



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

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THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! As the Christmas season comes to a close, we continue to reflect on the gift of Jesus becoming human and sharing His life with us. We begin our second semester of the school year focusing on our theme: *Discovering our purpose. Transforming the world.*

Our Christmas break ended on a sad note with the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on Saturday, December 31. As Pope Francis said while leading traditional vespers ceremony ahead of New Year's Day, "We are moved as we recall him as such a noble person, so kind and we feel such gratitude in our hearts, gratitude to God for giving him to the church and to the world."

This Thursday evening, Bishop Iffert will celebrate a Memorial Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI at our Cathedral Basilica and all are invited. You can find more information about this Mass as well as Bishop Iffert's statement on the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and his formal invitation to Thursday's Mass on our website [HERE](#). In Bishop Iffert's letter, he encourages our Diocesan community to pray daily in thanksgiving to God for the gift of Pope Emeritus Benedict's life, scholarship, sanctity and leadership. He suggests offering at least one *Our Father*, one *Hail Mary* and one *Glory Be* for nine days beginning tomorrow, the day of the funeral Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. We will follow this practice at NDA and we will also follow Bishop Iffert's suggestion of offering some work of direct service with the poor during this time of mourning.

This Friday we will celebrate the new year as a community with Mass with Bishop Iffert. **Please note: this Friday will NOT be a spirit wear day.**

Thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education. Together we work to develop our students' God given gifts by preparing them to be life long learners.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
April 16, 1927 - December 31, 2022

Have a great day and make good choices!

Student Life



ALL ARE WELCOME MORNING MASS

We will be celebrating Mass in our chapel on Thursday this week at 7:20 a.m. in the chapel. All are welcome to join us!



TIMELY INFORMATION INCLEMENT WEATHER PLANS

As we greet the month of January, the possibility of school closings and delays due to natural elements, hazardous road conditions or power outages increases. The decision to close or delay school is made with the safety of students, parents and faculty/staff in mind. If there is a need to delay or close school, NDA will use the emergency notification system SwiftK12 to communicate to all school community members through email, text and phone.



WELCOME NURSE POSITION

Please welcome NDA's newest part time nurse Mrs. Julie Neubacher. Mrs. Neubacher, current parent and NDA alum, will work closely with Mrs. Tina Sizemore to support students' overall health. Registered nurse, Mrs. Neubacher started in this role yesterday just as the Pandas returned from Christmas break. Welcome Mrs. Neubacher!



PANDA GEAR BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

Sale item of the week: Fuzzy Colored Block Pullover on sale for \$25.00. Regular price \$50.00. Shop online [HERE](#).

There's another way to get 10% off of your Bambootique purchases... Volunteer to work in the Bambootique! Please sign up to volunteer [HERE](#).

PLEASE NOTE: THIS FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, WILL NOT BE A SPIRIT WEAR DAY.



ORDER TODAY YEARBOOK SALES

Parents: You can pre-order Notre Dame Academy's 2022-23 yearbook, *Finding our Groove*, at jostensyearbooks.com.



SIGN UP BY THURSDAY, January 5

SIGN UP FOR DESIGNER AND CREW POSITIONS FOR SPRING MUSICAL

You can find out all of the information you need to sign up for designer and crew positions for the spring musical [HERE](#). PLEASE NOTE: Interviews for designer and assistant positions will be Thursday, January 5 (after the production meeting) in alumnae hall.

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Jan. 26	Jan. 28
Feb. 02	Feb. 4
Feb. 09	Feb. 11
Feb. 16	Feb. 25

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

SPANISH STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT BECON OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK



Twenty Spanish students from all four grade levels participated in Christmas giving to Latino families in the area by volunteering at Be Concerned on Wednesday, December 22. They gave up their first afternoon of Christmas vacation to give food items to needy families. The students enjoyed speaking with the families as they handed them their cart of food items. They laughed with each other about what they should have remembered and how they successfully communicated. They want to serve again as the experience was rewarding and educating. Those who are planning to go on the Dominican Republic mission trip had a special advantage because they have begun to practice speaking with native speakers from different areas and hopefully have gained confidence and experience for this summer. Feliz Navidad!

You can find more photos from their service event [HERE](#).



CONGRATULATIONS

MR. BYRD WINS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to English Teacher, Mr. Byrd who won a flash fiction challenge that he entered in the fall. As the chapter advisor for NDA's National English Honor Society, Mr. Byrd is clearly a lifelong learner!



MEMORY PROJECT

MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH ART

Many of NDA's talented art students participated in a service project called The Memory Project again this year. The mission of The Memory Project is for Art students to create portraits for youth around the world who have been neglected, orphaned, or disadvantaged. The portraits are sent to the children, who typically have very little possessions, giving them something to call their own. This year NDA Art students created portraits for children in Ukraine.

You can take a look at all of the amazing portraits our NDA students created [HERE](#).

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

RIGHT ON TARGET!

ARCHERY NEWS



The Archery Pandas have competed in two tournaments during the last couple of weeks. On December 16 at the Dixie Tournament the Pandas scored a 2989 which included 84 tens. The team was led by Lea Youtsey at 274(5th 11 grader), Ava Boertlein at 273(2nd 9 grader), Keira Schneider at 266(4th 12 grader), Ellie Puglisi(6th 12 grader) and Lucy Seigert(11th 9 grader.) On December 28 at the Covington Catholic Tournament the Pandas scored 2947 which included 68 tens. The team as led by Lea Youtsey at 267(5th 11 grader), Ava Boertlein at 267(4th 9 grader), Ellie Puglisi at 264(7th 12 grader), Keira Schneider at 260(8th 12 grader) and Morgan Russell at 258(4th 10 grader.) The Pandas have this weekend off and our next tournament will be on January 14 at Villa Madonna. ARCHERY PANDAS ROCK!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



GSA

THE KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

THE GSA 2023 APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN.

DEADLINE: Sunday, January 8th, 2023 @ 11:59 p.m.

Click [HERE](#) for Application Guidelines

GSE

THE KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS



The Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE) **IS NOW OPEN UNTIL Jan. 23!** GSE brings teens together from around the state of Kentucky, immerses them in a creative space, and arms them with the tools they need to unleash their entrepreneurial spirits. All participants gain vital entrepreneurial skills through the program to use as they enter the workplace or continue into higher education. As a direct result of their participation In GSE, participants qualify for scholarship opportunities from Kentucky's universities and colleges. Visit www.KentuckyGSE.com to learn more and to apply:



RESOURCES TO UNDERSTAND AND HELP TEENAGE GIRLS NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

NDA's counselors have put together some very useful tools for our parent [HERE](#).

ADVANCING OUR MISSION

Notre Dame Academy Freshman Priority Application Period

JANUARY 9 - FEBRUARY 10, 2023

FRESHMAN PRIORITY REGISTRATION

Any student interested in applying as an incoming freshman for the 2023-24 school year at Notre Dame Academy may apply online with the [Application for Admission](#) beginning January 9, 2023. The non-refundable registration fee must be paid online with a credit card in order to complete the Application for Admission.

Students who apply for admission during the Priority Application Period have a better chance of receiving seats in high-demand classes such as Art I and some foreign language classes. Students who apply during this period are included in a drawing for a free iPad or a \$500 tuition voucher. Incoming freshmen who are eligible for academic scholarships must apply for admission by the priority deadline (February 10) in order to confirm receipt of their scholarship.



SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 2, 2023

WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Save the date for NDA's *Women Making a Difference* luncheon on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. [Click here](#) for more information about the 2023 alumnae honorees.



ALUMNAE RELATIONS COORDINATOR

WELCOME TO NDA!

Please join us in welcoming Lisa Willenbrink Mosley '95 to NDA as our new Alumnae Relations Coordinator. Lisa is a proud member of the class of 1995 and looks forward to connecting with many of our alumnae in 2023.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 - 12:50 p.m.

ALUMNAE ROSARY

Please join us for our Alumnae Rosary on Thursday, January 12 in our *Mary, Mother of the World* Chapel during Panda Prime Time (12:50 p.m.) All are welcome!



You can find a complete list of community news [HERE](#).

- Cathedral Mass for Benedict XVI – All are invited
- Dual Credit in Northern Kentucky
- Sisters of Notre Dame Ash Wednesday – Day of Recollection
- Sisters of Notre Dame Hiring
- Important EdChoice Information
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?

Important dates

January 5	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
January 6	New Year's Mass with Bishop Iffert
January 9	HSPT Results Night for incoming freshmen
January 10-12	Senior Retreat #3
January 11	LTN4NDA Wrap Party in the CLC 6:30 p.m.
January 16	No School - Martin Luther King Day
January 26	Free Dress Rehearsal for <i>Not Your Average Battle of the Bands Showcase</i> at 7 p.m.
January 27-29	<i>Showcase</i> Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.
January 30 - February 3	Catholic Schools Week
February 3	Mid quarter