

Irish Gazette

Faith, Knowledge and Service

"Once Upon a Time"

Homecoming tradition grows at Notre Dame



Homecoming Court at Pete Dye Country Club. Photo Creds: Ian McCara

By Erin Turner

Homecoming week brings many different activities into our school. From decorating the hallways as a class to cheering on the football team as a school the week is filled with activities to bring our school... [see page 2]



"Success is what you inspire others to do"



Soccer Team

- 7 Seniors
- 3 Juniors
- 8 Sophomores
- 3 Freshman



Homecoming Festivities has started!

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...together as a whole. Friendly competition throughout the week bring your class together to win the activities for you class to be recognized at the football game. Theme day throughout the week such as pajama day and evening allow you to have fun while still in class. Homecoming court gets an assembly to be introduced to the school as a way for the school to get to know the girls, who's representing their classes and out school.

For some new students Homecoming week is a bit of a culture shock experiencing the school coming together the way that we do when they aren't used to that because they didn't experience it at their old school. "It's definitely a culture shock, at my old school those who wanted to participate in homecoming did, and those who didn't, didn't have to because the school was so big but here everyone participates because it's a competition" says Bailee Yokum a new sophomore compared to an adapted "I like our tradition here, I enjoy working with my class mates as a team to win events, it's a good tradition and on of my favorites" Said Senior Caroline Gallo.



Clare Cistaro the Queen. Photo Creds: Ian McCara

Clare Cistaro 2017 Homecoming Queen

"A little gloss goes a long way"

By: *Julia Manley*

Clare Marie Cistaro takes the Crown of the 2017 Homecoming election. She will be getting Crown at the Homecoming football game against Grafton at halftime. She has been an active student since pre-school at St. Mary's Grade School. She participates in the Varsity Basketball Team and is an active member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Clarksburg. Cistaro says she is extremely excited and honor to be representative.

Homecoming Schedule

Sunday, September 10th Hall Decorating 1-4 PowderPuff 5

Monday, September 11th PJ Day

Tuesday, September 12th College Day

Wednesday, September 13th Theme Day

Thursday, September 14th Mass Day

Friday, September 15th Green and Gold Day Parade at 6 and Game against Grafton at 7:30 kickoff

Saturday, September 16th Dance at 8 coronation at 7:45





Sports



Football

Last week, the Notre Dame Fighting Irish played Liberty. Notre Dame Lost 56-32. "We played well the first half and we then lost effort in the 2nd. We played poorly through out the whole game. It just felt like we gave up after while," said junior Jalen Miller. Effort was lacking for the Irish this week but next week they take on the Grafton Bearcats this Friday for the Homecoming Game at Hite Field, 7:30 Kickoff time. Miller thinks if they come out focused and play full out they can claim a victory. But they have to play 100% all 4 quarters.

By: Clare Cistaro

Soccer

The Norte Dame Soccer team took on two this past weekend at The Annual Bishops Cup held in Wheeling Jesuit University. They fell short to Wheeling Central in overtime. 2-1 but Beat the Parkersburg Catholic Crusaders 4-0. This upcoming week they will play at Trinity Christian on September 13 (Wednesday) at 5 o'clock."got get goals " Said Anthony Cistaro the soccer team Captain. is the accomplishment he wants from his team Wednesday. Back in Action the Following week September 18 (Monday) Irish revisit the Liberty Mountaineers at their home Field at 5:30.

By: Clare Cistaro

Volleyball

Notre dames JV and varsity volleyball team are both are now 3-0. Coming up this Thursday on the 14th high school volleyball team are headed to Valley Wetzel where they will be competing in a TRI match against Paden City and Gilmore county.

By: Serena Sestito

Cross Country

Irish County Team took on the Tyler County Consolidated Course (September 5) with very treacherous and exciting but came out with 3 medalists. Morgan Turner and Devin O'Sullivan are Two Stars of the team coming back from the previous years. High School and Middle School team will compete.

By: Julia Manley

Golf

Irish Golf took on a Quad Match, the Fighting Irish competed against Tygarts Valley, Philip Barbour and Gilmer County at the Raven Course in Snowshoe on Sept. 11. Andrew Rogers for the Fighting Irish came out the Low Medalist. The Golf Team will head to Mason-Dixon on the 18th and then will head to Regionals on the 25th.

By: Julia Manley

Teacher Feature:

By: *Serena Sestito*

Dr. Angela McKeen had played Volleyball throughout her life, even up to the Competitive College level and then went on and coached Valley Wetzel High School in 1995. After 3 years, she made the decision to be a stay at home mom in 1998 when her first child was born. In the year 2009 a new opportunity came into her grasp when Dr. Carol Morrison was looking to start a Volleyball program here at ND.

5 years of building a program in 2014, Dr. McKeen stepped away from high school and went back a step back to start a middle school volleyball program at ND. She wanted to make the younger kids more competitive and united so when they were brought up into high school they already had an understanding of the game.

Dr. McKeen in the past has earned her masters degree in Science Education as well as her Doctrine in Curriculum. She also got an Instruction with a Minor in Geology. While raising a Family of Three and teaching a graduate course at West Virginia University during time as well as a being Doctrine Student. She was particularly busy.

Starting in 2007, Dr. McKeen was offered a Tenure Track position as a Professor at Fairmont State University but after consideration and the expanding of her family she decided to leave her profession in 2012 and take a job at St. Mary's Grade School both as a Science Curriculum Director and a Science Instructor from K-6th Grade. As

Dr. Angela McKeen



Dr. McKeen with her Honor Chemistry Class in the lab.

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her children grew out of St. Mary's she had decided to become a full time teacher here at ND. "The gift of teaching in catholic schools has blessed me beyond words" said Dr. McKeen.

