In 1920 the Sisters of Charity of St. Louis opened the Notre Dame of the Prairies Convent and St. Augustine residential elementary and high school for boys and girls in Wilcox, Saskatchewan, a small town on the Canadian prairies. Out of the dust and despair of the Great Depression emerged what would become Athol Murray College of Notre Dame, the “Toughest Little College” that would survive economic hardship, break down religious barriers and challenge students to excel academically, athletically and spiritually. Father Athol Murray manifested his dream of partnering with an established university – the University of Ottawa – to offer a liberal arts degree program, which became available in 1933. Notre Dame is rooted in the Catholic tradition and is open to students of all faiths and backgrounds. As “Père” Murray said, “Open-mindedness is the nature of the thing.”

Père valued athletics as a way to teach values like commitment, teamwork and leadership. Père once shouted to his hockey team, mid-game, “Skate, you hounds, skate!” and the name stuck. The Notre Dame Hounds developed a reputation as one of the toughest and fastest teams in Canada. When student housing became a problem in the 1930s, Père discovered that threshers’ shacks that were used by migrant workers during harvest season provided the perfect solution. Students slept in bunks next to a pot-bellied stove, using corrugated cardboard for insulation. Thus, Notre Dame inherited its nickname “The Shack College.” Notre Dame began to adopt its modern campus look in the 1950’s and 1960’s with a major injection of funds towards bricks and mortar, and today is a beautiful, modern campus. The school motto, “Struggle and Emerge,” reflects the challenges faced by those original Hounds but rings true for Notre Dame students today. “Adversity, gang!” Père Murray would exclaim. “That’s what gives you strength – adversity!” The school motto has offered strength to Hounds over the school’s 100 year history.

Today, Athol Murray College of Notre Dame maintains its legacy as a centre for academic and athletic excellence, and is home to over 300 students representing all 13 Canadian provinces and territories and up to 12 different countries. The Hounds of today continue to embody the spirit of determination, ingenuity and perseverance that characterized our founding students.
DO YOU DREAM OF GREATNESS, AS A SCHOLAR, AN ATHLETE, A LEADER? As a Hound, you will be part of a 99 year tradition of excellence and a community of peers and teachers who strive for greatness. At Notre Dame, we challenge each other to be the best version of ourselves, supported by caring staff and coaches, a structured academic day that includes daily supervised study time and scheduled student conference hours for extra help, as well as small class sizes. With elite hockey programs for males and females and 18 high school sports programs, Notre Dame provides an environment with a strong focus on health, fitness, commitment and athletic excellence. Notre Dame is opening doors to university, to post-secondary athletic opportunities and

65% STUDENTS WITH AN ABOVE 80% AVERAGE

THE MOST POWERFUL DRIVER OF STUDENT SUCCESS AT NOTRE DAME ARE THE STUDENTS THEMSELVES. At Notre Dame, students want to learn. They are driven to succeed. They encourage one another to excel, ask for help, stay focused and dream big.

Providing students with tools for academic success

Notre Dame graduates receive more than twice as much in post-secondary scholarships than the average Canadian high school graduate.

Notre Dame graduates are 50% more likely to receive a post-secondary scholarship than the average Canadian high school graduate.

100% of Notre Dame students participate in co-curricular activities.

100% of Notre Dame students

Athol Murray College of Notre Dame offers a classroom environment that is supportive and rigorous, providing exceptional preparation for post-secondary programs. Our mandate is to provide our students the means by which they can fully develop their academic potential. With an average class size of 16 students, availability of teacher-guided learning support, scheduled student conference hours for extra help outside of class time and daily supervised study time, Notre Dame offers a challenging university preparatory program with support systems in place to ensure student success.

90% BOARDING STUDENTS

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Leading the way as 21st Century Learners

Technology is an integral part of learning at Athol Murray College of Notre Dame. We strive to use modern teaching approaches that use technology to enhance student learning, facilitate collaboration, and make creating and communicating effective and easy. We work closely with students to develop their technology skills and to promote the responsible use of technology and social media tools. Notre Dame also provides families back home an on-line portal to be able to access student grades, school calendars and collaborate with the Notre Dame Community from anywhere in the world.

Our priority at ND is to develop leaders, and in this day and age, both universities and employers are looking for young people who can take on leadership roles and initiatives, who are not afraid of accountability, and who can demonstrate resilience. Right at the root of our vision is to develop purposeful leaders with virtuous character, and that means empowering our students to be those 21st-century leaders. That vision drives every conversation.

Healthy Living

The physical, mental and emotional health of each student is a very important part of the College’s responsibility to parents and students. Notre Dame’s Health Care Facility is accessible seven days a week with care provided by Registered & Licensed Practical Nurses, who look after the health needs of our students. Notre Dame has a full-time Athletic Training Coordinator who carries out assessments and delivers prescribed treatments.

Our Food Services team provides healthy, hearty meals three times a day, in addition to a light evening snack. Homemade soup and a well-stocked salad bar are available at every meal, as are 1% milk and fresh fruit. Our Hounds Juice Day exceeds provincial nutritional standards. Our food service provider also supports some specific dietary needs. Food services are provided with active, happy and healthy students in mind!

Boarding at Notre Dame

Community, Leadership, Respect: A Way of Life

As a boarding school, Notre Dame offers the advantages of leadership development and personal growth through an formal and informal curriculum of community living. Over 90% of our students call Notre Dame their home, living in one of our five dormitories. The boarding environment provides an enriched, experiential learning experience, with a strong focus on leadership skill development, community, responsibility, time management and self-reliance.

Each dormitory is administered by a dorm House Parent who is supported by a team of Assistant House Parents and a select group of grade 12 students who have earned the position of House Leader. Students are housed according to gender and live together in rooms of two to four students. Rooms can be decorated with posters, photos, and appropriate memorabilia reflecting each student’s individuality while providing the familiarity of home. Each dormitory provides a common area with television, snack kitchen facilities, and storage space for travel luggage and equipment.
Athol Murray College of Notre Dame

NOTRE DAME STAFF: LIVING OUR VISION AS PURPOSEFUL LEADERS WITH VIRTUOUS CHARACTER

A professional, highly educated and highly motivated academic faculty provides students with a unique learning experience. Faculty create a positive classroom environment where students are challenged to think and speak for themselves. An average class size of 16 students allows for healthy debate and individual attention. Faculty offer extra help daily during scheduled student conference hours. Students address faculty and staff by their first names, fostering a culture of trust and mutual respect. All of our faculty have earned their Bachelor of Education, and a number are equipped with a post-graduate degree.

Leadership Opportunities

HOUSE LEADERS (BOARDING)
Grade 12 students are selected to assist House Parents by providing daily leadership and mentorship in the dorms. This honor is presented to students who demonstrate compassion, leadership, enthusiasm and care for others.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY: WORKS OF MERCY OUTREACH
Students at Notre Dame are required to perform a minimum of 10 hours of community service per year. One of the ways in which they can complete this service requirement is by participating in our Works of Mercy Outreach program, in which Hounds provide tutoring and mentorship to inner-city Regina youth who benefit from the positive influence and encouragement of our students.

HOUNDS FOR HUMANITY
Students determine the needs of the local community and address them in a practical manner. Students organize events in conjunction with local community groups. Examples include: blood donation clinics, fundraising events and charity walks.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)
The SRC is a group of students who plan social functions, encourage school spirit, promote an understanding of the rights and privileges, responsibilities and duties of the students and liaise between students and staff.

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NOTRE DAME HOCKEY

Notre Dame offers an unprecedented opportunity to earn a first class education while competing in some of the most respected leagues and tournaments for Bantam, Midget and Junior hockey in North America. Our Student-Athletes are expected to carry a full academic workload, contribute to the school community and be accountable for their actions both on and off the ice.

Our Campus boasts an Olympic size ice rink, state-of-the-art off ice skills training facility, fully equipped gym and weight room with a certified strength and conditioning trainer, athletic therapists and elite coaches with provincial and national successes. Hounds are superbly conditioned athletes with a renowned reputation for being relentless and tenacious with a “never lose heart” attitude.

Over 200 Hounds, both male and female, have had the opportunity to compete at the International level representing their country. Over 210 Hounds have been drafted or signed to the NHL and this number continues to grow each year.

NOTRE DAME HAS MALE HOCKEY PROGRAMS AT THE BANTAM, ELITE 15, MIDGET AND JR. A LEVEL.

NOTRE DAME HAS FEMALE HOCKEY AT THE AA MIDGET AND AAA MIDGET LEVEL.

Hounds currently playing in the NHL (2019/20):
- Braydon Coburn – Tampa Bay Lightning
- Sean Couturier – Philadelphia Flyers
- Scott Darling – Carolina Hurricanes
- Jordan Eberle – New York Islanders
- Haydn Fleury – Carolina Hurricanes
- Cale Fleury – Montreal Canadiens
- Dryden Hunt – Florida Panthers
- Slater Koekkoek – Chicago Blackhawks
- Curtis McElhinney – Tampa Bay Lightning
- Brayden McNabb – Vegas Golden Knights
- Tyler Myers – Vancouver Canucks
- Morgan Rielly – Toronto Maple Leafs
- Jaden Schwartz – St. Louis Blues
- Jordan Weal – Montreal Canadiens

Hounds currently coaching in the NHL (2018/19):
- Rod Brind’Amour – Carolina Hurricanes
- Jon Cooper – Tampa Bay Lightning
- Barry Trotz – New York Islanders

*2018 Stanley Cup Champion Head Coach Washington Capitals*
*2019 NHL Coach of the Year – New York Islanders*

2019 NHL Draft Picks:
- Carson Focht – 5th Round – Vancouver Canucks
- Reece Newkirk – 5th Round – New York Islanders
- Quinn Schmiemann – 6th Round – Tampa Bay

205 HOUNDS DRAFTED/ SIGNED TO THE NHL, MORE THAN ANY OTHER SCHOOL IN THE WORLD.
Notre Dame Athletics are known internationally for their outstanding athletic achievements. Countless Hounds have advanced to post-secondary, amateur and professional ranks over the years, thanks largely to the school's commitment to developing the whole athlete.

Residential living further equips student athletes for the rigors of post-secondary life. The college is regularly scouted by university, college, professional, semi-professional and national team scouts who value maturity, self-sufficiency and the ability to live in a community - traits that distinguish a Notre Dame Hound.

Athletes at Notre Dame receive the benefits of elite training through state-of-the-art facilities and high calibre instruction. The College boasts an Olympic size ice rink, a state-of-the-art off-ice skills facility, a university calibre weight and cardio training centre, a fully equipped gymnasium and various sports fields.

**Male Athletics**
- Badminton
- Baseball
- Prep Basketball (Post Grad)
- High School Basketball
- Cross Country Running
- Football
- Golf
- Rugby
- Soccer
- Track and Field
- Ultimate Frisbee (Co-Ed)
- Wrestling

**Female Athletics**
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cross Country Running
- Golf
- Rugby
- Soccer
- Softball
- Track and Field
- Ultimate Frisbee (Co-Ed)
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

Athletes at Notre Dame receive the benefits of high calibre instruction and sport-specific training in our strength and conditioning centre.
GRADUATE PLACEMENT: GRADUATING CLASS OF 2019 QUICK FACTS

- 75 total graduates
- 23 Four Year Hounds
- 40 Attending Post-secondary Institutions
- 34 Playing Junior Hockey or Undecided
- 1 Playing a Post Graduate Year
- 15 Playing in the NCAA, USport or ACAC

The 2017/18 graduating class was collectively awarded $800 Thousand in Post-Secondary Scholarships.

2019 graduates are attending the following post-secondary institutions:

**CANADA**
- BRITISH COLUMBIA
  - University of British Columbia
  - University of British Columbia (Okanagan)
  - University of Victoria
- ALBERTA
  - Grant MacEwan University
  - Mount Royal University
  - University of Lethbridge
  - University Of Calgary
  - University of Alberta
- SASKATCHEWAN
  - University of Regina
  - University of Saskatchewan

**ONTARIO**
- Brock University
- Carleton University
- Concordia University
- University of Ottawa
- University of Toronto

**MANITOBA**
- University of Manitoba

**CANADA**
- ILLINOIS
  - McKendree University
- MAINE
  - University of Maine
- MONTANA
  - Montana State University
- NEW YORK
  - Morrisville State College
- NORTH DAKOTA
  - Minot State University
- WISCONSIN
  - University of Wisconsin-Superior

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**WITH AN EMPHASIS ON THE AFFIRMATION OF GOD’S EXISTENCE AND THE PRIMACY OF THE SPIRITUAL, NOTRE DAME IS PROUD OF ITS PROGRAM OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT FOR OUR STUDENTS. THE TOWER OF GOD, WITH ITS WALLS DEDICATED TO THE THREE MONOTHEISTIC RELIGIONS (JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM) REFLECTS NOTRE DAME’S OPEN MINDED APPROACH THAT WELCOMES STUDENTS OF ALL FAITHS AND BACKGROUNDS.**

Rooted in the Catholic tradition, with the Gospel of Christ as its anchor, Notre Dame’s spiritual development program includes a weekly Lord’s Day liturgy at St. Augustine’s Church, daily prayer and spiritual reflection at a student-wide assembly, a weekly Gospel reflection, Hounds for Humanity program, grade-level retreats and a charism to intercede for the needs of others through Our Lady, Notre Dame.

All students participate in Christian Ethics classes which include involvement in Works of Mercy outreach, where students do “small things with great love” for our surrounding community.

Our church doors are always open, providing a quiet place for reflection and prayer.

**GET INVOLVED: ACTIVITIES, ARTS AND CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMMING**

Try something new, get to know your fellow Hounds, challenge yourself and be a part of something great by joining one of Notre Dame’s many clubs!

YEARBOOK CLUB
- MULTIMEDIA CLUB
- HOUNDS FOR HUMANITY
- OUTDOOR EDUCATION
- CHORAL CLUB: THE NOTRE DAME Canadians
- ART CLUB
- WORKS OF MERCY OUTREACH
- STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
- DRAMA CLUB

Père’s Activity Centre, or “The PAC”, is a co-ed, supervised recreational space equipped with a large screen TV, lounge chairs, foosball tables, pool tables, air hockey, a mini stick arena, a sound system, graffiti wall and a huge collection of board games. Designed by students for students, this is a place to hang out with friends or participate in one of our programmed activity or movie nights.

Residential game competitions take place throughout the year and all students are divided into three different house teams: Gunner, Woodchopper or Badger Houses. Each House is made up of female and male students who compete as a team in a variety of games and activities; absorbing the spirit of their House as they compete with pride, teamwork and loyalty.

Students also have the opportunity to go on shopping trips to Regina, attend Western Hockey League games, go to the movies and participate in local area attractions.
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