

Holmwood (Class of '18), "the quality of the food is very fresh, most of the time, but I wish that they would prepare the sandwiches for me. The quality of the sandwich bar often makes me want to bring a lunch from home."

Meanwhile, in the classroom, Mr. Gaspich has spearheaded an exciting new Entrepreneurship class this year. This course features one semester of the Design Thinking process, led by Mr. Gaspich, and another class in Finance, taught by Mr. Foreman. In a *Shark Tank* sort of approach, students have a unique opportunity to design their own product and solution to a recognized problem. Two groups of students have decided to focus on lunchroom improvements: one group is working on designing an app ordering system, and another is focusing on the layout and design of the space. Quinn Norris (Class of '18), is a member of the group designing the app, which she is hopeful will "make it more efficient for student-ordering and easier for the lunchroom staff." Meanwhile, lots of exciting changes are taking place in the cafeteria, with potentially more to come!

World Religions Welcomes Back Gillian Chandler ('15)

By Brianna Marmorstein ('18)

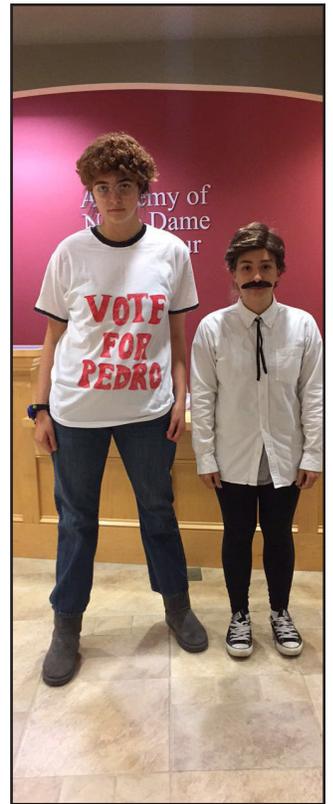
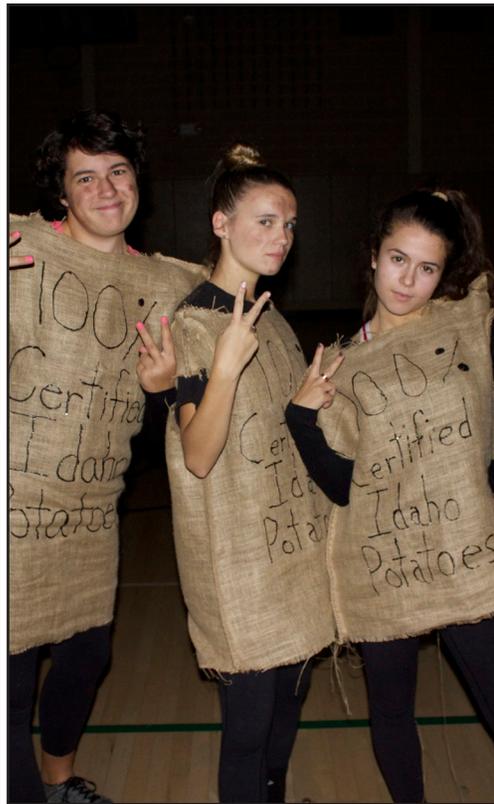
On Tuesday, October 10, many of the senior World Religions classes were visited by Gillian Chandler ('15). Gillian, now a junior at George Washington University, is studying International Relations and Religion with concentrations in the Middle East and Islam, respectively. Gillian's purpose was two-fold: she emphasized the importance of being educated about other religions and cultures, and she specifically focused on Islam. She discussed the religion, its traditions, and its lived culture where it is most widely practiced. She also addressed terrorism and 9/11. Gillian was sure to make a clear distinction between Islam and Islamic extremist groups, such as Al-Qaeda, in order to address the Islamophobia inspired by the attacks of September 11, 2001. Gillian plans to return to World Religions classes in the spring following her upcoming trip to Iran.



Wearing of the Green

The Class of 2018 marked a new era by trading in their shamrock green (pictured, at Spirit Day '16) for a more "collegiate" pine. At far right, Period 4 Religion models the new look.





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Fall Sports Recap

By Sarah Howton ('20)

With the start of school...comes the start of fall sports! Around ND, this is always an exciting time as the field hockey, volleyball, tennis, cross country and soccer teams are back in season. Like always, the ND sports teams have already had great accomplishments this fall, and are looking forward to many more. Among the highlights:

Field Hockey: Varsity has a remarkable record of 11-1-2 with big wins against ND rivals Agnes Irwin and EA. Senior captains Tina D'Anjolell, Ava Leonhardt, and Sarah Jane Quigley look to lead the team to a strong finish and another league championship. JV, led by junior captains Meredith Lauzon and Sophia Haub, has also had a very successful season with an impressive record of 12-1. At press time, both teams are also undefeated in league play.



Volleyball: ND Varsity volleyball has had a very impressive season thus far, with a record of 14-0! Led by captains Olivia Andrisani, Elise Butler, Alessandra Ciampi and Molly Kieft, the girls have dominated the Inter-Ac league. JV also has a winning record of 10-2 so far and are undefeated in the Inter-Ac league.



Tennis: Varsity tennis, led by senior captains Adriana Bull, Natalie Hughes, and Caroline Mackay, has had a good season with a record of 5-5 and big wins against Germantown and Springside. JV has also had a strong season with a 6-3 record.



Cross Country: With a strong team led by captains Farran Dougherty, Jackie Lanzalotto and Penelope Riley, ND cross country has had exciting 2017-18 season! They have a record of 6-2 with notable wins over EA, Agnes Irwin, and Baldwin.

Soccer: Varsity soccer, led by their captains Charlotte Bradley, Christine Stavish, and Katie Brennan, looks to improve from their 2016-17 record of 3-14-5. So far, this season they are at 3-8-1, and with six games still left to play, they may well surpass their win total from last year. A particularly impressive moments of the season was their close 1-0 win against a talented Agnes Irwin team. JV currently enjoys a record of 6-4, with wins against Shipley and Agnes Irwin.

It's an exciting season so far for all of our teams. Can't wait to see how it all plays out!