



# *The Gavel*

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# Basketball Pandas Make History!!

During the weekend of March 14 through 16 the Basketball Pandas participated in the state tournament in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The games were held at Western Kentucky University at Diddle Arena. The Notre Dame Academy Pandas played their first game Thursday, March 14 at 8:00 p.m. central time. They defeated Madison Central High School 57-53. Notre Dame continued on and played Friday, March 15 against Marshall County High School. The Pandas won 48-39. On Saturday, March 16, the Pandas faced off against Dupont Manual at 11:30 am. It was a tough game, but NDA pulled away at the end and won 64-60.

The championship game was held at 8:00 p.m. Saturday. Notre Dame faced off against Marion County High School. Marion County came into the game with a record of 38-0, ranking 5th in the nation. The Pandas put up a good fight, but fell short and lost 52-36.

The Pandas made history by being the first team to play in the Kentucky State Tournament Championship game. Congratulations to the basketball team and all that they accomplished this season!



# *Excerpts from Articles Written by Publications I and II Students*

## ACT

By Jessica Lankheit

On Tuesday, March 19, the juniors at Notre Dame Academy, along with many other juniors in various high schools, took the ACT. The ACT stands for American College Testing and every junior student is required to take this test for admittance into college. The perfect score on an ACT is a 36, which will help with scholarship aid to many schools. The juniors at NDA took the test in the morning, followed by a meeting in the theatre. The meeting concerned college questions. Many of the juniors felt that this meeting was helpful. For instance, understanding the importance of applying to more than one college.

## *The Bible*

By Meagan Sullivan

As we approach Holy Week, some of us seem to be blind sighted by the importance of this special season. We seem to forget that it's this week that saved all of our lives forever. Lucky for us, we can attend Mass, church groups, or even turn on the television.

The hit TV show, *The Bible*, has brought my family together every Sunday to watch stories from the Bible be reenacted in an action-packed way. The show also corresponded with the Easter season, for the final episode will show Jesus' death on the cross and his Resurrection. Many people wouldn't think that a show called *The Bible* would not be all that interesting, but it's so real and it helps give a better understanding of the Bible and how Jesus came to be. I highly recommend that people watch it. The season finale is Easter Sunday at 8:00 p.m. on the History Channel and the season will be available on DVD April 2.

## Tennis Pandas Take Home a Victory

By Caroline Krumme

On Saturday, March 23, the Notre Dame Academy varsity tennis team had a match against Henry Clay High School. The Pandas won 5-0 with Catriona Shaughnessy at first singles, Bess Fley at second singles, Abby Roebker at third singles, Laura Irons and Caroline Krumme at first doubles, and Megan Beischel and Abigail Kennedy at second doubles. Maryann Meadows and Francie Case also came to play doubles at the match. NDA came out victorious in each of these matches. First singles and second doubles went to three sets, but the Pandas stayed strong and pulled out the wins. Congratulations to all tennis players and good luck in the rest of your season!

## NDA Starts Season off Strong

By Amanda Meagher

Last weekend the softball Pandas kicked off their season at the Pete Noll Invitational Tournament. They started off a little rusty by losing their first game against Bracken County but they quickly recovered. On Saturday afternoon the Pandas defeated Ludlow, district rivals, Holy Cross, and advanced to the silver bracket. For the first time in a while, NDA beat Boone County 7-2. In the silver finals, NDA run-ruled Highlands 11-1 and won the silver championship. This week the Pandas will play Newport - weather permitting. Way to go Pandas!!!

# The New Pope: Pope Francis I

## *Facts:*

- Pope Francis was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina on December 17, 1936.
- His birth name is Jorge Mario Bergoglio.
- He was ordained a priest in 1969.
- He has been Archbishop of Buenos Aires since 1997.
- Pope Francis taught philosophy, theology, and psychology.
- He has a Philosophy degree and masters degree in chemistry from the Catholic University of Buenos Aires.
- Pope Francis also cooks his own meals and rides the bus instead of driving himself.
- He has only one lung because of a childhood illness.



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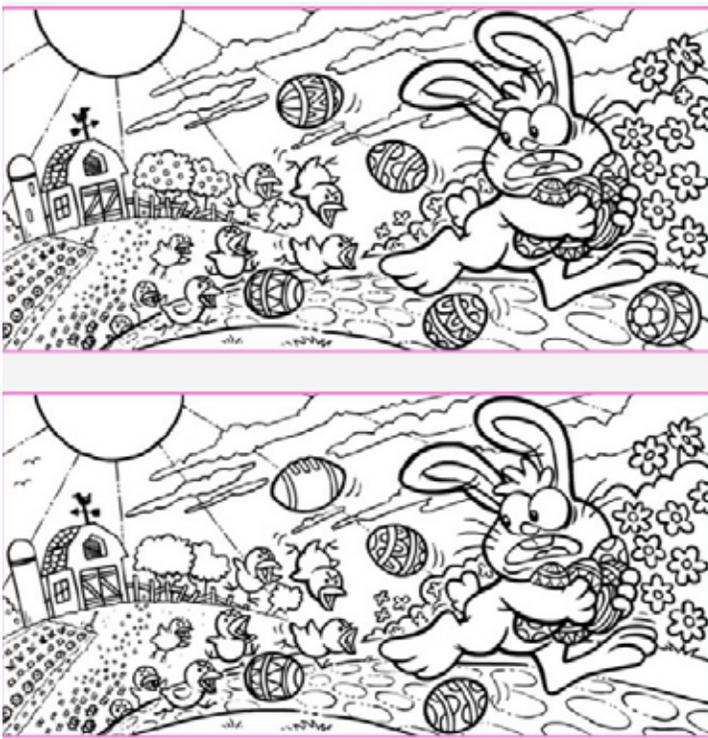
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# Easter

Easter is a time of celebration within the Catholic Church during which we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus after his crucifixion. Forty days of sacrificing and preparation will come to an end and Christians everywhere will celebrate Easter. Countless Easter egg hunts, attending Masses, family gatherings, and much more will take place on March 31 around the world. NDA students look forward to this wonderful holiday.

This Easter is especially exciting for the Church because it is the first Easter that we will celebrate with Pope Francis I.

## Spot The Difference



## Festive Word Search

E L H X B Y U T O S Q Q B T F  
X N F A S R M X D L G U H I U  
R C I Q J I M P I C N G M C S  
E P G H E R M T M N P M E O W  
T D V V S N G T Y N Y N M B Q  
S Y B Y O N U W U I Q D T G W  
A W U V G R U R L S W K U K H  
E N O Z W Y Y S K B L H B P F  
S Y K N O I T C E R R U S E R  
V P X F A M I L Y W Z J C I U  
O X R Z T H H C Y D O A J N C  
U E W I C U V A S U S E J D E  
M D K Z N K O N V Y L Y D O T  
P Y N I W G F D R G I R X R U  
F V Q V I X R Y O E R T K Q M

- Bunny Eggs Resurrection Easter
- Candy Family Spring
- Chicks Jesus Sunshine

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

The leprechaun is an Irish folklore figure that represents a happy, bearded dwarf. They are known to wear green suits, buckled shoes, and a derby hat with a four-leaf clover in the bill. They are sly creatures that make money working as shoemakers. They keep their money in a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow, which is a great hiding place! Leprechauns can be found in fairy circles, a naturally occurring group of mushrooms, fungi, and wild grass that grows in a circular pattern, in rural wooded area. Leprechauns usually come here to smoke their pipes and play sneaky tricks on humans who pass by. St. Patrick's Day is said to be the luckiest day of the year to see a leprechaun in one of these places. If you are out in the woods and spot one, here's what you do! Keep eye contact, like a staring contest. If you have the leprechaun in sight, he won't be able to escape. He will either have to lead you to his pot of gold at the end of a rainbow, or grant you three wishes. If you lose your stare though, he will disappear and never be able to be found again. Be careful with what you wish for though, because leprechauns are known for being tricky and twisting your words into something you might not have thought about. There's nothing a leprechaun loves more than outwitting an unsuspecting human.

Good luck with your leprechaun hunting and Happy St. Patrick's Day!



*“What did the  
Irishman leave  
out to celebrate  
St. Patrick's  
Day?”  
Patio furniture!*

St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He was kidnapped into slavery at the age of sixteen to serve as a herdsman in Ireland for six years. During this time he turned in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ. Patrick used the shamrock as a symbol to explain the Trinity to unbelievers such as how God is One God in Three Persons.

# PI DAY AT NDA!

Thursday, March 14 was Pi Day! Notre Dame Academy celebrated by having students bring in pies for everyone to enjoy at lunch. Also, everyone received colored pencils with the value of pi written on them.



Heather Craig shows us her Pi Day pencil.



## Facts about Pi and Pi Day

- Pi has been known for almost 4,000 years
- Archimedes found this value
- Pi is the most recognized mathematical constant in the world
- Albert Einstein was born on Pi Day in 1879
- The Pi symbol came into standard use in the 1700's
- Pi is also referred to as the circular constant, Archimedes constant, or Ludolph's number

# Calendar

Lenten Prayer Service: March 27

Easter: March 31

Spring Break: March 28-April 3

Light Up For Life Mixer: April 5

Late Start: April 10

Covington Catholic Prom-April 13

Notre Dame Academy Prom - April 26



# SPRING BREAK

Try and figure out what quad of pictures go with the places  
Guess the places



Destin, FL

Bahamas

Gulf Shores

Panama City Beach

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Good Times And Tan Lines

