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Developing the whole person – body, mind, and soul.

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Education through a different lens.

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Our Tradition

Peoria Notre Dame is rooted in nearly 160 years of Catholic education and tradition. Beginning with the Academy of Our Lady for young women in 1863, Catholic education expanded to include the Spalding Institute for young men in 1899 and Bergan High School in 1964.

In the late 1980s, the Diocese of Peoria made the decision to combine the Catholic high schools to form one school now known as Peoria Notre Dame.

The legacy of Peoria Notre Dame is one of academic excellence, strong moral character, and proud tradition. Our faith-based approach to education is centered on developing the entire person - mind, body, and soul. We model and teach God's love for every person, and we help each student discover the Lord's plan for their life.

Our Mission

Our mission is to foster spiritual, emotional, intellectual, and physical development by:

- Teaching the Catholic faith
- Leading students to be disciples of Jesus Christ
- Teaching the arts and sciences in a climate of Catholic academic inquiry





The blessing of a Catholic high school such as Peoria Notre Dame, is the formation of young people to be well educated, well developed disciples of Jesus Christ! In their academics, personal maturing, friendships, and faith experiences, the students of Peoria Notre Dame excel in seeking out God's calling to make a difference in the world. What a blessing PND is to the local community and to the wider Church! May Mary, the first disciple and Mother of the Church, provide great inspiration to the PND community to live for the sake of God's kingdom.

- The Most Reverend Lou Tylka, Bishop of Peoria

Our Values

- Christ-centered
- Excellence in all things
- Family
- Individual dignity of all students
- Personal responsibility
- Service to others
- Pursuit of virtue
- Tradition

Our Vision

Our desire is to provide an excellent and holistic education, developing the whole person: body, mind, and soul. We desire to prepare our students for a successful future - educationally, professionally, vocationally, personally, socially, and eternally in Heaven. Finally we desire to illuminate the hearts and minds of our students with the "lens of the Gospel" so that they can grow in authentic virtue and be true protagonists of history, bringing the Light of Christ to the world around them.



GO FURTHER *in Excellence*

Peoria Notre Dame has a history of strong academic excellence. Our well-rounded curriculum develops our students to be leaders among their peers. They graduate with confidence, ready to pursue great achievements like other alumni such as Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, and Air Force Colonel Joanne MacGregor.

Most of our students go on to attend four year universities such as the University of Notre Dame, the University of Illinois, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and Washington University in St. Louis.

Our outstanding counseling department goes above and beyond to offer programs that guide students in college and career planning and provide emotional support along the way. Some of the services the department provides include

- Course planning
- Scholarship information
- Career exploration
- Standardized testing
- College visits from 70+ institutions each year

In the fall, the counseling department uniquely offers a post-high school planning workshop for seniors to help them prepare for life beyond high school. The workshop includes a series of talks from alumni and faculty as well as provides independent time to complete college applications with the assistance of our knowledgeable counselors.



- 100% graduation rate
- Average weighted GPA of 3.752
- 98% of the 2022 graduating class is attending college
- Average class size is 16 students
- Students from 4 counties
- Students representing more than 30 parishes
- 50% of faculty hold advanced degrees
- 1:1 MacBook Pro computer program



Class of 2022 Profile

\$14.2 million in Scholarships Awarded

17,540 Service Hours Completed

57 Presidential Scholarships

24.4 Average ACT score

GO FURTHER *in Academics*

Advanced Placement

The Advanced Placement Program allows students to take higher level courses which may help them receive college credit and move ahead to more advanced classes in college. In some cases, AP exams with a score of 3 or greater may be accepted for college credit, helping students save time and money. In the spring of 2022, PND students performed exceptionally well with an average of 3.38. A score of 3 or greater indicates the student is achieving college-level work.

AP Exam Total Percentage

80% Scored a 3 or greater
Compared to Illinois at 60.1% and 60.1% globally

AP Capstone Diploma Program

Peoria Notre Dame is proud to offer the AP Capstone Diploma Program administered through the College Board. Through courses designed by the same institution that administers the SAT, this nationally recognized program gives students the flexibility to research topics in which they are interested, while gaining college-level skills in research, composition, and presentation.

AP Seminar

100% Scored a 3 or greater
Illinois: 76.6%
Globally: 82.6%


AP Research

100% Scored a 3 or greater
Illinois: 83%
Globally: 82.7%

Dual Credit

Peoria Notre Dame offers students more than 30 hours of dual credit courses through Illinois Central College. The credits may transfer to their college or university, allowing students the opportunity to take more advanced courses in their field of study, explore other interests with elective courses, or even graduate early from college.

At Peoria Notre Dame, we recognize every student is talented in different ways. Our goal is to encourage students to find their greatest gifts and develop new skills to take through life. Our students reach their academic goal with the help of dedicated faculty and staff.

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- **23** AP courses offered
 - **27** additional honors courses offered
 - **8** dual credit and **7** early college courses available through Illinois Central College
 - **3** Student Services Department staff members to assist and tutor students, including those with accommodations
 - **3** guidance counselors to assist in making the right choices and preparations for the future. **1** mental health and wellness counselor to assist with personal and emotional needs

GO FURTHER *in Faith*



“Peoria Notre Dame fanned the early flames of my vocation and was an essential part of my journey to priesthood. During high school, the Lord got into my boat, sent me into deep water, and invited me to give my whole life to the worship and service of His Sacred, Merciful, and Eucharistic Heart.”

- Fr. Nic Wilson (PND '13)



Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

Bishop's Leadership Committee

The group seeks to develop junior class leaders in virtue and Christ-like service.

Lumen Christi

This group of students is committed to prayer, confession, and the Eucharist in order to illuminate our school with the Light of Christ.

Teens for Life

Teens for Life seeks to build a culture of life on campus through prayer, service, and participation in pro-life events, especially the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Small Groups

Led by various faculty members, Small Groups provide an intimate setting for students to grow in a relationship with God.

Mission Trips

Each summer, approximately 100 students, teachers, and parents travel to Miami to host a summer camp for low-income children.



Mass Daily

Confession

Twice per week during
advisory

Weekly Adoration

GO FURTHER *in Athletics*


Peoria Notre Dame has enjoyed a long and successful tradition in athletics. Our student athletes are encouraged to develop good sportsmanship and to honor God through their sports. Alumni who have gone on to professional careers include Phoenix Suns Assistant Coach Brian Randle and Joe Girardi who has won the MLB World Series both as a player and a manager.



Athletic Programs Offered

Baseball
Bass Fishing
Boys Basketball
Boys Cross Country
Boys Golf
Boys Soccer
Boys Swimming and Diving
Boys Tennis
Boys Track and Field
Boys Volleyball (Club)
Cheerleading
Dance
Football

Girls Basketball
Girls Cross Country
Girls Golf
Girls Soccer
Girls Swimming and Diving
Girls Tennis
Girls Track and Field
Girls Volleyball
Hockey (Club)
Lacrosse (Club)
Softball
Wrestling



Performance on the field or court is an expression of talent, and skill. Team sports are meant to enhance lessons learned in the classroom while building virtue and character. A supportive community and life-long friendships are an added benefit of the camaraderie shared among teammates.

3 Club Sports

22 IHSA Teams

11 State Championships

70% of students participate in a sport

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in the Arts and Extracurriculars

Peoria Notre Dame has more than 60 sports, activities, and clubs to cater to the interest of every student. Our clubs and activities range in focus from Art Club to FIRST Robotics. An impressive 99% of our students participate in at least one activity or club.



You can take part in the future success of our teams and clubs! Whether you are on the court, behind the podium, or in the stands cheering on your peers, there is a way for you to be a part of the thrill, the excitement, and the legacy of Peoria Notre Dame.





“Every club and activity I have participated in has taught me new skills and insights that cannot be learned in a classroom setting.”

-Ellen Tomlins (PND '22)

More than 40 Clubs & Activities!

All School Council
Anchor Club
Animal Care Club
Art Club
Baking Club
Beau Grant Foundation Club
Bishop's Leadership Committee
Board Games Club
Book Club
Campus Ministry Small Groups
Chess Club
Concert Band
Concert Choir
Creative Writing Club

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Club
Drama Club
Dream Team
Earth Club
Easterseals Club
FIRST Robotics
Flag Club
French Club
German Club
Health Career Club
Irish Chronicle Newspaper
Irish Guard
Key Club
Latin Club

Lumen Christi
Marching Band
National Honor Society
Red Cross Club
“Scattered!” Vocal Ensemble
Scholastic Bowl Team
Spanish Club
St. Jude Club
Student Ambassadors
Table Tennis Club
Teens for Life
Tri-M Music Honor Society
Yearbook

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with Project Lead the Way

Peoria Notre Dame uniquely offers a nationally recognized STEM program called Project Lead the Way, which provides pathways of study in

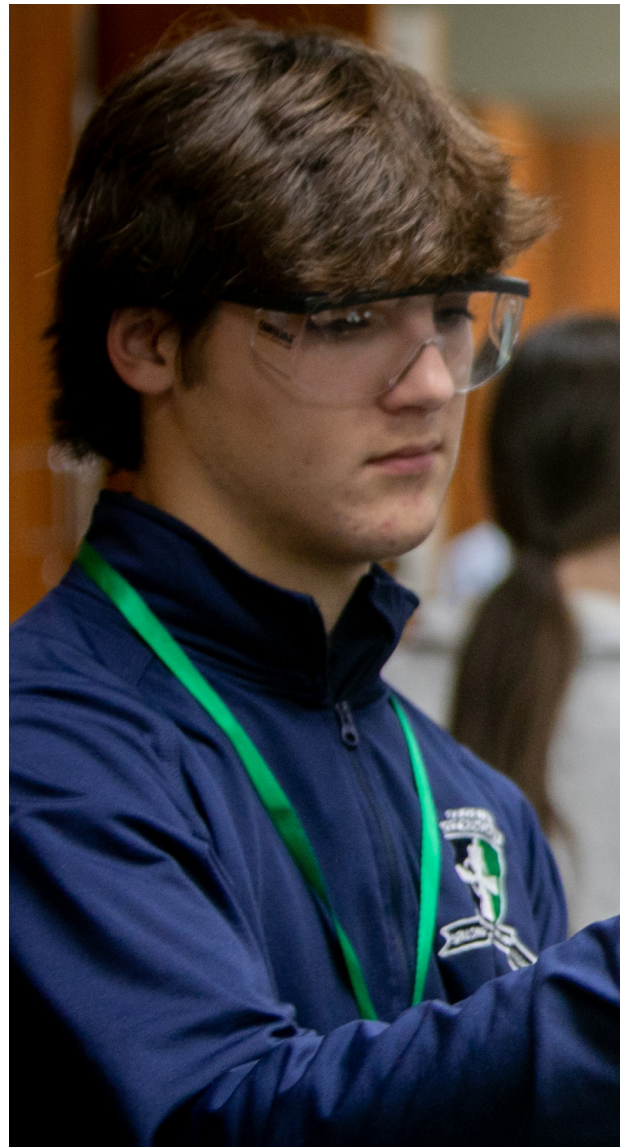
- **Computer Science**
- **Biomedical Science**
- **Engineering**

Participating students following the Project Lead the Way curriculum will complete a prescribed course of study in one of the three pathways. The courses include hands-on learning, which provides sought-after knowledge and skills that will inspire students to pursue careers in STEM.

Through the program, students gain experience in problem solving, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication. With these skills, they are empowered to explore various career paths and develop a forward-thinking mentality which allows them to be leaders in school, in the workforce, and in life.

“Whether through 3D design, multiview drawings, or physical building, the engineering pathway allowed me the freedom to undertake incredibly interesting projects.”

-Eddie Couri (PND '23)





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in the Community



Every Peoria Notre Dame student participates in the Christian Service Program and completes at least 100 hours of service prior to graduation. Each separate project must meet a minimum time commitment of 20 hours. The class of 2022 alone has completed nearly 16,000 hours of service to residents living within Peoria and surrounding communities.

All Christian Service Projects are connected to at least one of the Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy. Each project brings the student into direct service with one or more individuals. This interaction allows students to see and experience the impact they are making on others in the community.

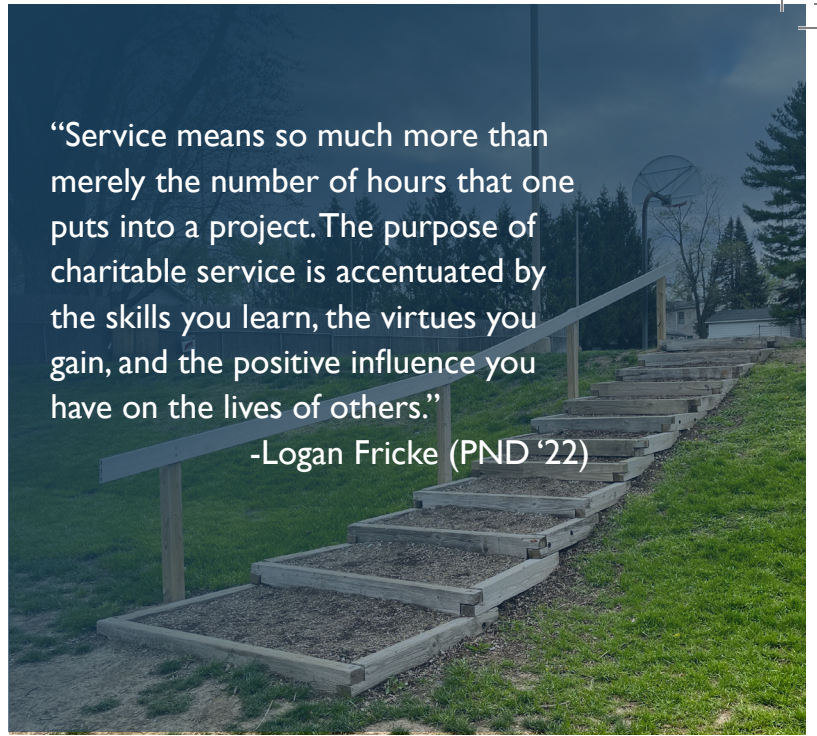
During the Advent season, Peoria Notre Dame students participate in a Christmas Basket Drive to provide meals for local families in need. Students host 16 evening basket drives in various neighborhoods to collect food items. More than 85% of the student body attends one of these events. As a result, students fill 400 boxes with more than 50 items in each box. Due to the efforts of our students, 25,000 items are distributed to families in need right in the Peoria area each Christmas.





“Service means so much more than merely the number of hours that one puts into a project. The purpose of charitable service is accentuated by the skills you learn, the virtues you gain, and the positive influence you have on the lives of others.”

-Logan Fricke (PND '22)



At Peoria Notre Dame, students are challenged to go beyond the school walls and get involved in the community. Many students choose to participate in monthly Service Saturdays or serve local nonprofits and organizations such as Sophia's Kitchen, South Side Mission, and Wildlife Prairie Park.



90%
of financial aid
applicants receive
assistance!



It is never too soon to start thinking about high school. When you choose Peoria Notre Dame, you are choosing a family full of support, prayer, and lifelong relationships.

With a competitive college acceptance environment, we are focused on the success of every student. Peoria Notre Dame will help you go further to reach your goals and dreams for a brighter future while helping you grow in your faith.

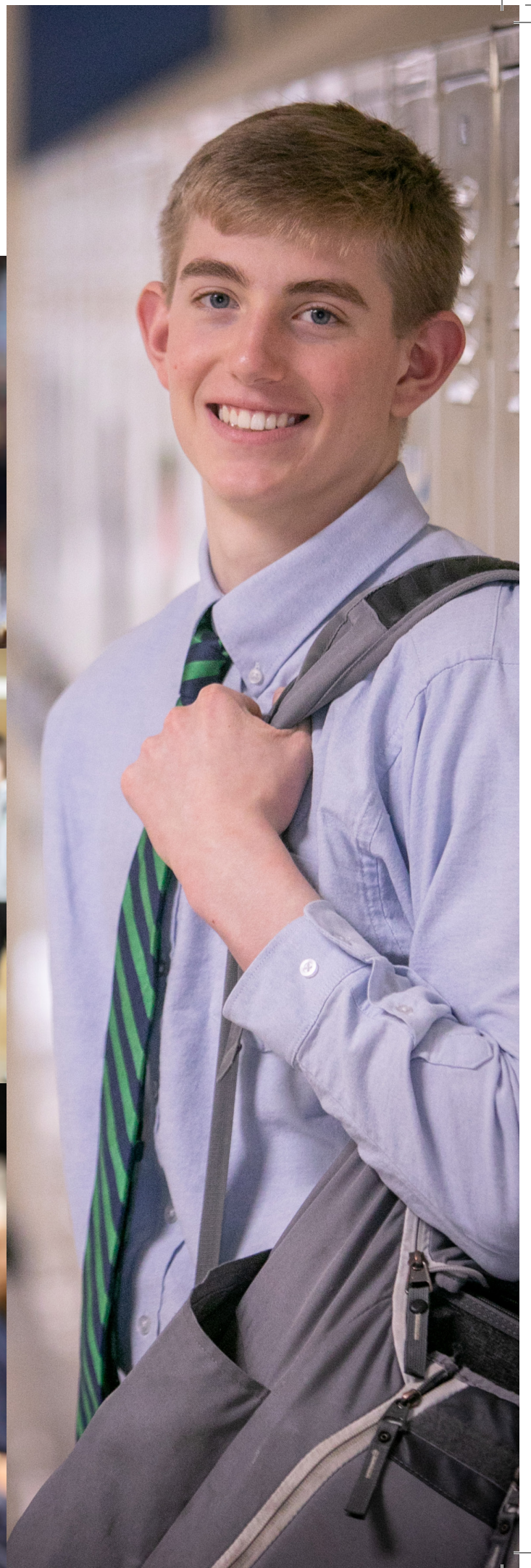
Approximately \$640,000 in tuition assistance was awarded in the 2021-2022 school year. Peoria Notre Dame is committed to helping all students receive a Peoria Notre Dame education.

We invite you to visit! Take a tour or shadow one of our students. We can't wait to show you why we are proud to be PND!

Contact Admissions Director Annie Carroll at
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