

2021 NDA GRADUATION

Graduation Caps/Gowns: On Monday, April 19, seniors received their caps and gowns as well as graduation announcements and accessories that were ordered previously. Seniors should have opened up their gown to make sure it is in good shape. Any issues with a student's cap and gown should be taken to Mrs. Leanne Kirn.

Graduation Tickets: In May, each senior will receive tickets for a pod of 6 seats for graduation. Due to COVID-19 protocols, each pod of 6 seats will be connected and cannot be separated. **PLEASE NOTE:** If a student is unable to use all 6 of her tickets and chooses to share those with another student, please note that those shared seats must remain with the family of the student to whom the tickets were issued. Seating is non-reserved.

Alumnae Luncheon | Senior Send Off May 19: NDA's Alumnae Office will host the traditional Senior Luncheon this year followed by the Class of 2021 Senior Send Off on Wednesday, May 19 beginning at 12:00 p.m. Seniors should dress up for this event wearing attire that adheres to our school's dress code.

Graduation Practice May 26 | 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (practice is mandatory): Graduation practice at NDA.

Graduation Practice May 27 | 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (practice is mandatory): Graduation Practice at Northern KY Convention Center.

Baccalaureate Mass May 27 | 7:00 p.m.: This year's Baccalaureate Mass will take place at NDA so each student can invite two parents to be in attendance. This is the final class Mass for the Seniors before they graduate. Seniors are invited to attend this celebration and to assist in planning beginning in early May. Seniors also have the opportunity to sign up to minister during the Mass as lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, greeters, and other various ministries. Seniors who have expressed an interest in participating in these ministries are chosen at random. Seniors wear their gowns to the Mass and sit together as a class. No cap is worn this evening.

- **IMPORTANT:** Seniors must wear a white or light colored dress/skirt/capris and top under the graduation gown. The dress/skirt/capris may not be longer than the gown.
- **"You See Photography"** will take pictures of individuals for the class picture prior to Mass. Students must arrive by 6:30 p.m.

Senior Awards Ceremony May 28 | 9:00-10:30 a.m.: This year's Senior Awards Ceremony will take place at Receptions in Erlanger. Each student is permitted to invite two parents to attend. Seniors dress up for this event wearing attire that adheres to our school's dress code.

Graduation May 28 | 4:00 p.m.: This year Notre Dame Academy will host an in-person graduation at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. The graduation ceremony will last about 1 hour and 15 minutes. Due to COVID-19 protocols, each graduate will receive tickets for a pod of 6 seats at graduation. These seats will be connected and cannot be separated. **PLEASE NOTE:** If a student is unable to use all of her 6 tickets and chooses to share those with another student, those shared seats must remain with the family of the student to whom the tickets were issued. Seating is non-reserved. The ceremony will be live streamed, so those not in attendance can watch from home.

- **IMPORTANT:** Seniors must wear a white or light colored dress/skirt/capris and top under the graduation gown. The dress/skirt/capris may not be longer than the gown.
- **"You See Photography"** will be at the ceremony. They will take a portrait of each senior before the ceremony as well as a picture of each girl as she receives her diploma. They also take candid shots. Proofs will be mailed to each student, and purchase is optional.
- **Personal Photos:** Students will turn their cap and gown in to NDA immediately following the graduation ceremony. If a student wishes to take personal photos in her cap and gown, those photos should be taken prior to the graduation ceremony.

IMPORTANT: Keeping in mind the health and safety of our seniors, students and families will not be permitted to congregate before or after any of NDA's 2021 graduation events. Also, students must be masked in all personal photos taken inside at any of NDA's 2021 graduation events. Students are permitted to take photos without wearing masks if the photos are taken outdoors.

*Please email Mrs. Leanne Kirn at kirn1@ndapandas.org with any questions/concerns/special circumstances regarding graduation.