



## THE *nda* LIFE

### Dear Parents,

On Monday, our school community gathered to pray for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. As Catholics, we believe that all human life deserves to be respected and protected from conception to natural death so our school community offered prayers of support to all mothers and fathers, especially those who may be struggling with the decision to choose life. We also invited Marla Specht and Allie Henderson from the New Hope Center to share with our students a little bit about the services and hope they offer to their clients. Our students enjoyed the presentation and learned some very valuable tools in helping someone who is dealing with an unexpected pregnancy. As a school community, we will continue to pray for all people to come to know and respect the dignity of each and every human life.

Next week is Catholic Schools week and this year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." Catholic Schools Week celebrates the contribution that Catholic education provides to our young people, to our Church, to our communities, and to our nation. Next week we will join other schools in our Diocese in celebrating our Catholic schools and the success of our NDA students and faculty. We have many events planned for the week including a special mass honoring the Sisters of Notre Dame on Monday. As is our Catholic Schools Week tradition, our week will also include many theme days. You can read more about these below. You can also read below about our Catholic Schools Week Parent Challenge which benefits our 2022-23 Annual Fund. I would like to thank our parents who have already generously donated to this important fund.

A couple of reminders:

- Our Fine Arts Showcase this coming weekend featuring our performing and visual artists.
- Our Father/Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, February 3. The registration deadline is this Friday, January 27.

Thank you for choosing to Notre Dame Academy for your daughter's Catholic education. It is a privilege to partner with you in this important work.

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



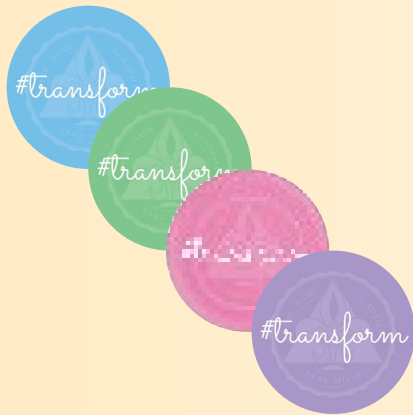
# Student Life



## LET'S CELEBRATE

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Next Week is Catholic Schools Week. We look forward to celebrating our heritage as a Catholic School. Next Friday we will be serving Chick-fil-A for lunch. Orders are due this Friday at 3:00 p.m. and orders can be submitted [HERE](#). Check out what else is happening for next week's celebrations!



## UPDATE

### FAMILY COMPETITION

The Blue Family is in the lead in our Family Competition after the first semester. As a reward this week they are able to wear sweatpants under their skirts and they received free ice cream at lunch on Tuesday. There is still plenty of time for the other Families to catch up before the end of the year though! The standings are...

1st Place- Blue- 531 points  
2nd Place- Purple- 522 points  
3rd Place- Pink- 430 points  
4th Place- Green- 350 points



## PANDA GEAR

### BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

This week's Deal of the Week is a good one - 20% off all long sleeve t-shirts! 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](#).



## PARIS, NORMANDY AND LONDON 2024 SUMMER TRIP

Registration remains open for the next few weeks for all students currently enrolled in French for the 2024 summer trip to Paris, Normandy and London. We have 5 spots remaining. Please visit the tour information page found here for more information and to register: [www.eftours.com/2542463uj](http://www.eftours.com/2542463uj)

If you have any questions, please reach out to Madame Otto: [ottoe@ndapandas.org](mailto:ottoe@ndapandas.org)



## 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!



## 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).



## PUBS TRIP FRESHMAN RA!

Special thanks to St. Agnes School and Mrs. Stacey Turner '97 for allowing NDA Publications students to visit their kindergarten classroom for a photo-shoot with our freshman student council representatives yesterday!



# CONGRATULATIONS



THE CASE IS CLOSED!

## NDA MOCK TRIAL TEAM PLACES FIRST

NDA's Mock Trial teams competed at the UK Wildcat Invitational on Saturday, January 14th in two rounds of competition. Both teams did quite well and the Navy team placed 1st! Members include: Grace Van Hook, Clara Heberling, Holly Steimer, Emma White, Kierstin Suedkamp, Phoebe Desch, Teagan Kruer, Gabrielle White, and Juliana Von Wahlde Mendez.

At the competition, witnesses and attorneys that received a perfect ranking score of ten out of ten were recognized. Clara Heberling and Kira Kent won this award as top witnesses and Ava Middendorf won this award as a top attorney. Congratulations to both teams for outstanding performances!

The Mock Trial Pandas will be heading to Regionals this weekend in Covington.



DEVELOPING MATH SKILLS

## NDA MATH DEPARTMENT FEATURED ON NATIONAL PODCAST

NDA's Math Department and faculty member Meghan Phillips were recently featured on the Loyola Press podcast "Catholic Teachers' Lounge" for NDA's universal remediation schedule for all students to improve their math skills. Learn more about how school routines can support student development across grade levels when the right data is available and schedule blocks align by listening to the podcast [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.



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 central illustration of a blue and pink boombox with a cassette tape. The background is a dark blue brick wall. The text is in various colors and fonts, including neon-style outlines and cursive script.

FRENCH 1 STUDENTS

## PLAYING IN THE NEIGE (SNOW!)



# CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

### 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!

### FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORE SERVICE INFORMATION

Just a reminder that Freshmen and Sophomore Service hours are due by March 9, 2023. Mrs. Price is in the process of meeting one on one with each student who has not yet completed their service work to help them make a plan for completing these hours. Just a reminder that all service work must be completed at a non-profit organization and must be logged and verified on Mobile Serve. A full list of requirements can be found at the following links for [Freshmen](#) and [Sophomores](#).



### PRAISE AND WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (NCYC)

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is a unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service, and empowerment for Catholic teens and their adult chaperones.

Hear inspiring Catholic speakers, celebrate Mass with thousands of teens, and participate in reconciliation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Enjoy praise and worship music led by award-winning artists and experience interactive exhibits with games, crafts, obstacle courses, and more.

NDA plans to send a group with the Diocese of Covington for this event.

This event takes place Nov 16-18, 2023 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The cost of the trip is \$545.00 per person. Registration is due to the Campus Ministry office by Feb 9, 2023. You can find more information and the [registration form here](#). Please contact Bridget Price at [priceb@nda-pandas.org](mailto:priceb@nda-pandas.org) with any questions.



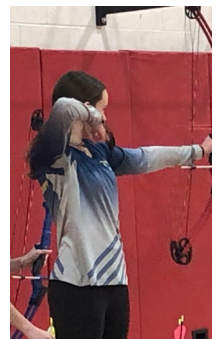
# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

## RIGHT ON TARGET

### PANDA ARCHERY NEWS



Last weekend the Archery Pandas competed in the Conner Middle School Winter Tournament. The team shot a 2981 ( 2nd High School Team) which included 69 tens. The Pandas were led by Ellie Puglisi at 283 (2nd Overall Girl), Ava Boertlein at 277 (5th Overall Girl), Lea Youtsey at 258 (12th High School Girl), Candace Stallmeyer at 256 (15th High School Girl) and Phoebe Desch at 252 (17th High School Girl.) 6 Archers shot their season high score: Caitlin Minning by 19, Reagan Carman by 15, Candace Stallmeyer by 13, Ava Boertlein by 4, Ellie Puglisi by 2 and Marisa Bloemer by 2. Next up for the Pandas is the Saint Henry High School Tournament at the Saint Henry Athletic Complex near Boone County High School. ARCHERY PANDAS ROCK!



# FINE ARTS

JANUARY 27-29

## DON'T MISS THE NDA/CCH 2023 SHOWCASE!

Watch the band mates from "Rochelle and the Ruiners" embark on a quest to find the most epic rock song in order to win this year's Battle of the Bands! Experience legendary singing, dancing, and acting with songs from KISS, OneRepublic, Blondie, Queen, Pat Benatar, ABBA, Green Day and more!

[Purchase your tickets here!](#)

**\$5 student/staff ticket (prepaid and at the door)**

**\$12 non-student ticket (prepaid online only)**

**\$15 non-student at the door (cash or venmo)**

A poster for the NDA/CCH Theatre Battle of the Bands Showcase. The poster has a blue background with a central dark blue rectangle containing the event title in large, bold, pink letters. Above the title, it says 'PRESENTS' in smaller pink letters. Below the title, it lists the featured bands in pink letters: BLONDIE, ONEREPUBLIC, GREEN DAY, KISS, QUEEN, ABBA, KEANE, and FLEETWOOD MAC. At the bottom of the central rectangle is a silhouette of a crowd with their arms raised. The entire poster is framed by a torn-edge effect. Below the poster, the dates 'JANUARY 27TH-29TH, 2023' are written in yellow. To the left of a QR code, the showtimes are listed: 'FRIDAY @ 7 PM', 'SATURDAY @ 2 PM', and 'SUNDAY @ 2 PM'. To the right of the QR code, the ticket prices are listed: 'STUDENT - \$5', 'NON-STUDENT - \$12', and '\$15 AT THE DOOR'.

**NDA/CCH THEATRE**

**PRESENTS  
NOT YOUR AVERAGE  
BATTLE  
OF THE  
BANDS  
SHOWCASE**

**FEATURING  
BLONDIE ONEREPUBLIC GREEN DAY KISS  
QUEEN ABBA KEANE FLEETWOOD MAC**

**JANUARY 27TH-29TH, 2023**

**FRIDAY @ 7 PM  
SATURDAY @ 2 PM  
SUNDAY @ 2 PM**



**STUDENT - \$5  
NON-STUDENT - \$12  
\$15 AT THE DOOR**



# COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



## 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.

A Special Education Program Designed for youth and their families  
**FAMILY EDUCATION DAY**  
**DEPRESSION**

## SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES FAMILY EDUCATION DAY - DEPRESSION

In collaboration with Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, join TN5 and Mind-Peace for the first annual education day for adolescents and young adults living with depression and their caregivers. During this event, depression experts will present on a range of topics relevant to adolescents and young adults. This program will also include Q&A expert panels, a session just for teens and a session just for young adults. This event will be held on Sunday, February 5 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. [LEARN MORE HERE.](#)



## 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).



## RESOURCES TO UNDERSTAND AND HELP TEENAGE GIRLS NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

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

FEBRUARY 28

## COLLEGE FAIR

The Kenton County Public Library Erlanger branch is hosting a College Fair on February 28. Check it out...

# College Fair

FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Come chat with  
multiple colleges and  
get some valuable  
information on your  
next steps.

**ERLANGER  
LIBRARY  
BRONTE HALL**  
6PM-8PM

### PARTICIPATING COLLEGES:

Cincinnati State  
TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

University of  
CINCINNATI



THOMAS MORE  
UNIVERSITY

NKU  
NORTHERN  
KENTUCKY  
UNIVERSITY



XAVIER  
UNIVERSITY

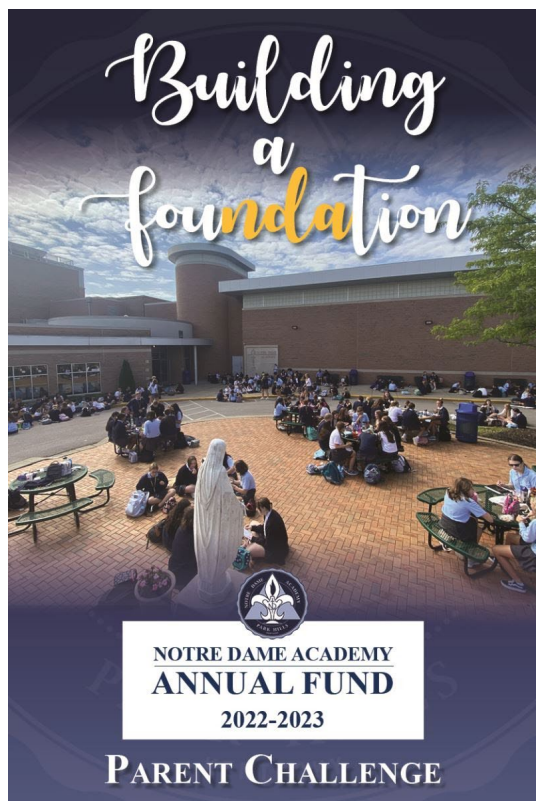
BECKFIELD  
COLLEGE



GATEWAY  
COMMUNITY  
& TECHNICAL COLLEGE



# ADVANCING OUR MISSION



## WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

### HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT OUR PARENT CHALLENGE?

From now until the close of Catholic Schools Week, February 3, we are challenging our parents to participate in NDA's Annual Fund. Our goal is to reach an overall participation level of 40% from our NDA parents and guardians.

As announced at the beginning of the school year, we have shifted the philanthropic focus at Notre Dame Academy to our Annual Fund and therefore **we will NOT be hosting a student fundraiser this school year** as in years past.

Your participation in the Annual Fund is vital to the success of Notre Dame Academy's future and we ask that you please consider a gift that is appropriate for your family. Regardless of the size, every gift matters and will truly make a difference now and for generations to come!

#### Here is how it works...

Each gift given to the 2022-23 Annual Fund by a parent or guardian between now and the close of Catholic Schools Week on February 3, will earn one point for the family of the respective student(s). If a parent or guardian has already made a gift to the 2022-23 Annual Fund, one point from each of those donations will also be counted in the 2022-23 Parent Challenge.

The NDA family with the most points earned throughout the 2022-23 Parent Challenge will earn an extra 20 points and the students in that family will be rewarded with a special treat!

**[CLICK HERE](#) to find out how to donate, be part of the 2022-23 Parent Challenge, help your daughter's family earn points and help build a founDation for Notre Dame Academy!**

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](#). 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.

**Notre Dame Academy**  
**Freshman**  
**Priority Application**  
**Period**



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 26	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
January 27	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
January 27-29	Showcase Friday 7 p.m., Saturday 2 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m.
January 30	NunDay Monday
	Catholic Schools Week begins with Mass with the Sisters!
January 31	Sister Sleep over
February 1	Rhyme without Reason
	Diocesan Catholic Schools Week Mass
February 2	Bikers vs. Surfers
	No homework! Happy Catholic Schools Week students!
	NDA/CCH Volleyball Game at NDA
February 3	Decades Day
	Talent Show
	Father/Daughter Dance at NDA
February 10	Winter Sports Pep Rally
February 20	No School- President's Day
February 22	Ash Wednesday Mass
March 2	Women Making a Difference Day
March 4	8th Grade Conferences
March 7	Super Day
March 9	Third Quarter Ends
March 10	No School
March 13	School Officer Elections during homeroom
March 15	SO Retreat at the Heights
March 18	8th Grade Conferences