

2026 SNDdeN East Coast Educators Symposium – Special Topics Workshops:

Connecting with the Sisters on global projects. - *Romina Magner, Cuvilly Director, NDA Hingham*

The middle school division at NDA Hingham connects with several international ministries of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur as part of its curriculum, including a Notre Dame school in Kenya, the UN, the Clean Water Project, and a STEM data-diary project with our sister school in Baltimore. This workshop will discuss the logistics and lessons of SNDdeN-engaged learning.

Applying St. Julie's Wisdom to the 21st-Century Classroom -*Nathanael Chartier, Religious Studies Teacher, NDA Worcester*

Given St. Julie's instruction to teach students "what they need to know for life," the first question that must be asked is: "What do students need to know for life?" Using a discussion-based approach, this workshop will explore how to identify and support the needs of modern-day students. Topics may include gathering student feedback, relevance of curriculum, teaching skills vs. content, and caring for the holistic needs of students.

Beyond the Competition: Educating Student Athletes for Life - *Jill Joyce, coach and campus minister, Notre Dame Cristo Rey High School Methuen*

As a Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur learning community, we believe that winning is not everything. When engaging in the lives of student-athletes, providing holistic support can shape their perspective as they prepare for and move to and through college. This workshop focuses on mission integration through athletics as coaches, as spectators, and as educators.

Hallmark 5: We Embrace The Gift Of Diversity - *Hailey Murphy, School Counselor K-7, Academy of Notre Dame Tyngsboro*

In this workshop, I will guide staff through a hands-on diversity lesson aligned with Hallmark 5: We Embrace the Gift of Diversity. Participants will experience the lesson exactly as students did, allowing teachers to see an engaging, age-appropriate, and respectful way to introduce and discuss diversity in the classroom. While the lesson was originally designed for third graders, it can be easily adapted to fit a variety of grade levels and learning environments! I hope it's fun for all.

Female Identity Development in High School Education - *Mabel Dominguez, Interim Principal, Notre Dame Cristo Rey, Methuen*

Supporting the holistic development of young women inside and outside the classroom.

Strengthening the Inner Coach: Identity, Mental Wellness, and Digital Culture in an All-Girls School - *Madison Scheinberg, Health and Wellness teacher, NDA Hingham*

Drawing from sport psychology and whole-person development, this workshop will explore how students can strengthen their "inner coach" by developing self-awareness, emotional regulation, resilience, and confidence. In an all-girls setting, fostering identity and self-worth beyond performance is essential, particularly for high-achieving girls navigating societal pressure, comparison, and leadership expectations within today's digital culture. This session will offer practical strategies to support healthy identity formation, redefine mental toughness, and cultivate a school culture where girls feel grounded in their inherent worth and empowered to use their voice in any room they enter.

Service, Retreats and Mission-Centered Immersion Experiences - *Meaghan Roach & Fiona O'Reily, Office of Mission and Ministry, NDA Hingham*

Discussion of campus ministry programs for student spiritual and faith formation.

Student Support/Guidance/Counseling - *Lyndsey Stroh, School Counselor, NDA Tyngsboro*

Learning Specialist is a position here at the Academy that truly gets to embrace each and every Hallmark that the Sisters of Notre Dame laid down as a framework. Through ongoing individual support, assessment, planning and collaboration our students are looked after on a multi-tiered model. A successful strategy we use here is a co-teaching approach in the middle and upper school classrooms.

Taking it Outside! -*Catherine Conte, Middle School Science Teacher, NDA Tyngsboro*

Ideas for year-round outdoor activities during class time that engage students with the values of Notre Dame education: exploration, discovery, environmental justice, wonder, and awe.