



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

# Panda Press Weekly

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THE *nda* LIFE

## Dear Parents,

On Friday, Bishop Iffert joined us for the celebration of the Eucharist. It was a great way to begin 2023 as a school community. Bishop Iffert spoke to our students about John the Baptist and his vocation as the forerunner of the Messiah. He went on to encourage our students to each discover her own vocation and her purpose in life. His homily went hand-in-hand with our theme for this school year: *Discovering our purpose. Transforming the world.* His words emphasized what we do at Notre Dame Academy each and every day - educate young women to use their God-given gifts to make a difference in the world. Bishop Iffert also talked to our students about the virtue of humility which can be a difficult thing to talk about in today's world. His words were very relevant for our students and I would encourage you to have a discussion with your daughter about Bishop Iffert's homily. Here is a short excerpt:

*"The humble person is not one who is walked on, but rather the person who can maintain their higher faculties in the face of unrighteousness. A humble person doesn't lose control, is not quick to anger and does not become irrational in the face of opposition and challenge. The meek person know themselves, knows their abilities, knows their strengths, knows the use of reason and in the face of challenge and in even injustice, the meek person maintains their ability to respond with calmness and reason. Humility doesn't make us a doormat, it let's us remain courageous. Meekness is a sub virtue of courage that allows us to face the world with an unflappable confidence."*

Thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education. It is a privilege for us to have the opportunity to educate the young women of NDA in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame and to work with you to instill in them the spiritual and moral values that will prepare them for a life of success, community service and personal fulfillment.

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



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!



## ORDER TODAY! YEARBOOK SALES

Mr. Glynn and NDA's Publication students do an amazing job capturing the school year in our yearbook. Each publication is a wonderful keepsake for our students. Parents: don't miss out on the opportunity to order your 2022-23 yearbook, *Finding our Groove*, at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com).

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## ALL ARE WELCOME PARKING LOT REMINDERS

As we continue to promote student safety at dismissal time, we appreciate the cooperation of all drivers – both students and those who are picking up. A reminder to those of you who pick up at the end of the day: the Theatre lot, in addition to parking spots 1-21 are reserved for those who are picking up. This allows foot traffic to bypass the student drivers when they leave the parking lot.



## PANDA GEAR BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

Sale item of the week: PJ's! Check out all of the great deals [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](#).



LET'S DANCE!

## FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

This year's Father Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, February 3 at Notre Dame Academy at 7 p.m. There will be a registration link in next week's Panda Press Weekly.

2023 NDA FATHER DAUGHTER  
80'S RETRO party

*Prepare to "Spin Right Round Like a Record" while the DJ spins your fave tracks.*

*Free photo booth - so dads will have plenty of pics to embarrass their daughters afterwards.*

\$25 per person  
RSVP by Jan. 27

snacks  
desserts  
costume contest

Friday, February 3 Notre Dame Academy 7pm

The poster features a vibrant, retro-themed design on a dark blue brick background. At the top, the event title '2023 NDA FATHER DAUGHTER 80'S RETRO party' is displayed in a mix of bold, outlined, and cursive fonts. Below the title, two lines of orange cursive text provide details about the music and photo booth. A central illustration of a blue and pink boombox is flanked by vertical bars in various colors. To the left of the boombox, the ticket price and RSVP deadline are listed. To the right, the amenities (snacks, desserts, costume contest) are listed. At the bottom, the date, location, and time are written in a pink cursive font.

CLASS OF 2027

## INCOMING FRESHMEN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our incoming freshmen who were awarded scholarships on Monday evening at our Class of 2027 Scholarship Reception: Front row left to right: Erin McGraw, Lacey Corner, Hayley Pelstring, Charlotte Millay, Ashlynn Ruyak, Caroline Bramlage, Olivia Browning, and Lorna Knarr - Back row left to right: Josie Kramer, Kara Dugan, Sarah Young, Ruth Maier, Grace Powers, Sabrina Scroggins, Elsie Hanks, and Ella Yung



# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

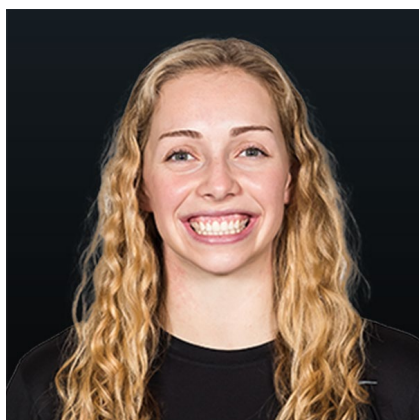
## CONGRATULATIONS

## FALL SPORTS ALL STARS

The Fall Sports All Stars have been announced and NDA is well represented! Congratulations to our students and their teams!



- Northern Kentucky Volleyball Player of the Year: Sydney Nolan
- Northern Kentucky Volleyball First Team: Sydney Nolan and Kamden Schrand
- Northern Kentucky Volleyball Second Team: Peyton Mast
- Northern Kentucky Volleyball Honorable Mention: Audrey Dyas, Julia Grace, Kayla Hostetler, Lizzy Larkins, Lauren Ott and Ava Tilden
- Northern Kentucky Soccer First Team: Ellie Greenwell, Riley Robertson, Kimmie Woeste
- Northern Kentucky Soccer Second Team: Evie Meyer
- Northern Kentucky Soccer Honorable Mention: Hannah Renaker, Ava Summe, Carlyn Tranter
- Northern Kentucky Cross Country Honorable Mention: Megan Fedor and Tessa Lenihan
- Northern Kentucky Golf First Team: Sammi Flowers, Natalie Lovelle



## GO MORGAN!

## NDA ALUMNA TO PLAY IN PRO LEAGUE

NDA alumna Morgan Hentz '16 is currently training with the U.S. Women's National Team and she will play in a pro league this spring. The Athletes Unlimited Volleyball Exhibition Tour will be doing exhibition nights at the University of Louisville, University of Kentucky and Ohio State University. You can find more information about the tour and tour dates here: <https://auprosports.com/volleyball/volleyball-exhibition-tour/>



## BUSY PANDAS!

# AQUA PANDA UPDATE

The AquaPandas have competed in several swim meets over the past few weeks:

### **Girls Night Out...**

On Friday, December 16, the AquaPandas finished 5th (out of 11 schools) in the Girls Night Out meet hosted by Trinity HS at Ralph Wright Natatorium (University of Louisville). There were right around 20 heat winners who were awarded a pink rose. Lainy Kruger broke Ellen Williamson's (NDA alum) 2009 meet record in the 100 IM with a time of 57.41.

### **SHDHS Winter Classic...**

On Saturday, December 17, less than 24 hours after competing in the GNO meet, the AquaPandas swam in the St. Henry DHS Winter Classic at Keating Natatorium (St. Xavier HS), finishing a close second to Assumption HS from Louisville and besting 13 other schools.

### **St. Ursula Dual Meet...**

On Wednesday, December 28, the team competed well, but ultimately lost a dual meet vs. Ohio powerhouse St. Ursula HS at Keating Natatorium (St. Xavier HS). The AquaPandas won 4 of the 8 individual events and 1 of the 3 relays, but were unable to match the Bulldogs' depth.

### **Lafayette and Dunbar Tri-Meet...**

On Thursday, January 5, the team traveled to Asbury University (just outside of Lexington, KY) to compete against Lafayette HS and Paul Dunbar HS. The AquaPandas split the two meets, besting Lafayette, but falling to a strong Paul Dunbar squad.

### **Upcoming Meets...**

Saturday, January 14 - Rock the Block meet hosted by Trinity HS at Ralph Wright Natatorium (University of Louisville)

Saturday, January 21 - NKAC Championships at Keating Natatorium (St. Xavier HS)

Saturday, January 28 - Freshman Regionals at Keating Natatorium (St. Xavier HS)



# COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### ACT FOR JUNIORS/FREE TUTORING

All juniors will take the ACT on March 7 and it is during the school day. There is no need to sign up for this test as we take care of making sure they are registered through the school.

If anyone is interested in some test prep here are a couple options:

**Torchprep** is having an in person test prep class at NDA. The class will start on January 26 and last until February 25 on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. For more information, please click here: [TorchPrep - NDA - ACT Boot Camp for the March ACT test](#)

Also Timothy Ward, of **Free Test Prep Online**, is offering 2 free tutoring sessions on one subject (Math, Reading, English or Science). He will also be offering an information session on Thursday, January 12 at 7 p.m. for parents. Parents who attend the session will be given priority for times for the free session. In order to register for the info session and for more information, please click [HERE](#).

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6:00pm-9:00pm	10:00am-2:00pm
Jan. 26	Jan. 28
Feb. 02	Feb. 4
Feb. 09	Feb. 11
Feb. 16	Feb. 25

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## 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](http://www.KentuckyGSE.com) to learn more and to apply:





## WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?

# SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR NDA STUDENTS

It's January, so it's time to start making summer plans! There are many wonderful opportunities out there, some of which have early application deadlines. You can click here for NDA's list of Summer and Enrichment Opportunities (also available on our school website under the Student Services tab); a sampling of programs are below. Some websites have not yet been updated, but you can get an idea of what will be coming. (You can find links to each of the below opportunities [HERE](#).)

- Commonwealth Honors Academy at Murray State University, application deadline Mar 1, 2023.
- UC's DAAP Summer Camps (Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning)
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital High School Senior Summer Internship Program - due Jan. 31, 2023
- Health Career Summer Camps
- St. Elizabeth M.O.O.N. Program - program dates announced soon!
- TAP Health - deadline Mar 10, 2023
- Lindner Summer Institute for Business
- Leadership Development Camp at Xavier University

## PLEASE NOTE

### HOBY

## HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP

HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) is a national program that provides transformative leadership development training to high school students. HOBY helps high school sophomores learn about their leadership talents and how to apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their homes, schools, workplaces, and communities. The Kentucky HOBY seminar will be offered this year at Berea College in June (specific dates yet TBD).

SOPHOMORES who are interested in being nominated by NDA to attend 2023 KY HOBY can apply by submitting written responses to the following questions:

1. Who are three leaders you admire and why?
2. Name and describe three of your strengths.
3. Describe a positive impact you have made in your family, school, workplace, or community.

Responses should be typed, printed on paper, and submitted to a School Counselor by January 16, 2023.

# ADVANCING OUR MISSION



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!

JANUARY 9 - FEBRUARY 10, 2023

## FRESHMAN PRIORITY REGISTRATION

### Notre Dame Academy Freshman Priority Application Period

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](#). 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.

# Interested in...

### CURRENT CORPORATE SPONSORS

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BECOME AN NDA CORPORATE SPONSOR  
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- Women Making A Difference
- NDA Golf Outing
- Light the Night for NDA  
(Formerly the Autumn Gala)



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

- Book Sale
- 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 10-12	Senior Retreat #3
January 11	LTN4NDA Wrap Party in the CLC 6:30 p.m.
January 12	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.  Alumnae Rosary in Chapel 12:50 p.m.
January 16	No School - Martin Luther King Day
January 20	Prayer for Penance Service
January 27-29	Showcase Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.
January 30	Catholic Schools Week begins with Mass and SND Reception
February 1	Diocesan Catholic Schools Week Mass
February 2	NDA/CCH Volleyball Game at NDA
February 3	Talent Show  Father/Daughter Dance at NDA