NORTH SHORE
COUNTRY DAY

STATE OF THE SCHOOL 2024

Wednesday, January 17
7 p.m.
Hall Library





Our Mission, Pillars and Values

Mission: (What we do)

We prepare students with a challenging education that requires them to think critically, communicate effectively and engage fully in their intellectual growth and personal development. In doing so, they become self-confident, ethical citizens of the world who embody our motto, "Live and Serve."

Pillars: (How we do it)

Connecting, Challenging, Exploring, Engaging

Values: (What guides us as we do it)

Academics, Character, Diversity, Community, Participation, Resources

Expect More

At NSCD students don't just get by, they



At North Shore Thriving Means

Kids who are happy, healthy, and high-performing

Kids who are confident, capable and ready to achieve.

Kids who are curious, love to learn, and care about others

Kids who understand themselves, can connect to others and are comfortable with difference

Kids who are inclined to care and compelled to serve.

Kids who have SKILLS and MINDSETS, personally and academically, that they can successfully transfer to myriad, often ambiguous settings.

Admissions: 2023-2024



Opening Enrollment: 528 Students

Retention Rate: 89%

Yield Rate on Applicants: 67%

North Shore Country Day Rankings

Best College Prep Private High Schools in Illinois

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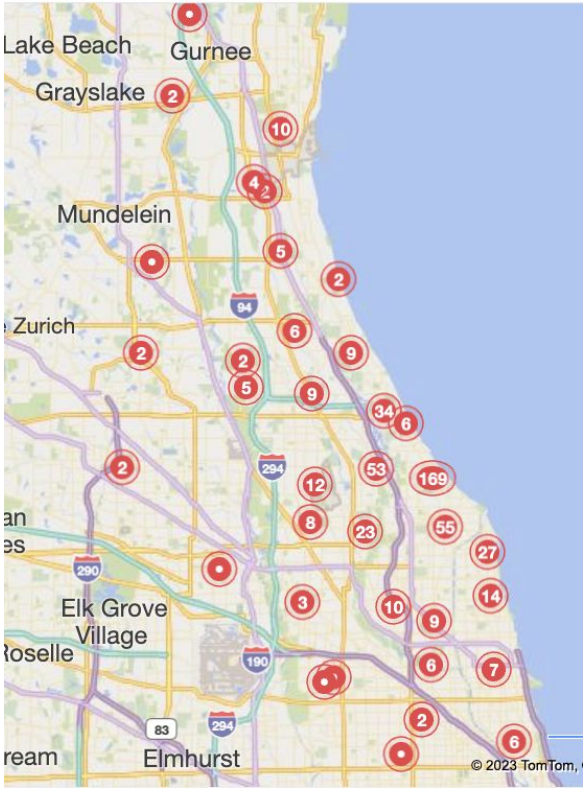
Best Private K-12 Schools in Illinois

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Best Private High Schools in Illinois

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Admissions: Enrollment Map



- Winnetka (126)
- Wilmette (67)
- Evanston (53)
- Glenview (50)
- Glencoe (44)
- Chicago (36)
- Kenilworth (21)
- Highland Park (20)
- Northbrook (13)
- Northfield (13)
- Skokie (12)
- North Chicago (9)

JK-12 Updates

- JK-12 Community Committee, Morning Exercise, Buddy Days, JK-12 Concerts
- Upper School Students tutoring Middle schoolers, coaching First Lego League and Science Olympiad
- ISACS Re-accreditation
- Mac Gym Project
- Broad athletic participation and considerable success MS/US
- Franke Fund Theme: Our AWEsome Earth!



Divisional Highlights

Early Childhood & Lower School:

- Math program continues to grow, including PD for teachers and cross-divisional work for students
- First Lego League thriving, successful
- Enhanced After-School enrichment offerings
- More interdisciplinary work amongst specials and with homerooms
- Improvements made to the grade reporting process, streamlined and more clarity

Middle School:

- New 8th grade Humanities course: Chicago in the World
- Washington DC trip
- Community Engagement Week, Continued student-led clubs growth
- Science Olympiad: high participation and early success at December invitational

Upper School:

- Lots of Athletic Success -- highlighted by State Championship in Boys Soccer
- Interim week: community engagement across chicagoland area & four trips (Greece, Netherlands, NYC, Trout Bum)
- New Digital Citizenship Program for 9th graders with focus on AI
- Spring Musical: Little Shop of Horrors
- Excellent early news on the college admissions front

Aspiration



Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will never die, but long after we are gone will be a living thing, asserting itself with ever-growing insistency. Remember that our [children] are going to do things that would stagger us.

–Daniel Burnham

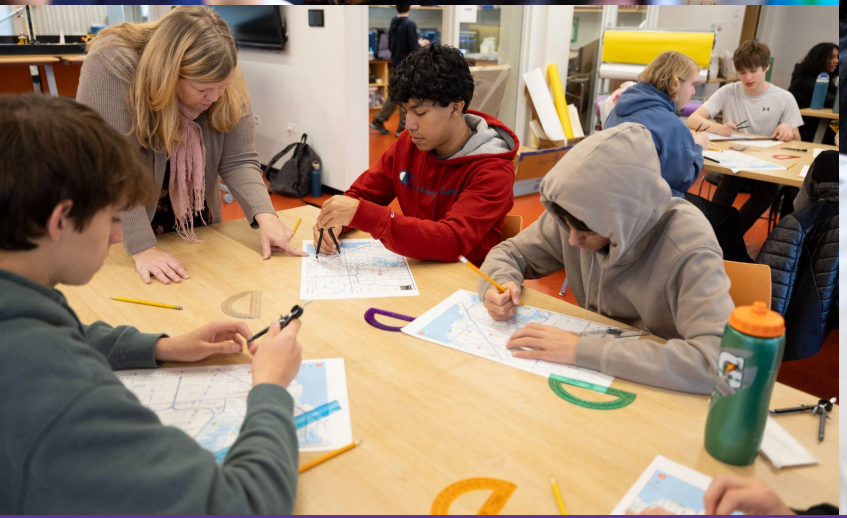
Teaching & Learning

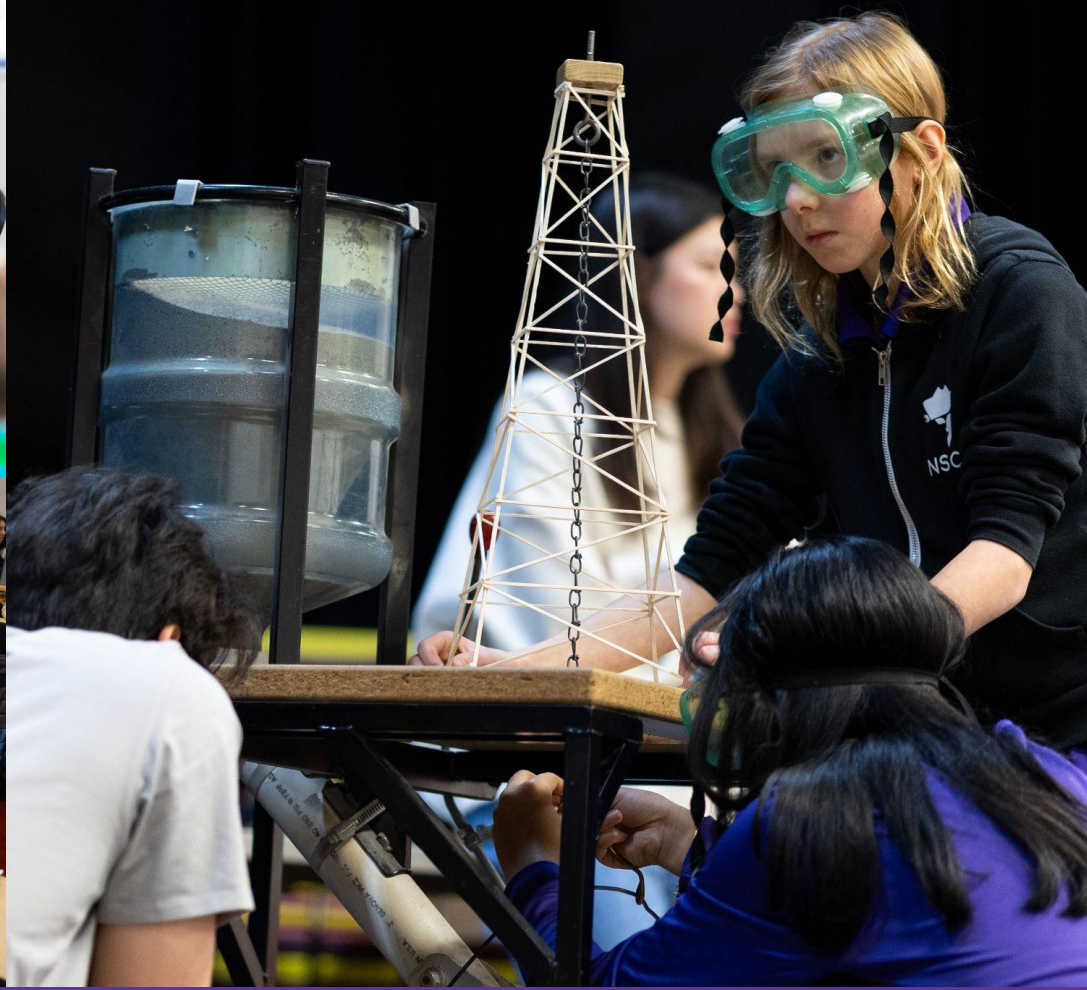


“The students become the best version of themselves here.”

—Current NSCD Parent






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“Live and Serve”

Lead and contribute as an ethical global citizen

- **Think critically and flexibly**
- **Communicate effectively in multiple ways**
- **Approach challenges creatively and confidently**
- **Care genuinely for self and others**
- **Engage equitably and ethically with others**

Skills Curriculum

In a meeting of College and University Presidents, along with Heads of School from many Independent Schools, the Presidents summarized their desires succinctly:

"We're looking for complex problem solvers who know how to collaborate and lead in diverse settings."

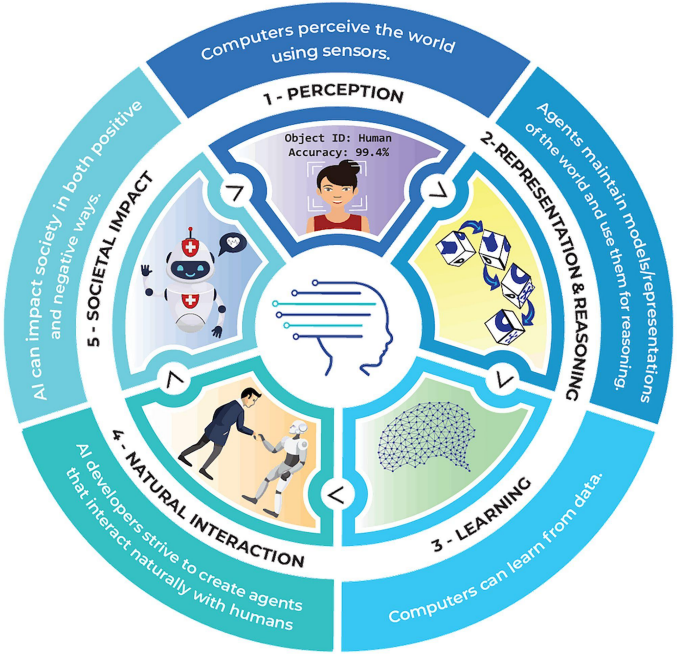
"In a labor market that is more automated, digital, and dynamic, all citizens will benefit from having a set of foundational skills that help them fulfill the following three criteria, no matter the sector in which they work or their occupation:

- add value beyond what can be done by automated systems and intelligent machines
- operate in a digital environment
- continually adapt to new ways of working and new occupations"

–McKinsey & Company

Artificial Intelligence at NSCD

- School Policy
  - Teacher & Student Guidelines
- School Approach
  - Learn it, don't fear it
- Classroom Integration:
  - LS Tech Class
  - MS Creative Writing
  - US Advanced Open Comp Sci
- AI Advisory Group




Robo Raiders
First Lego League










amarillo
yellow
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yellow

Go Raiders!



The North Shore Country Day athletics program enriches the lives of our students through full participation and excellence in sports.

–NSCD Athletics Mission Statement




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NORTH SHORE
VOLLEYBALL


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Athletic Participation

- We field 35 teams across 11 sports in middle and upper school, including 15 varsity teams
    - We offer more athletic opportunities than any school our size in the state of Illinois

- Roughly 90% of our Middle and Upper School students participated in interscholastic athletics last year, many for multiple seasons.

“One of the principal tenets of the Country Day School plan of education is that active daily participation in team sports which place great emphasis on cooperative effort, subordination of personal glorification to the good of the whole group, and vigorous and strenuous physical effort, is essential to the best development of young men and women, especially during the period of their growth.

The value is great, both in the physical benefits and even more, perhaps, in the character-building factors which are brought out. Good sportsmanship, a sense of fair play, courage and moral stamina all result from such a program.”

—Perry Dunlap Smith, 1946




REGIONAL
CHAMPIONS


12


LFA
58
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59
145


RAIDERS
29
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9
RAIDERS
18



Athletic Excellence

- In the past year, we have won one state title (Boys Soccer), one ISL conference title, five regional, sectional and super sectional titles
- Over five years, we have won 25 titles
- Over 10 years, no school of comparable size won as many titles.
- Each year around 10% of our graduates go on to participate in college athletics, representing 50 colleges and universities.
    - Currently we have 36 alums at the D3 level and 14 at the D1 level.

"When I got to Princeton, I noticed the athletic department's motto to be "Education Through Athletics." Looking back, I feel as though they might have stolen it from North Shore. I see my time on the track, court, and fields as a Raider have been critical to of my overall development. The values, skills, and relationships I fostered testing my limits and chasing shared goals in this thoughtful, supportive, and trusting space helped prepared me for the adversity and challenges I'd face in college and beyond."

–Peter Callahan, '09

- First ever NSCD State Champion (in Track)
- Still Holds Illinois state record in 800m
- All-American and NCAA Champion
- Professional runner representing Belgium in international competitions


















Congratulations Boys Soccer

2023 STATE CHAMPIONS!

Visual and Performing Arts
















3rd Grade Solar
System Paintings



Equity, Inclusion and Community Engagement: 23-24 Strategic Priorities

Skills Curriculum

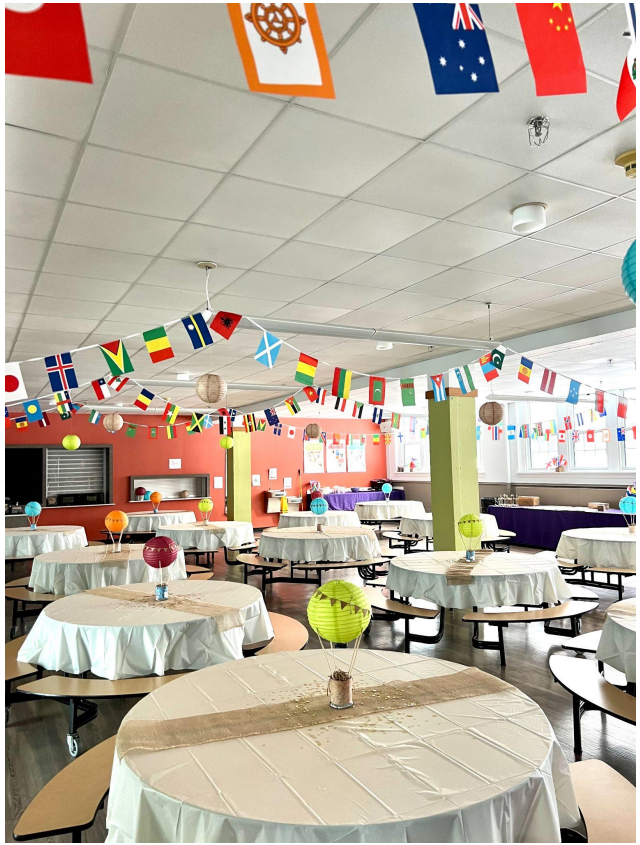
- Integration of social justice competencies (JK-12)
- Division wide, age-appropriate EDI curriculum
- Increased opportunities to amplify student voice and agency
- Bolster Live+Serve/EDI partnership/alignment

Faculty & Staff of Color Retention

- Focused, frequent affinity spaces
- Needs assessment/BIPOC feedback to inform responsive, adaptive action steps
- Develop and design access channels to integrate BIPOC voice in decision making spaces and processes (currently absent in administrative team besides Director of EICE
- Growth & Development of administrative team - Courageous Conversations, Equity Literacy, Strategenius Members School Workshops

EDI is Everyone

- Parent Affinity Groups
- Upper School community conversations on antisemitism and Islamophobia
- Experiential Education Day: The Power of Storytelling
- Heritage Celebration January 28, 2024
- Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month
- Lunar New Year Dragon Dancers
- Ongoing JK-12 curricular review and redesign to align with best practice (anti-bias, anti-racist)



Professional Development at NSCD

Individual Opportunities:

- Conferences, Workshops Webinars
- Continuing Education
- Summer Curriculum & Lifelong Learning Grants

All-School Trainings:

- Mental Health First Aid
- CPR
- Boundary Training
- Executive Functioning Skills Development



Feedback, Reflection, Collaboration

Feedback Surveys:

- Parent Surveys
  - Net Promoter Score (2x/year)
  - Spring parent comprehensive survey
  - Team parent survey
- Student Surveys
  - Classes and Teams
- Faculty Surveys





Parent Partnership:

- PA/Class Chairs
- Purple Wagon
- Parent EDI Committee
- PA Live & Serve
- Parent Ed Committee
- Athletic Council/Homecoming
- Helping Hands



ISACS Re-accreditation



Izzy Cho NSCD ’20
Harvard ’24
Rhodes Scholar 2024

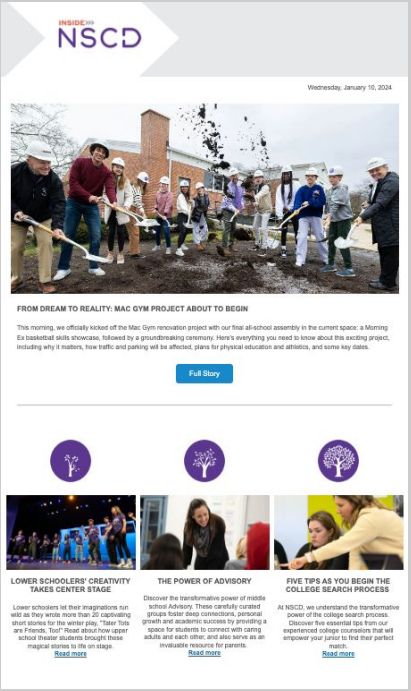


When I think back to NSCD, I’m grateful for many things. I’m grateful for rigorous, intimate classes with some of the most inspiring teachers I’ve ever had the privilege to encounter. I’m grateful for poems at the beginning of every Morning Ex. I’m grateful for Buddy Days. I’m grateful for the beautiful, open spaces of the upper school, purposefully crafted to facilitate connection and collaboration. I’m grateful for my incredible peers whom I continue to admire fiercely.

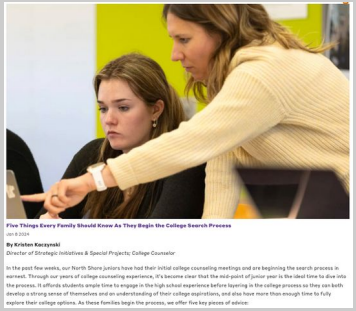
NSCD is a place wholly absorbed in that difficult enterprise of developing not just good thinkers, but also great people. It understands that intellectual and civic life are necessarily enmeshed; the school’s unwavering commitment to service reflects that. During the Rhodes process, I was asked time and again to reflect deeply on my dream of becoming a leader in higher education, particularly in a time when education has become a topic of intense contestation in our political sphere. As someone with this dream, I cannot think of a better place than NSCD to have called home during my formative years.

—Isabella Cho '20

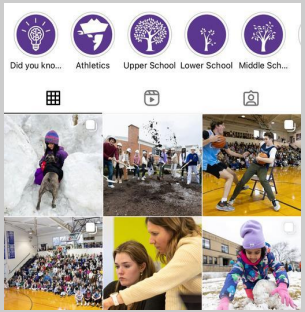
Telling Our Story



Inside NSCD



Feature Stories



Social Media



The Raider Ramble Podcast

- Monthly email newsletter
- Engaging social media content
- Intentional storytelling
- Launched monthly podcast: The Raider Ramble, featuring parenting tips











Healthy FUTURES

ATHLETICS AND WELLNESS CENTER UPDATE

NORTH SHORE COUNTRY DAY

From Our

STRATEGIC PLAN

2017– 2022

Find the plan at:
www.nscds.org/about/leadership

Strategic Plan:

A Culture of Inclusion, Collaboration & Kindness

A Balanced, Vibrant Place to Learn, Work and Grow

A Strong, Reflective, Ambitious School

An Interconnected, Innovative Educational Experience

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Wellness Program



STRATEGIC PLAN CHARGE

“Ensure our program—in the classroom and beyond—provides the necessary learning experiences and scaffolding of skills to develop students ready to actively engage the world and embody the School’s mission throughout their lives.”

- “Design and Build a comprehensive JK-12 health/wellness program.”

Wellness Program Elements

Social-Emotional Learning

"SEL is the process through which all young people and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions."

https://casel.org/fundamentals-of-sel/what-is-the-casel-framework/

Health Education

"Learning experiences that provide the opportunity to acquire information and the skills students need to make quality health decisions. When provided by qualified, trained teachers, health education helps students acquire the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need for making health-promoting decisions, achieving health literacy, adopting health-enhancing behaviors, and promoting the health of others."

CDC

Physical Wellness

"Physical education provides cognitive content and instruction designed to develop motor skills, knowledge, and behaviors for healthy active living, physical fitness, sportsmanship, self-efficacy, and emotional intelligence. A well-designed physical education program provides the opportunity for students to learn key concepts and practice critical skills needed to establish and maintain physically active lifestyles throughout childhood, adolescence and into adulthood."

CDC

Wellness Center: Goals

- Create an Athletic and Social Hub, the Heart of the Campus
- Support the Whole Student, their Health & Wellness
- Maximize Campus Flexibility and Concurrent/Fluid Use
- Modernize HVAC and Technology Systems
- Build a Facility that is Beautiful and Functional, meets Budget and Inspires
- Be a transformational space for Interscholastic Athletics
- Serve all students, JK-12, as well as faculty & staff

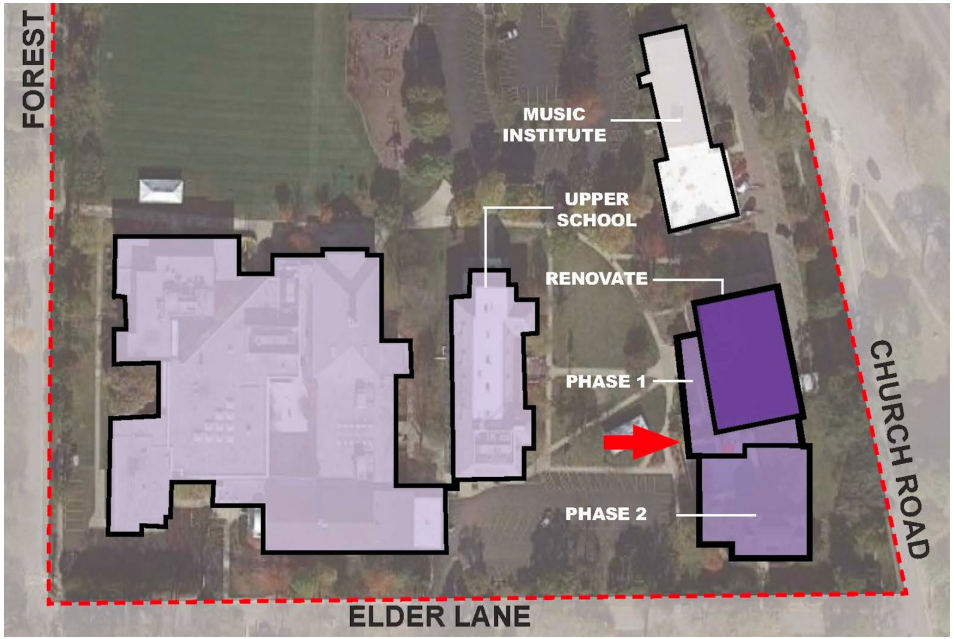


Wellness Center & Mac Gym Renovation

Provide a first-class facility to support an expanded Wellness and Athletic Program JK-12.

The project's purpose is to provide additional gymnasium space for JK-12 Physical Education/Wellness classes, Athletic competition and training facilities, and recreation.

Project scope includes renovation of existing Mac Gym, construction of an additional playing court, and design of additional programmatic spaces for wellness, functional fitness and community building.





From Dream to Reality



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Mac Gym Construction Timeline

February 3	*Last home basketball games: Dunk Alz Basketball Bash*
February 5-18	*Gym closed, environmental abatement and site preparations*
February 19	*General contractor (Valenti Builders) begins demolition*
February-June	*West and south additions constructed, new roofing, stormwater vault*
June-September	*Electric, plumbing, mechanical systems installed, interior buildout*
October-November	*Interior finishes, systems testing*
December 2	*Grand Opening!*



Mac Gym Finances

- Phase I:
  - Only $2 million left to raise to fully fund Phase I

- Phase II dependent on raising additional funds

Philanthropy at NSCD



Annual Giving

First priority of the school. Makes up the difference between tuition, which covers approximately 75% of the actual cost of educating every student, and the actual cost—a difference of $10,500 per student.

The Benefit

Our only fundraising event of the year supports strategic initiatives and special projects outside of operating budget. This year, funds raised through the Benefit will be directed to Scholarships.

Friday, February 23, 2024, 6:30 p.m., Michigan Shores Club, Wilmette

Campaign

Supports the current Strategic Plan initiatives: People, Program, Place and Perpetuity

- NSCD embarks on a campaign every 5-8 years, just as most independent schools do

Planned Giving

Bequests/Planned gifts are generally directed to our endowment. Our Heritage Society acknowledges those alumni, parents, faculty and friends who have designated NSCD in their estate plans.

Endowment

Endowment gifts provide an ongoing source of income for the school.

Investing in Our Students: Scholarship Aid

- Every student at NSCD technically receives aid to attend
- 20% of our student body receives some sort of direct financial aid to attend NSCD, including tuition and supplemental support
- $2.5 million in assistance for 2023-24 – largely funded through Annual Giving and North Shore's operational budget
- Major goal of the strategic plan and capital campaign is to grow this number and endow a greater percentage of the scholarship budget

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BENEFIT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

2024

February 23, 2024 | 6:30 p.m.

Michigan Shores Club | 911 Michigan Avenue | Wilmette

nscds.org/benefit

Why We Do It



“As a student at North Shore, I felt that my horizon as a student became infinite.”

—2020 Graduate



Explore, connect and engage with us on social media



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North Shore Country Day



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Questions

