

# Irish Gazette

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## Check Mate

Six Fighting Irish students are part of the chess team at ND



### LUNCH MENU

*Monday Oct. 16*  
Turkey/Cheese Sandwich  
Green Beans  
Pasta Salad

*Tuesday Oct. 17*  
Italian Subs on WW Buns  
Corn  
Salad Bar

*Wednesday Oct. 18*  
Fish  
Broccoli  
Buttered Noodles  
Bread/Butter

*Thursday Oct. 19*  
Meatball Subs  
Salad Bar

*Friday Oct. 20*  
Grilled Chicken  
Peas  
Cottage Cheese



Chess team members.

**By: Serena Sestito**

The 2017-18 Notre Dame chess team includes junior Mark Taylor, sophomores Nathaniel and Nicholas Palmer, John Kolodziej, Stephen Groves, and Mathew Ellis. **[Cont. on pg. 2]**

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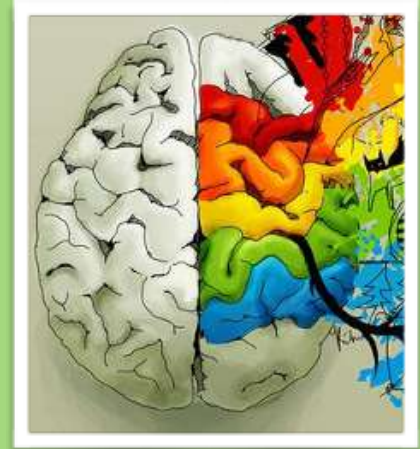
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## THINKING DIFFERENTLY

**By: Julia Manley**

How do you think about the things you see? Does your brain associate certain aspects of life with a color, number or song?

Synesthetes — or people who have synesthesia — may see sounds, taste words or feel a sensation on their skin when they smell certain scents. They may also see abstract concepts like time projected in the space around them, like the image on the right. Many people who think in this creative way have a form of Synesthetes called ordinal-linguistic personification. This form is where the numbers in the person mind have personalities and this can occur between just about any combination of senses or cognitive pathways.



A sophomore Bethany Knight researched Synesthetes and understood that she thinks in this ordinal-linguistic personification way. An example of the way a person can identify every number every number as a gender. (1-Male, 2-Female, 3-Male, 4-Male, 5-Male, 6-Female, 7-Male, 8-Male, 9-Female, 10-Male, etc.)

"I thought everyone thought like me," said Knight.

After Knight asked a few peers, no one seemed to think like her at all. Until she discussed this with her older brother, her brother and her identified numbers the same exact way until they got to the number 13, but other than that number they think the same. Do you think in color, genders, numbers?

## Continuation of the chess team...

The next upcoming tournament will be sometime in the beginning of January 2018. The team will compete against Bridgeport, Lincoln and Capital.

The chess team championship will begin in March, and the team feels confident it has a good chance at winning. Even though chess matches are one-on-one competitions, teammates still have to work together as a team and are always looking for a good performance from one another because it will benefit their total of points at the end of the match.

The Notre Dame chess team was first started in 2009 by Christopher and Robert Greer and their father, Bob Greer, who still remains the coach today and is an attorney at Greer Law Office.

"The Notre Dame High School Chess Team has been a tremendous supplement to the core mission of the school," said Greer, who adds that chess has a proven track record of improving critical thinking and decision making skills.

Mr. Greer believes starting a chess team has improved the students in multiple ways, such as coming together as a team, making smarter decisions and enhancing their studying skills.

"The chess team this year has shown continual improvement," said Greer, who has high hopes that his team can compete well for the championships. He has also included that he is very proud of the current team and its performance at the recent WVCA junior championship, and is excited to see how the chess team succeeds this year.





# SPORTS

## FOOTBALL

**By: Maya Dalton**

Last week, the Fighting Irish took on the Southern Garrett Rams at Fairmont State. The Irish put up a fight against this large, out of state school in this game. The team was able to hold steady and lost starting receiver Hunter Emerson to injury. The Irish fell 56-7.

This Friday, Notre Dame takes on the Parkersburg Catholic Crusaders, seeking its first win since the first game of the season.

"We need to learn from our mistakes from the past games and use them to our advantage," said senior kicker Jeremiah Ritter. "If we win this game, it can give us the motivation to finish out the rest of the season strong."

Kick-off is at 7:30pm at Duvall-Rosier Field. Seniors participating in fall sports will be recognized before the game at 7:00pm. Come out and support the Fighting Irish, or watch the game on the Irish Online Network.

## VOLLEYBALL

**By: Clare Cistaro**

Wednesday night, the Fighting Irish girls' volleyball team traveled to Cameron. The Irish lost to the Dragons. They played a total of 5 sets 2 winning sets but 3 losing sets.

Tonight, the Irish host Richwood at home. Dr. / Coach McKeen said "I want our outcome to be successful, I know the girls can achieve the win." The team still has two weeks remaining in its regular season

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## CROSS-COUNTRY

By: Maya Dalton

The Fighting Irish Cross Country team continues to finish out its season strong. The team traveled to Fairmont on Saturday, Sept. 30 to participate in the Times Invitational at Apple Valley Golf Course. Senior Kyle Byrd placed 96th and sophomore Morgan Turner placed 32nd.

The Harrison County Championship took place at Robert C. Byrd High School on Tuesday, Oct. 3. Junior Devin O'Sullivan placed 19th and sophomore Morgan Turner placed 15th. The Fighting Irish will run again next Tuesday in Elkins at the regional championship meet.

"We've had a very strong season," said Turner. "I feel confident in myself and my teammates that we can do well at regionals next week, and hopefully we can have some represent us at states."

## SOCCER

By: Irish Gazette Staff

The season is winding down for Notre Dame soccer, and the team hopes to enter the playoffs on a high note.

The Fighting Irish drew with South Harrison at home Tuesday night, 1-1. Next, the Irish play Pendleton County Saturday in their final game of the regular season.

Sectionals begin next week. The Irish will likely face Grafton or Liberty in the first round of the postseason. The Irish were able to advance to the second round of sectionals last season by beating Liberty at home 2-0.



Check Out The Irish Online Network for games, info and more!

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# Teacher Feature:

By: Erin Turner

Ask anybody at Notre Dame, and they'll say Dr. Ben Guido is one of the funniest teachers in our school.

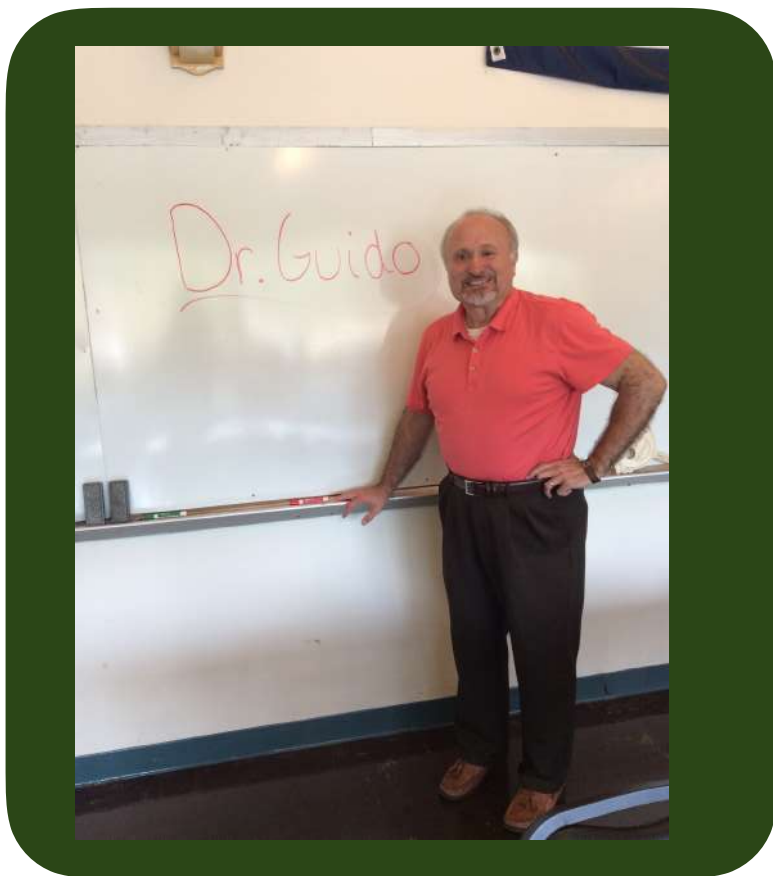
"Dr. Guido is one of the funniest teachers I know because he has a dry sense of humor that I understand," said junior Makayla Posey.

Not only is he part of the heart and soul of the school, his classroom is located right beside the office, and he has more than four decades of experience as an educator.

Dr. Guido teaches AP Government and Politics, AP U.S. History, AP Psychology and AP Human Geography. He graduated in the last graduating class of Victory High School in 1973, then received his Bachelor of Arts in 1977 at Fairmont State, his Master of Arts in 1981 at West Virginia University and then his Doctor of Education from WVU in 1993. He has been a teacher, assistant principal, principal, superintendent and college professor. This year will be his 41st year in education.

Dr. Guido spent 30 years in public schools of Harrison County. He also taught at Fairmont State, Salem International and Alderson Broaddus.

Dr. Guido spent 15 years as a Methodist pastor/educator. He enjoys teaching at Notre Dame because it's Christian based, you can talk about religion openly and freely and because we don't have the same rules and regulations as public schools do.



## Dr. Guido

**"If I had the chance to do it all over again, I would spend all 41 years at Notre Dame."**

"I like the interaction with young people, they make me laugh," Dr. Guido said. "If I had the chance to do it all over again, I would spend all 41 years at Notre Dame."

Dr. Guido, a black belt in American-style karate, is married to Sue Guido, a retired math teacher. They have two sons and a daughter. John, the oldest, is an internal medicine doctor in Columbus, Ohio. Mark, his second son, is an internal medicine doctor in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Valerie, his daughter, is a professional dancer in New York City. He also has a 9 month old granddaughter named Lily.