



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Notre Dame! In September, your child will be making the transition to high school. Entering a new building, meeting new friends, new teachers and encountering a new set of academic expectations can be a daunting task. To help ease your child's transition to high school, we are happy to offer a summer program, **JUMPSTART**.

**JUMPSTART** is a head start to high school. Participants will be introduced to some of the concepts covered in Humanities and STEM. Organization and time management techniques -essential to academic success in high school- will be taught. Evaluating academic strengths and weaknesses, as well as goal setting, are key components to the program. We also teach a note-taking system used at Notre Dame and universities which, if used correctly, is an effective study tool.

The social transition to high school can be a difficult one, so every day; students will interact with each other as well as with members of the Notre Dame staff to start building relationships which will make September an easier month. Being introduced to new friends and classmates as well as being exposed to the new curriculum helps reduce anxiety and increase confidence. Attending **JUMPSTART** will allow this to happen.

**JUMPSTART** is open to all incoming grade eights, but enrollment is limited. Last year we had close to 95 participants, that's 60% of the grade attend! To accommodate more participants, the **JUMPSTART** program is offered as a one week session: **July 4-7 from 8:30am-3:30pm or July 11-14 from 9am-3pm**. The cost is **\$200** for the week. Students will be accepted on a first come, first served basis and will receive a T-shirt, gym bag and a few basic school supplies.

**JUMPSTART registration will be done online this year. Online Registration will be available starting March 6, 2017 when your child registers to attend Notre Dame.**

The cost includes a non-refundable registration fee of \$30. After June 16<sup>th</sup> there will be no refunds upon withdrawal. Registration after June 16<sup>th</sup> is subject to a late fee of \$30. Upon receiving registration information and payment, we will send you an acceptance notification by email. A follow up email will be sent mid-June detailing activities and expectations during the **JUMPSTART** program.

We are looking forward to meeting you and your child in July, and we hope your family enjoys being Notre Dame Jugglers!

Sincerely,

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