

## **Dear Parents,**

This Tuesday at NDA we came together as a faith community to pray for the sanctity and protection of all life. Led by our peer ministers, we collectively reflected on the importance of defending those who may not have a voice. Our prayers extended to the unborn, the elderly, the sick and the suffering, as we sought to embrace the precious gift of life bestowed upon us by God. It was a powerful and meaningful way to start the week, aligning our efforts with others across the nation advocating for life.

As we look forward to the upcoming week, I'm excited to announce that Catholic Schools Week will begin on Monday, January 29. Our student council has been hard at work to ensure a week filled with fun activities and celebrations, highlighting the wonderful contributions of Notre Dame Academy to our community.

We take great pride in congratulating our outstanding students who achieved First and Second Honors for their exceptional academic performance in the first semester of the 2024-25 school year. Their dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence are truly commendable. You can find a link to NDA's Honor Roll below.

Be sure to get your tickets for the NDA/CCH Theatre Department's New York City Showcase, taking place this weekend. This annual showcase production features student-directed and choreographed performances celebrating the vibrant spirit of the New York City. There is information below about show times and tickets.

Don't miss out on NDA's 2024 Father Daughter Fun Night which is scheduled for Friday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m. at NDA. This special tradition invites dads and daughters to come dressed in their favorite sport, team or athlete attire. The night promises appetizers, drinks, a delicious dessert bar, games, contests, a photo booth and lots of father-daughter fun. Look for more information below.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a fantastic Catholic Schools Week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

## **Student Life**



#### **GOD'S GOODNESS**

## POWERFUL SCHOOL-WIDE PRAYER SERVICE

On Tuesday the students, teachers, and staff of NDA gathered together to pray for the sanctity and protection for all life. Our peer ministers and Mr. VonHandorf led us in the rosary as we reflected on those who may not be able to defend themselves. We prayed for the unborn, the elderly, the sick, the suffering, and that our society may truly embrace the gift of life given to us by God. It was a great way to begin the week and to join efforts with those across our nation fighting so hard for the unborn and those without a voice.



#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Since last week brought us our first school closure due to weather, we thought it would be important to remind families of our protocol for inclement weather. 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. This decision will also be publicized on all of our social media accounts along with the website. If you did NOT receive the notification last week via email, text and phone, please inform the office so we can be sure to correct the issue.



Turning Dresses into Dreams...

### **FEBRUARY OUTREACH**

## NEW FAMILY COMPETITION - DRESS DRIVE

During the month of February, our family leadership students will sponsor and lead an outreach activity to benefit Cinderella's Closet. This organization works as a non-profit to help make Prom more affordable for girls who may struggle with the costs. Cinderella's Closet is in desperate need of dresses this year and we are happy to help and support them. What better time than right after the New Year when many families work to clean out closets and make donations? If you have formal gowns, blingy jewelry, formal shoes or just feel compelled to make a monetary donation, please consider helping such a worthy cause (which may benefit some of our very own PaNDAs). More information to come regarding our collection that will begin on February 1. The flyers found **HERE** provide more details regarding what they need.



### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK VOLLEYBALL SHOWDOWN

## PREPARING FOR VICTORY

Our students and faculty look forward to next Wednesday when they will have the chance to claim victory over Covington Catholic during our annual Catholic Schools Week volleyball games. The teachers of NDA will take on the teachers of CCH then our varsity volleyball PaN-DAs will take on some CCH students. The evening will end with our senior volleyball team (led by Eva Dozier and Sammie Poulos) playing against another CCH team. All of the proceeds of this fun event will benefit the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky. We are happy to invite Mrs. Kim Webb (the Executive Director) to speak to the students prior to the game about the importance of this outreach opportunity.



#### **ONLINE ORDERING NOW OPEN!**

## **FAMILY SPIRIT WEAR**

PaNDAs - Please consider showing support for your family and Saint by purchasing spirit wear. The **link** will be open until 2/4/24.

We are excited to offer monthly Family Spirit Wear days and we will also encourage students to dress in spirit wear on the Feast Day of the family's patron Saint. On those days, students could wear shirts of their family's color or the spirit wear offered in the link above. **St. Gemma Galgani / Green family - Please Note** - the shirts appear to be different colors based on the picture. We have been told that they will be the same color, the pictures are just from different manufacturers.



#### **GET READY FOR SOME FUN PANDAS!**

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK THEMES

Catholic Schools Week starts on Monday, January 29th! Student council has been working very hard to make this a fun and enjoyable week celebrating all that Notre Dame Academy provides for us. Start planning your outfits for the exciting themes and activities that will take place throughout the week! You can access the slide show with more details **HERE**!

#### **DON'T FORGET**

## **CHIC-FIL-A ORDERS DUE FRIDAY**

**DON'T FORGET:** All orders for Chick-Fil-A during Catholic Schools Week **are due FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 at 4 p.m**. You can find more details and access the order form here. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. The cafeteria will not be serving hot lunch on this day



PANDA SPIRIT WEAR!

## **BAMBOOTIQUE**

New year - new spiritwear! Shop at the online Bambootique HERE.

## 2024 FATHER DAUGHTER FUN NIGHT!

Register today for the hottest tickets in town - NDA's 2024 Father Daughter Fun Night! This is one of Notre Dame Academy's oldest and most loved traditional events! It will be held on Friday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m at NDA. Dads and daughters, come dressed for your favorite sport, team or athlete! You can enjoy appetizers, drink and a delicious dessert bar, games, contests, a photo booth and all sorts of father/daughter fun!

#### **REGISTER TODAY HERE!**

## NDA Father Daughter Fun Night

Friday, February 2 at 7pm at NDA Come dressed for your favorite sport, your favorite team or athlete!



NDA Father Daughter Friday, Feb 2 at 7pm

Ticket No:PANDAS



## **Terms & Conditions**

- This ticket is valid for Fathers and Daughters
- Appetizers, Drinks and Dessert Bar
- Games, contests, fun and music
- Costume Contest
- Photo Booth

#### **CAN YOU HELP?**

## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of some help with Father Daughter Fun Night. Please take a look at the sign up genius below to see how you can help - many options from dessert/candy donations to borrowing corn hole sets and helping with clean up. Thanks in advance for supporting this fun night for our Dads and Daughters! Sign up to help HERE.

#### **FATHER - DAUGHTER**

## **SENIOR POSTERS**

Seniors and Senior Parents: The tradition of making a senior poster for the Father Daughter Fun Night continues! Here's some info to help:

- \*poster can be homemade or digitally made
- \*poster can be on full size or half size poster board or foam board
- \*Some ideas for your poster pics of you and Dad (or the special man in your life you are bringing with you) can be from during your high school years or all the years growing up
- \* can be any color, can add stickers, or whatever makes it unique and personal to you
- \*\*\* Please bring your completed posters to school office by Noon on Friday, February 2

If any questions, please feel free to email ocean1313@yahoo.com.

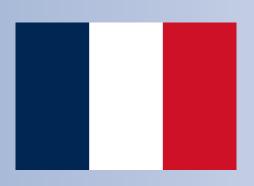


#### STUDENT RECOGNITION

## **HONOR ROLL**

We are thrilled to congratulate our outstanding students who have achieved First and Second Honors for their exceptional academic performance in the first semester of the 2024-25 school year. Their dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence are truly commendable.

FIRST HONORS SECOND HONORS



#### LES PANDAS VOYAGEURS

## **MEETING FOR 2024 FRANCE TRIP**

Madame Otto has scheduled the 1st of 3 mandatory meetings for the students enrolled and going on the 2024 France trip (no longer taking any travelers, as trip is full). The first meeting will be: Friday, February 9, at 3:30 in Room, 203. Students and at least one parent need to attend.



#### MEMORIES FOR LIFE

## ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY

NDA's 2024 yearbook, 24 hOURS, is on sale now! This is a must have for all Pandas! Mr. Glynn and our Publications team does an AMAZING job capturing all of the wonderful happenings at NDA throughout the year and students will look back at their yearbook for years to come. You can purchase it online here: **jostens.com**.



#### LIVE TRAINING DATES

## **VIRTUS**

If you are new to Virtus and need to attend a live training, here are some opportunities:

Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky.

- Wednesday, January 24, 2024 6:00 PM 8:30 PM
- Wednesday, February 7, 2024 9:00 AM 11:30 AM
- Wednesday, February 7, 2024 6:00 PM 8:30 PM

#### Immaculate Heart of Mary, Burlington, Kentucky.

Thursday, January 11, 2024 - 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Remember: To be Virtus compliant, you must read and answer the accompanying question on the monthly bulletins. You should receive an email with a link the first week of each month.



NDA/CCH THEATRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS...

## **NEW YORK CITY SHOWCASE**

Friday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, January 27 at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 28 at 2:00 p.m.

Welcome to New York! This year's Showcase features student directed and choreographed songs, dances, and scenes all about the famed Big Apple. Get into the New York state of mind by enjoying performances of Frank Sinatra and Billy Joel classics, to SNL sketches, pop music, and your favorite Broadway musical numbers in NDA/CCH's production of New York City Showcase!

#### **Purchase tickets here**

\$5 for students, faculty, and staff online and at the door \$12 online tickets for non-students/staff \$15 tickets at the door for non-students/staff

Tickets at the door can be paid with cash or venmo only. Concessions will be available for cash at intermission.



#### **DELICIOUS NEWS**

## 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. We have many overdue accounts and some are quite large.





#### INTERNATIONAL PANDAS

## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

NDA is once again going to host international students from our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta) for a portion of the 2024 fall semester. Two students will be experiencing The NDA Life for 6-8 weeks. The German students would love to be in the US to celebrate Halloween if possible, so we are exploring the idea of having the girls arrive here in mid -September and depart at the beginning of November. These students speak English very well and are screened thoroughly by their school before they are allowed to apply for this exchange program. Please call or email Katie Caccavari, NDA Director of Enrollment, at <a href="mailto:caccavarik@ndapandas.org">caccavarik@ndapandas.org</a>/859-292-1829, if you would be interested in more information about this opportunity. Your reply is not a commitment but would help us to know which families would consider supporting our international student enrollment by serving as host families.

## **CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS**

Attention Senior Parents!

#### **DUE BY FEBRUARY 16**

## PARENT LETTERS FOR SENIOR MISSION RETREAT

Senior parents, an email was sent to you on January 23 requesting a parent letter for your daughters Mission Retreat. This is a one day retreat that takes place on March 12. You can find the letter that was sent HERE. Parent letters are due back to the office by February 16.



#### **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## **UPCOMING LITURGIES**

Upcoming Liturgies:

January 26 - 7:20 a.m. - Mass in chapel

January 29 - 8:50 a.m. All School Catholic Schools Week Mass in the gym

February 2 - 7:20 a.m. - Mass in chapel

A decade of the Rosary is prayed each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning in the chapel at 7:45 a.m.



#### MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

## **SERVICE REMINDER**

All Freshmen, Sophomore and Senior Service hours are due on March 8 (the end of the 3rd quarter). Freshmen are required a total of 10 hours (5 blue and 5 gold). Sophomores are required a total of 20 hours (10 of which must be gold). Seniors are required a total of 10 hours (5 of which must be gold). Mrs. Price has been meeting with each Freshmen and Sophomore during religion classes to make sure hours are being logged correctly and to answer any individual questions. You can find a full list of requirements and a description of blue and gold hours **HERE**.

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

## GO PANDAS!





#### **HELLO SPORTS FANS**

## ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Don't miss any of the action with our Panda athletes! **Here** is the calendar for the upcoming week.

#### FROM THE DESK OF THE

### ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

#### **Swimming & Diving**

Savannah Bien and Brooke Hollenkamp competed in the dive meet at UK this past Saturday. Both girls made it to the final round of dives for the meet. NDA tied for 3rd for the meet. Thank you to coach, Katie Mc-Gonigal, for all your support! Regionals and KHSAA state is approaching quickly. Great job and best of luck to all the Aqua Pandas!

## **VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!**

Please vote for Elsie Hanks for swimmer of the week. She won the 100-yard butterfly at Scott while also swimming a leg on the winning 200-yard medley relay team and the second place 400-yard freestyle relay team. You can vote **HERE**.

#### **Bowling** -

This past Thursday and Saturday at Erlanger Strike and Spares were the KHSAA Regional bowling championships. On Thursday was the team tournament, the Pandas had an awesome qualifying round, getting the number two seed. Making the semi finals, Boone County took the best of five with a 3-1 win over the Pandas.

On Saturday in the Singles Championship, Freshmen Haley Pelstring, Sophomore Cami Norris and Sophomore Jane Schuh and 8th grader from St. Agnes Clare Pelstring represented NDA with pride.

The other team members to recognize, Sophomores: Camryn Peery, Ella Webber, Erin Piatt, Maddie Brown, Sophie Hollenkam and Callie Fedders and "she's our anchor" Linda France!

Finally a big congratulations to Haley Pelstring for making the NKAC Region 6 all conference team and two of our bowlers, Erin Piatt and Camry Peery will receive \$250.00 in scholarship money from the Northern Kentucky Bowling foundation!

Congratulations on a great year and representing NDA!



















#### Archery -

This past weekend the Archery team competed in the Saint Henry Tournament. The Pandas shot 3011 with 117 tens and were led by Ava Boertlein at 275, Emma Lange at a season best 267, Lea Youtsey at 261, Lucy Siegert at 256 and Sarah Beckham at 254. Also congratulations to Ava Boertlein for her 5th place finish and Morgan Russell for her 6th place finish at the Villa Madonna Tournament. Next up for the Pandas is this weekend at Summit View. ARCHERY PANDAS ROCK!

#### Track and Field -

Coach Hollenkamp says that our Track an Field Pandas are starting off the season right with lots of spirit and tons of hard work! Way to put in the time and effort Pandas! Get ready for an incredible season ahead!

#### Middle School Track and Field -

Notre Dame Academy is excited to announce that Joe Durrett will be coaching our 2024 Middle School Track and Field Team! Coach Durrett is in his 2nd season with our Cross Country team in which the team has seen phenomenal growth. They placed 7th this year at the KHSAA State Girls Cross Country Race. We look forward to his leadership with our middle school track program. Go Pandas!

If you are interested in signing up for NDA's 2024 Middle School Track and Field Team, you can do so **HERE**.

#### Basketball -

Spread the word... NDA's Basketball Grade School Night is happening this Friday night, January 26, beginning at 6:00 p.m. as our Pandas take on Henry Clay!

## **COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES**





#### MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE

## PROM DRESS ASSISTANCE WITH CINDERELLA'S CLOSET

Cinderella's Closet is a local organization that provides prom dresses for Junior and Senior students who would otherwise not be able to afford to attend. They are a wonderful organization that treat attendees with very special care and attention on the day they attend. NDA students who have used them in the past have had wonderful experiences. Not only do they provide you with a prom dress, they provide the shoes, accessories, and small alterations as needed at no cost to the student. They will have appointment times available on March 14, 15, and 16. If you and your junior or senior student are in a challenging financial position, please reach out to counselor Erin Maggard at maggarde@ndapandas.org. To learn more about Cinderella's closet check out the link here to see informational videos.



#### PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

## NDA COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE

**CLICK HERE** for a list of college visits specifically for NDA students/families. The visits are in the hallway outside the cafeteria. All students are welcome to visit the reps.



#### **GOOD READ**

## HELP YOUR DAUGHTER EXPRESS CONFIDENCE

Females of all ages are often found apologizing frequently, and often for things that do not need to be apologized for. **Read this article** from the Child Mind Institute about how to help your daughter find her confidence and apologize only when necessary.



#### **NEEDED:**

## **CAREER FAIR PARTICIPANTS**

NDA will be hosting a Career Fair on March 7 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. We are in need of parents who would like to come and talk about their careers/career journey. If you would be willing to talk to our students and have some time available on this morning, we would love to have you. Please contact Chrissy Monohan (monohanc@ndapandas.org) to let her know if you could help or you may know someone that may be willing to participate.



#### ATTENTION JUNIORS

## **ACT PREP**

Covington Latin School is delighted to extend an invitation to Diocesan junior students for an upcoming ACT Prep Course.

Dates: Feb. 3rd, Feb. 10th, Feb. 24th, Mar. 2nd

**Time:** 9:30 AM - 12 PM

**Location:** Covington Latin School

This comprehensive course is over 4 Saturdays, open to all local juniors, and will be led by Kelley Ching, a seasoned educator and tutor with a rich background in education. Kelley holds a master's degree in education and a teaching credential for secondary education. With over 25 years of experience, she has been instrumental in helping students excel in ACT, SAT, and PSAT.

#### **Course Highlights:**

Subjects Covered: English, Math, Reading, and Science

Content Review: Grammar, algebra, and geometry for the English

and Math sections

Interactive Sessions: Homework assignments provided between ses-

sions for concept reinforcement

Practice Exams: Course book contains 8 practice exams, with one to

be completed at home

**Cost:** \$400

**Required Materials:** Students will need to purchase **this ACT Prep Book** 

We believe this course will significantly benefit students' ACT preparation, providing them with the necessary tools to succeed. Please share this information with your junior students and encourage them to register early to secure their spot.

How to Register: <a href="https://exploremoregifted.wufoo.com/forms/zrpy-0g21wpzc06/">https://exploremoregifted.wufoo.com/forms/zrpy-0g21wpzc06/</a>



JOIN US

# DIOCESE OF COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOLS DUAL-CREDIT PARENT NIGHT

On behalf of Thomas More, NKU, and Gateway's Dual-Credit Programs, we would like to extend a special invitation to families enrolled in a Diocese of Covington High School to join us for an in-person dual credit information night and plan ahead for the 2024-25 (or beyond) academic year.

## Below, please find more information about the event and how you can RSVP.

- When: Thursday, February 22 6 p.m. (event should last about two hours)
- · Event location: Thomas More University's Saints Center
- · Link to RSVP:

https://apply.thomasmore.edu/register/covdiodnight2023

#### Can't attend in person or looking for a virtual option?

We will be hosting a series of virtual information sessions for any public/private/homeschool parent and/or student (via Zoom). RSVPs are required to receive the Zoom link and password. Reminders will be sent in the lead up to each event.

Information sessions will be held on:

• February 15 – 6:30 p.m.n (via Zoom): <a href="https://apply.thomas-more.edu/register/dualcreditinfo3">https://apply.thomas-more.edu/register/dualcreditinfo3</a>

#### **ACT SAVINGS**

## \$5 VOUCHER

Please see a \$5 voucher below for a February, April, June, or July 2024 ACT test date



## **ADVANCING THE MISSION**



#### **RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY**

### YOU'RE INVITED

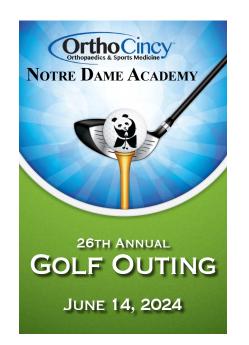
Three distinguished alumnae from Notre Dame Academy will be celebrated at the annual Women Making a Difference Recognition Award Luncheon, scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2024. The honorees for this year's event are Betty Baumann Verst (Class of 1951), Sandra Bayless Gleeson (Class of 1962), and Connie Noll (Class of 1985).

Now in its twenty-third year, the Women Making a Difference award program acknowledges the remarkable contributions of Notre Dame Academy alumnae to their families and communities through service, professional achievements, and philanthropic endeavors. It is a tribute to these women for embodying NDA's proud legacy and

their continued impact on the world. Additionally, the luncheon plays a vital role in raising funds for tuition assistance at Notre Dame Academy.

The ceremony will take place at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, commencing with registration and networking at 11:00 a.m., followed by the luncheon at 12:00 p.m. The Women Making A Difference luncheon warmly welcomes all alumnae, corporate representatives, parents, and friends of Notre Dame Academy.

Ticket information and sponsorship opportunities can be found <u>HERE</u>. For more information, please contact Notre Dame Academy's Director of Alumnae Relations, Lisa Willenbrink Mosley '95 at <u>mosleyL@ndapandas.org</u> or 859,292,1852.



### JOIN THE PLANNING COMMITTEE - BE A PART OF THE FUN!

## GEARING UP FOR NDA'S 26TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

NDA's 26th annual golf outing will be taking place on Friday, June 14 which means we are getting a planning committee together now!

Joining the planning committee is a great way to get involved at NDA, meet other parents, and we just have a lot of fun! We will meet once in January, February, March, April, May and then twice in June leading up to the event. You do not have to attend the outing to help plan!

Sign up for the planning committee <u>HERE</u>! If you have any questions, email Myanna Webster at <u>websterm@ndapandas.org</u>.



## **SHARING OUR**

## **Community News**

You can find a complete list of community news **HERE**.

- 2023-24 Thomas More Dual-Credit Information Sessions
- Molly Mayer's Studio of Dance

## **Important dates**

January 24 Green Dot Bystander Training

January 26 Mass in Chapel 7:30 a.m. - All are welcome!

January 26-28 NYC Showcase

January 28 Catholic Schools Week begins

January 29 Nunday Monday - Mass with the SNDs

January 30 Sisterhood Sleep over - PJ Day

January 31 Neon Day

CSW Volleyball Game 6:30 p.m.

February 1 Holiay Dress

February 2 NDA's Got Talent

Father/Daughter Dance

February 8 Sips and Stem- Alumnae Event

February 10 ACT at NDA

February 12 HOPE Week Begins

February 14 Ash Wednesday Mass - Auditorium

February 15 Theatre Class Zoo Field Trip

February 20 Textiles Field Trip to Joann Fabrics