



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 Monday, we had the day off school in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. I hope you and your family took the time to celebrate Dr. King's life and his example. Dr. King taught us that in order to be effective leaders and to promote justice for everyone in our society, people need to understand and appreciate the world's wide range of people and cultures. At Notre Dame Academy, we strive to be a community enriched by our differences and we do our best to educate our students to work effectively in a diverse and multicultural society. We believe that by expanding our students' knowledge and understanding of the diversity in our world, we encourage an awareness of the global community.

Our Pandaversity Club supports these efforts by helping to create a welcoming environment at NDA in which all cultures can flourish and be respected. The members of the Pandaversity Club also work to provide our students with the opportunity to build bridges between different cultures through various activities throughout the year.

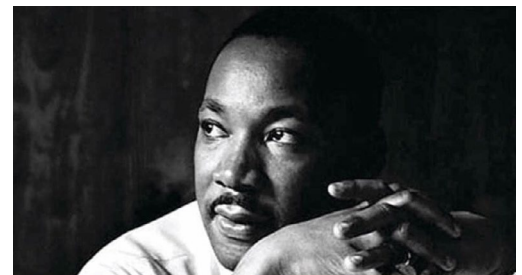
This school year, our new Family System is also helping to create a more inclusive environment at NDA. The Family System gives students the opportunity to connect with other students across classes and grades that they may not ordinarily have a chance to interact with. This new system also promotes the sisterhood of NDA and provides additional leadership opportunities for our students.

Each January we also concentrate on pro-life education and advocacy. We take special time out of our schedule at the beginning of each year to call attention to these important issues. On Monday, we will focus on respecting life for all, from conception to natural death. We will have a prayer service with the NDA community on Monday to pray for the protection of all human life.

Thanks for your continued support of our mission. Please know that we are grateful to partner with you in this important work.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**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 and Friday this week at 7:20 a.m. in the chapel. All are welcome to join us!



## JANUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to senior Chance Loschiavo who is January's Student of the Month. You can read more about Chance [HERE](#).



## EARLY RELEASE (P. 14) HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHT

Notes from parents requesting that students be permitted to leave school early should be brought to the school office before school, so an early release slip can be issued. It is important that the student take care of this when she arrives at school for attendance purposes. Whatever class the student is in at the time of dismissal, she is to present the slip to the teacher at the start and may leave five minutes prior to the time stated on the slip. All students must be signed out of the building in the school office before they leave. A student can sign herself out if she is driving. If the student returns to school, she must report to the school office, so she can be readmitted to classes.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

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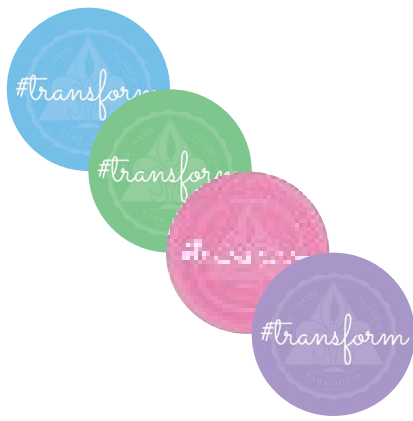
We have created an attendance email for parents to call in a sick child or if a student is leaving early from school. Please use this email if your daughter is sick or needs to leave school early: [attendance@ndapan-das.org](mailto:attendance@ndapan-das.org). Remember you can always call the school office with any questions 859-261-4300.



## FUN COMMUNITY BUILDER CLASH OF CANS FOLLOW-UP

Last Friday students from Covington Catholic and Beechwood were on campus for their consequence for losing in November's Clash of Cans, our annual can food drive competition. Beechwood was in the foyer before school cheering as our students came in. Students from CCH were on campus during lunch to help clear away trash and gave us a rousing version of Notre Dame Academy's school song. It was a fun follow-up to our annual tradition of helping feed the hungry!





## BUSY FAMILIES

### FAMILY TIME AT NDA

During Homeroom on Friday we had a variety of activities going on. Our Green Family attended Mass as a family and the Blue Family attended an Admin Meeting with Mr. VonHandorf. The Pink and Purple Families took time to write notes to all of the Sisters of Notre Dame in the Northern Kentucky area expressing our gratitude for all that they do for our school and for our community. These notes will be delivered during Catholic Schools Week.



Hey Pandas!



SIGN UP BY JANUARY 20

### TALENT SHOW ACTS STILL NEEDED!

Our Catholic Schools Week Talent Show is coming up on Friday, February 3, and we are still in need of students to share their talents! Students can fill out the registration form [HERE](#) and have until this Friday, January 20 to sign up!

GET READY

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK THEMES

Catholic Schools Week is Monday, January 30 - Friday, February 2. The themes are as follows...

- **Monday** - Nunday Monday Mass - Wear Grade School Uniforms/ Spirit Wear Shirts
- **Tuesday** - Sisterhood Sleepover
- **Wednesday** - Rhyme without a Reason (ex: dairy fairy)
- **Thursday** - Bikers vs. Surfers
- **Friday** - Decades Day  
SR - 80s    JR - 90s    SO - 2000s    FR - 2010s





## PANDAS AND THE POW

# PANDAS HIT THE SLOPES!

NDA's second Colorado Ski Trip was a success! All 29 girls had a great time skiing for 3 days in Winter Park! We even had a watch party cheering the Bengals onto victory Sunday night! Thank you to Ms. Dooling for planning the trip and chaperoning along with Mrs. Grayson, Mrs. Otto, Mrs. Sizemore and Dr. Otto. There is already talk of planning next year's trip!







CONGRATULATIONS!

## AP COMPUTER SCIENCE FEMALE DIVERSITY AWARD

Notre Dame Academy has earned the College Board's 2022 AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for expanding young women's access to AP Computer Science Principles. We're thrilled to congratulate our female AP Computer Science students and their teacher, Ms. Meghan Dooling, on this step toward gender parity in computer science education. We're honored that our school earned this distinction and look forward to seeing these young women pursue and achieve success in computer science education and careers.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

IN NEED OF A LIVE TRAINING?

## VIRTUS INFORMATION

The Diocesan Catholic Children's Home, 75 Orphanage Road, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky, Tuesday, January 31, 2023, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky, Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Also, the January bulletin posted on Sunday, January 1, 2023 and will be due on Tuesday, February 7, 2023.



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](https://jostensyearbooks.com).



SERVING OUR PANDAS

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

You can find NDA's lunch menu below and on our website [HERE](#).

Parents, please check your daughter's lunch account balance throughout the school year to avoid overdue account issues. Thank you!



PANDA GEAR

## BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

Did you know that for your convenience, the Bambootique offers many of our school uniform items? You can check them out 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](#).

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. Register [HERE](#) by January 27, 2023.



# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

## COUPON BOOKS!

### FINAL NOTICE

## COUPON BOOKS

Athletes: Final Notice to turn in your sold coupon book money for the athletic fundraiser. You do not need to turn in money if you opted out of selling books, that fee will be billed through FACTS.

**VOTE**  
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### GOOD LUCK!

## VOTE FOR OUR PANDAS

Please take a minute to vote for your Pandas!

VOTE [HERE](#) for the following

Senior Keira Schneider for archer of the week.

Junior Kendra Collins for NKY girls basketball player of the week.





## RIGHT ON TARGET PANDA ARCHERY NEWS

Last weekend the Archery Pandas competed in the Villa Madonna Academy Tournament. The team shot a 3048 which included 90 tens. The Pandas were led by Keira Schneider at 281 (4th High School Girl), Ellie Puglisi also at 281 (5th High School Girl), Ava Boertlein at 271 (4th 9th Grade Girl), Kate Slocum at 261 (10th 12th grade girl), and Lea Youtsey at 260 (6th 11th grade girl.) 6 Archers shot their season high score: Ellie Puglisi by 9, Kate Slocum by 12, Phoebe Desch by 8, Marisa Bloemer by 15, Abbey Hollenkamp by 27, Kathryn Weber by 17 and Caitlin Minning by 2. Several other archers either tied their season high or within a point or two of it. Also last week Keira Schneider was awarded the 2nd Place Girl Award from the Twenhofel Tournament held last December. Next up for the Pandas is this weekend at the Conner Middle School Tournament. ARCHERY PANDAS ROCK!



# COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



PROM TIME IS COMING!

## CINDERELLA'S CLOSET

Attention parents of prom attendees, while the time for prom might seem far off, the time to sign up for Cinderella's Closet is quickly approaching. Cinderella's Closet is a non-profit organization that works to provide Prom dresses, shoes, and accessories at no cost to girls who may not be able to afford the extra costs associated with attending Prom. If your family has a financial need and you have a junior or senior daughter who would be interested in taking advantage of the program, please reach out to Mrs. Maggard at [maggarde@gmail.com](mailto:maggarde@gmail.com).

please note

## TEEN TOPICS

### GROUP THERAPY OPPORTUNITY

Dr. Chelsea Esmeier, PsyD. will be running a small group for female adolescents touching on topics such as challenges with self-esteem, body image, relationships, school and social media. The group will run on Thursdays from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at 2865 Chancellor Dr. Suite 105 Crestview Hills, KY. It will start on February 2, 2023 and go until March 9, 2023. The group is \$50.00 a session and is self-pay. To obtain further information or to sign up for the group please email Dr. Esmeier at [drchelsea@viewpointpsych.com](mailto:drchelsea@viewpointpsych.com).

## 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 is a couple option:

**Torchprep** is having an in person test prep class at CCH. 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](#)

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Thursdays	Saturdays
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.





# ADVANCING OUR MISSION

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 \$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.

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## WOULD YOU OR YOUR BUSINESS LIKE TO BECOME AN NDA CORPORATE SPONSOR?

As a sponsor of Notre Dame Academy, you are sending a message that your brand is strongly aligned with our mission to educate young women to make a difference in the world. For more information about becoming a sponsor contact Denise Bowman, Director of Development, at 859.292.1849 or [bowmand@ndapandas.org](mailto:bowmand@ndapandas.org).

# Interested in...

### CURRENT CORPORATE SPONSORS

#### PARTNERING WITH US?

#### NOW IS THE TIME!

BECOME AN NDA CORPORATE SPONSOR  
AND SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS AT OUR  
3 MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS

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





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 19	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
January 20	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
January 23	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
February 10	Winter Sports Pep Rally