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GIVING TUESDAY

Notre Dame Students Unite on Giving Tuesday to Make a Positive Impact in Our Community.

By The Titan Times Team

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In the spirit of generosity and community, Notre Dame recently embraced the heartwarming tradition of Giving Tuesday with open arms compassionate spirits Our school became the vibrant tapestry of selflessness, with students and faculty alike joining forces to make a positive impact. Campus was transformed support our cause. We into a hub of kindness and helpfulness, showcasing the power of collective giving. Get ready to be inspired by the tales of compassion that unfolded on this special day, leaving a mark on our school and fostering a sense of unity that extends far beyond the classroom.

Giving Tuesday is all about just that, giving. Other schools participate and donate money to help fund a variety of different things, and we wanted to be involved too. Our Giving Tuesday was to help raise money for renovations to the Chapel. It was so great to see everyone come out early in the morning to raised a lot of money, and that truly goes to show how blessed of a school we are. I know that it meant a lot to see everyone come out and donate to help us reach our goal. It just goes to show what we can do when we come together. It really was a Giving Tuesday.

This past giving Tuesday our school community came together and really lived out our school's charism "Cor unum et anima una" or "One heart one soul." Throughout the several events taking place in the day, we were able to witness the unity in the community. All of the members of the ND community joined together in order to strive toward our goal. Smiles across campus and kind words showed off the true meaning of Giving Tuesday. It is important to acknowledge it would not have been possible without all of the volunteers who put time an effort into making Giving Tuesday a success!



Giving Tuesday was a day for all of us to express for gratitude blessings that God gave us! Every day is a blessing, but sometimes, we don't really see that, we take things for granted. Giving Tuesday was also a fundraiser so that we can renovate the chapel! Sunset Prayer was also an opportunity for us to show our thanks to the Lord by taking 1-2 hours of our life to spend time with Him! Giving Tuesday was filled with many blessings as the school day started with an optional morning Mass and ended with heartfelt prayers to our Lord. Thank you, Jesus, for everything!

Amidst the atmosphere of shared compassion Notre dame warmly embraced the tradition of Giving Tuesday, weaving together vibrant tapestry of selflessness across campus. The day unfolded as a testament to collective giving, with students and faculty rallying together to raise funds for the renovation of our cherished chapel. Beyond the financial triumph Giving Tuesday at ND became a heartfelt expression of gratitude, reminding us to appreciate life's blessings. From the early morning mass to the evening's sunset prayer, our school day was filled with a spirit of thankfulness



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"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." - Isaiah 41:10

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A day for celebrating the different cultures that make up ND!

By Lubianca Gaitan

Junior, Editor-in-chief

On November 30th, our Nearby, the Philippines school's vibrant campus table, expertly managed transformed into a global by Matthew Baculo and panorama of cultures, other thanks to the energetic members, efforts of the Multicultural delightful Club. Led by the great delicacies. President, Schmidt the organized a spectacular Rabbit, Sapin-Sapin, and Multicultural Day that the most sought-after brought the richness of snack, Lumpia. diversity to the forefront. Vietnam's Tables adorned with flags, offerings were on full and delights lined the freshman gladly organized by quad, inviting students to embark on a journey around the world without leaving the school.

the German table, At like Katarina showcased the Vestel essence of their culture with the aromatic waft of Bratwurst filling the air.

dedicated featured a of array including Josephine Bibingka, native candies club like the popular White

cultural delectable display at their table,





Emma Senn and others. Vietnamese coffee and rice with sweet sausage provided a sensory feast, transporting students to the vibrant streets of Hanoi

Representing the Hispanic community. Martinez Amanda curated a Mexican presentation that not only offered the vummy taste of Tamales, but also challenged students to

pronounce the names of Mexican towns for a chance to indulge in traditional Mexican Candies.

Sophie Bou Harb, another committed club member with the help of others, shared the flavors of her Lebanese heritage at the Lebanon table, where rose water, baklava, and tabbouleh painted a vivid picture of the middle eastern culinary world.

Amirkhan Aiteliyev took charge of the Spain table. enticing tastebuds with the aromatic Gambas al Ajillo, a Spanish classic.

Multicultural Day not only filled our stomachs with diverse and delectable treats but also broadened our horizons by creating a sense of appreciation for the traditions and cultures that make our school community so beautifully diverse. It was a day where the tapestry of tastes and traditions unfolded, showcasing the strength in our unity and the beauty in our differences.



Photo by Lubianca Gaitan

Battle of the Extracurriculars

By Thomas Huelskamp

Senior, Writer

Here at ND, we have a wide variety of clubs and extracurriculars that all students have the opportunity to join. This ranges from the video game lovers of the Video game club, space enthusiasts of the Astronomy club, or even the artists of the Art club, at ND, you will find a club that you will fit into. I, personally, am part of a numerous number of clubs and extracurriculars, such as ASB, Astronomy, The Titan Times, Golf, Football, Peer Min, Environmental,

just to name a few. With that said, it brings us into the seament. Over the past week I interviewed a handful of students and asked them, what club they participate in, what they like about it, and why they think they are the best. I had the pleasure of talking to Frances Cramer on Mock Trial. Steven Thomas on ASB, and Lizzie Tran on Art Club, and heard why they believe their club is the best of the best. To the right you will see a picture of them as well as their interview answers.



Artwork by Lizzie Tran



Frances Cramer (pictured above) is part of the NDHS mock trial team. In interview mv with Frances, I asked her why she believes her club is the best, and in her own words, she said "[because] we win" And win is what they indeed do. Last year, the NDHS mock trial team went all the way to the final 4 of their mock trial tournaments. beating out powerhouse schools such as Poly to keep on moving forward. Frances also believes that Mock Trial helps greatly towards her knowledge in the field of law, and how the inner workings of our legal system work. I definitely would not want to debate against her.

Elizabeth Tran (Pictured below) is currently a senior at ND and is very gifted in her artistic capabilities. Lizzie is part of Art club because she loves art, and not only doing it by herself, but also with others as well. In my interview with her,



Lizzie told me that she believes the concept of Art Club brings together people and forms a community on things that they find artistically appealing. She likes that Art club is inclusive to all. no matter what skill level, because art is about your own creativity, and not the limits that define you. I can back this statement up and also believe art cannot be defined simply.

Steven Thomas (Pictured Below) is part of NDHS Steven loves the benefits that come with ASB such as trips like Disneyland during CADA, activities such as the Chili Cookoff, and team bonding activities such as a trip to Oak Glen. ASB is not only about the fun stuff, Steven said, as there is much behind the scenes work ASB does for the school. Steven shows up on time early in the morning to set up posters and decorations with the cabinet and has a passion for ND spirit. With all the work that he puts in for the school, Steven fully believes ASB tops all.



Winter Sports

By Chris Campbell

Senior, Writer

Each of the Fall Sports saw an exciting season filled with many great accomplishments!

However, Winter is now upon us which means the beginning of the Winter Sports Season. The start of the Winter season marks the beginning of Girls Water Polo, Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Soccer, and Boys Wrestling! Some of these teams have already seen victory within their first few games. Varsity Girls Water Polo starts their season with 2 wins and 3 losses, they are currently 1-1 in league,



and they hope to make it to CIF again this year! The Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball Teams both are under new coaching with introduction of Coach Middlebrooks as head coach. And, both teams have worked tirelessly and under short time pressure to put up great results! The Boys are currently at an impressive 6-3 record and the girls have a strong 5-7 record with league games starting this week, so make sure to go out and support these amazing athletes



Also putting in the hard work, we have the Varsity Boys and Girls Soccer teams! The Varsity Boys Soccer Team has 1 win and 5 losses, and the Girls Team also has 1 win with 3 losses. And last but not least, we Varsity Boys Wrestling, this team has been putting in the work during the off season and currently working hard to put up the points during their season! However, their lack of numbers in certain weight classes has made it hard for the boys to grab a win. Nevertheless, make sure to support all of your fall sports and go out and watch their games!





Photo by Joshua Avila

Basketball

By Anthony Elias Freshman, Writer

On Friday, December 8th, Titan's had a basketball game against River Springs high school. The Titans led by Yuri Michel were determined to get a win last week since they were just twelve points short on Wednesday, the 6th. Not only did our Titans win last Friday, but they blew River Springs by fifty-five points. The lead scorers for Friday night were Yuri Michel '12, averaging eighteen points per game, and Narcisse Batantu '12, who outdid himself this game. Of course, basketball is a team sport, and it wouldn't have been possible without the



Photo by Joshua Avila

whole team showing up to support our varsity players. As Coach William Middlebrooks said, "This game wasn't just to win, it was always clear we were going to win, but instead it was a game to practice and get better as a whole. With that being said, it is good that not only varsity players were able to play last Friday night, but

new Freshman players like Diedonne Daba were able to play and get the crowd to cheer for him as he was on the court. Overall, it was a very good game for the Titans and hopefully all of us can continue to wish them good luck as they face Loma Linda away tonight at 6:30. Good Luck Titans!

Athlete of the Week

Bv Jude Cramer

Sophomore, Writer

This issue's Athlete of the Week is none other than our very own Samuel Olivier. Samuel is a freshman and part of the varsity wrestling team at ND. I decided to interview him as Athlete of the Week because I wanted to give justice to our wrestlers at ND, and also, I heard that he was straight up slaying it on the mat!

How long have you wrestled?

About 3 years now.

What weight class do you wrestle?

wrestle the 106 lb. weight class.

What has been your favorite memory so far this wrestling season? Placing 3rd at Rim of the World tournament.

Why do you enjoy wrestling over other sports?

I enjoy wrestling over other sports because wrestling is a sport that gives me joy and confidence and teaches me determination and discipline.



How do you keep your teammates feeling positive and motivated after a loss because there some kids that have never wrestled before?

I keep my teammates positive and focused by telling them it's going to happen. They are new the sport and they are going to lose at first, but it is part of the learning experience. I've been wrestling for a while, and I still lose matches. It's just part of the sport.

What is something you would say to someone who is interested in doing wrestling next school year?

Just be ready for a hard but fun season

How much success do you think in wrestling is mental and how much is physical?

About 20% physical and 80% is mental. Wrestling puts hurt and strain on your body, but it puts even more on the mind. During practice or a match your body is tired, but it's the mind that is telling you that stuff. Just like the saying "mind over matter."

Dish Diaries

By Elyza Lansang

Junior, Writer

Teriyaki Chicken

There are many good factors to this wonderful dish. There is the soft and tender terivaki chicken. Each slab of meat is dipped and doused in a delicious terivaki sauce. There is also the white rice. The rice is soft when fresh and delectable to eat with the chickenfinally, the nice additions of carrots and broccoli The crunch of the carrots and the tasty broccoli adds a nice flavor bonus to the dish. This dish is amazing because it is made with God's love Notre Dame's from kitchen staff. The accommodation a student receives when ordering at the Snack Bar is met fantastically well!

Snack Bar

The combination of the friendly staff and service, the Snack Bar is a place to socialize with peers and order delicious food! Bless Mrs. Brii and the Notre Dame cooking staff who take the time to prepare every student's ordered lunch! They all have kind hearts, so show your appreciation for them and strike un conversation with one of these amazing members sometimes! The friendly faces of fellow peers, Ryan Mayaah and Braeden Mitchell, are so kind to help Mrs. Brii with preorders! The service is nice, and the people are extremely kind and patient!



Why I Like it

Again, while I was a teensy disappointed on the quality of my rice and having no vegetables, I still really like this dish! The teriyaki chicken definitely made up for those small flaws! It was my favorite part!

Why I recommend it?

I would recommend you purchase the teriyaki chicken because the proportion on rice to chicken is pretty decent for \$6.50! The chicken also fills you up quickly. This is overall one of the many good choices on the menu and I would recommend it!

Other Good Dishes

If Teriyaki Chicken is just not your thing, don't fret! Our school provides a variety of scrumptious options that include pizza, pasta, burritos, and way more! Keep coming back to this section to find out more about certain dishes and to read an honest review! God bless!

Christmas Treats

By Sara Sanchez

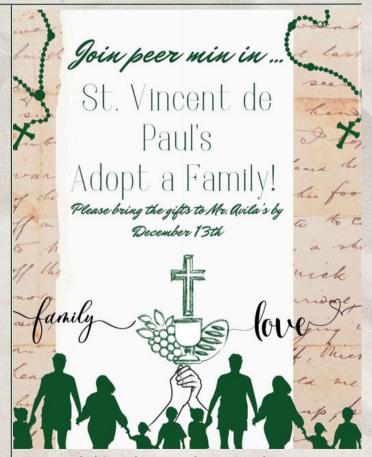
Junior, Writer



Photo by Pinterest

Christmas season has arrived as we begin to feel the joy of the awaiting holiday. This holiday, loved by many, allows us to spend time with our family and friends and enjoy the break from stress and schoolwork. As we begin the Christmas season. many of us search the food aisles for any treats that can add to the Christmas spirit such as gingerbread men, yet others tend to stay away from such Christmas sweets in fear that they can only cause harm to the body. But what if this belief is not necessarily true? When eaten in moderation, such desserts can be healthy due to several different reasons. When eating sweets, one's mood is often improved which helps their overall well-being. I mean,

who doesn't feel better after having some chocolate cake? Speaking of chocolate, a few bites of chocolate every day lowers blood pressure due to the cacao found in this treat. Another reason some desserts can be healthy is that eating a small portion of desserts every day can lead to a more balanced diet and satisfy cravings while not overindulging. Our body also needs glucose, which is an organic chemical found in sugar. Therefore, while an excessive number of desserts can be unhealthy, when eaten in moderation, it can be beneficial. So, if you needed a sign to buy a gingerbread house or enjoy a Christmas cake pop, this is it.



Peer ministry is adopting a family, and you can help spread that holiday cheer by giving them a gift this Christmas!

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Scholar Spotlight

By Elizabeth (Lizzie) Tran Senior, Writer

Welcome back Titans to Titan Times Scholar Spotlight — Where we feature these hard-working students who have showed their all into their academic abilities chosen by our awesome teachers! Keep working your hardest and continue to be great people! These past few weeks students have been finalizing where they are at with their academics and seeking what they can do to improve and continue to excel throughout this school year. Many students this year have showed their amazing efforts, and these efforts are not overlooked! So, keep up these efforts as we get into our finals week starting from December 18 before our upcoming Christmas Break on December 22! As we are a few days away from our these students have represented what it means to be a hard worker with a constant strive to improve. These students have been selected by our fellow teachers and we congratulate them, good job Titans!



Starting off with our scholar students, these students have been selected by their teachers. These students are currently participating in AP classes and have excelled in their efforts. Starting with AP Statistics taught by Mr. V, he believes that Emma Bergner (pictured above) has excelled during her time in the classroom! "Emma Bergner has been working hard since her freshman year, so it's not surprising that she's doing well in AP Stats right now!"- Mr. V.

Good job Emma Continue working hard and understand and enjoy the doing well in your academics Our next student scholar feature is Ashley DeGennaro (pictured below). Ashley has been working hard through her artistic side and her creative capabilities while also devoting so much time to Notre Dame's ASB! She has shown great excellence in providing ideas with her use of creativity for themes, posters, and including her own personal artwork in AP art studio with Ms. Stemmann! "This year in AP art, Ashley DeGennaro has

seemed to really theme-based work for this course." DeGennaro has been working hard on her paintings and they are gorgeous. congratulate and wish the best for our lady titans featured in this segment! As we grow closer to our finals week, we want to remind our students to keep healthy and positive mindset throughout the finals week Make sure to hydrate, get enough sleep, and eat well Titans!



Senior Scholar Spotlight Ashley DeGennaro

eacher Feature: Mr. V

By Elyza Lansang and Frances Cramer

Upperclassmen, writers

Q & A with Mr. V When did you start working here?

I started working here at Notre Dame in the fall of 2017

How did you start working here?

I was working on getting my master's at Loyola Marymount and I was assigned to go teach at a Catholic school in San Bernardino. I lived with teachers in a convent in Fontana PLACE (Partners in LA Catholic Education).

Where did you go to college and what did you study?

I went to the University of Southern California (USC) to study aerospace engineering.

Thank You Mr. V!

This interview with Mr. V was an enjoyable time for us writers to help you learn more about one of our beloved teachers!! Mr. V has such a kind-hearted soul and we are so grateful that you continue to spend your career teaching here! As both of us are his AP Statistics students, we know Mr. V tries his very hardest to teach this difficult topic. He is very patient and has a great

love for our Lord! He opens every class with a quick prayer to allow the Holy Spirit to help him guide the lessons and the students learn. We're praying for you

Mr. V. Thank you for all that you do!

Why do you continue to work here?

I love my job. I enjoy teaching the stuff I like. I enjoy coaching because it's a lot of fun And I really enjoy putting together the Kairos retreat for the seniors every year.

Fun Fact:

Mr. V. wanted to be a pilot who also designed and flew the planes. God, however, had other plans. "I heard the call, so how can I say no to Jesus."



Photo by Lubianca Gaitan

Water-polo

Outside of the math class, Mr. V is also Notre Dame's amazing waterpolo coach! He coaches both boys' and girls' water-polo. He is a great Coach and puts the success of the water-polo games into the hands of God. Thanks, Mr. V, for heing fantastic our Water-Polo Coach!

Math: the only subject that counts

This school is extremely blessed to have such an understanding teacher like Mr V Other than planes Mr V loves teaching regular and AP statistics and honors Algebra 2. He is extremely dedicated to teaching these subjects and is always putting in the extra time and effort after school, during lunch or breaks when you need help.





The Arts

By Ana Sofia Ramirez Sophomore, Writer



In this week's section about The Arts, I would like to showcase the work of very talented Ximena Gonzalez. Ximena created adorable cookie pictured above as part of an assignment for her When textile class. creating the work, she said she thought of her dear friend Michaela Rodriguez (10) and gifted it to her



Pictured above, Michaela accepts her new gift with a smile. Ximena loves her textile class. "I've always enjoyed sewing and creating things. [...] Time flies when I'm in the class because I'm doing something I enjoy. Ms. Stemmann is also the sweetest person ever, and I love her class." Great job Ximena, and we can't wait to see the other things you create!

By Valerie Arredondo

Junior Writer

Spider-Man movies are probably one of my favorite series ever, from the live action to the animated versions. I may be biased since Spiderman is my favorite superhero. BUT I mean, why wouldn't he be? I love this movie because I can acknowledge and admire the small details of the movie, the intricate colors and shapes to add dimension into the animation and how the music coordinates to the different scenes emotions portrayed in them. As someone who thoroughly enjoys the connection of music and sound effects to

emphasize meanings in movies, I believe the Miles Morales executes extremely well Miles Morales, overall, golden character. He's a relatable teenager who has impeachable music taste and just a lovable character. It's a different take on a manly Spiderman, and instead it shows the teenage adaptation which brings a refreshing look on what it's like to be Spider-Man around our age group. This movie touches topics from selfto family connection and love. There was not a moment in this movie where I was not intrigued. Every scene gave me



goosebumps and allowed me to appreciate the movie and what it wanted to portray. I can't wait for part two and it lowkey made me mad that it was a cliff hanger, ESPECIALLY since it was highly anticipated and hyped up for years after Spider-Man: into the Spiderverse released. I can't wait to see what new characters or characters already presented bring to the storyline in part twol

Wrapped

By Frances (Frankie) Cramer Senior, Writer

Welcome back, music lovers! Today not only will I be writing about a chosen album picked by Anthony Fazio (12), but also about this year's Spotify Wrapped. Spotify Wrapped is an annual feature by Spotify that provides users with a personalized summary of their listening habits throughout the year. It includes your own personalized list of moststreamed artists, songs, genres, and total time spent listening.

Additionally, Wrapped may offer your own personalized playlist based on your most listened songs and show significant trends in your listening habits milestones. Everyone gets excited to see what their top artists and songs are. My top artist was Don Toliver this year with 6,280 minutes... duh. My top song being Sparks by Coldplay.... Yes, I had a rough year LOL.



WUNNA (Deluxe) by Gunna

"WUNNA Deluxe" by Gunna is a captivating extension of his original "WUNNA" album. This version seamlessly builds upon the melodic and trap-infused vibes that define signature sound. The additional tracks showcase his lyrical prowess and ability to craft catchy hooks, maintaining the album's overall cohesiveness. collaborates notable artists, adding diverse flavors to the project. The production is top-notch, featuring lush beats and atmospheric instrumentals that complement Gunna's smooth delivery.

Laughology

By Notre Dame Students

Memes sent in by students







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By The Titan Times Team



















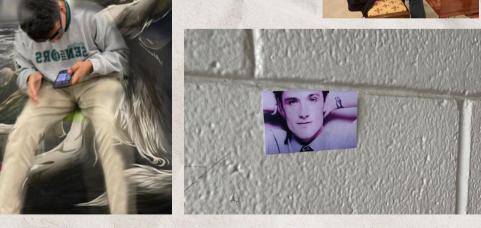












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Advice Archives

Submit an Advice Request!

By Frankie Cramer

Q: Me and my wife (she doesn't know I exist) are having marriage problems. how can I show how her I have W rizz?

A: Well, I would start off by following her (not like Joe Goldberg) on social media such as insta, tiktok, and add her on snap. Slowly like her stories of the sky, then of her selfies. Then start a snap streak and occasionally make a comment on her last snap. Then start talking and becoming friends. If you start now, you can ask her to winter formal

Q: How do I become a t.h.u.g.??(truly humble under God)

A: There are many different paths to becoming a true THUC. You can take the path of SWAG, (Someone Who Admires GOD). You need to follow SWAG people like Mr. Avila or Father Paul to be a good THUG. You can also follow the teachings of Jesus like SLATT (Show Love All the Time). Just remember to be an OPP to everyone (Overly Positive person.) and we are all YSL (Young Soldiers of the Lord)

Q: Everyone questions my sexuality; how do I convince my peers otherwise

A: First off, I want to apologize on behalf of others that you are being judged incorrectly. I would take a step back and think really hard and long on why people believe that. Is it the way you dress? The way you talk or act? If so, you have to make the decision on whether or not you want to change those aspects of yourself to avoid being judged incorrectly. If you feel like it's not worth changing, then don't, and if you do feel it's worth it, then good luck with that!

Q: If a girl is mad at me, what should I do so she likes me again

A: I think you should ask yourself what you did wrong first. Deeply examine your conscience. Have you apologized? Have you been extra nice? Maybe buying her food from the snack bar will help. Maybe you can do her homework for the week. Have you offered a foot massage? I would do anything to get back on her good side. It's not a 100% that you will become friends again, but it's for sure worth a shot.

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