



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

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THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

As a Catholic high school, this is a very special week for us at Notre Dame Academy. This week we join nearly 6,000 Catholic elementary, middle and high schools across the country celebrating Catholic Schools Week. In addition to celebrating our heritage as a Catholic school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame, we are celebrating the fact that we are able to incorporate spirituality into every aspect of our curriculum and teach students that service to others is a basic tenet of the Catholic faith. At Notre Dame Academy, students learn that excellence is a response to God's blessings and they realize they are called to make a difference in the world with the gifts God has given to them.

We began our week with the celebration of the Mass with our sponsors, the Sisters of Notre Dame. As is our practice on *Nun-day Monday*, each Sister in attendance was presented with a rose and heartfelt gratitude for all that the Sisters of Notre Dame have done for our school over the past 117 years. The Sisters then joined our students for lunch where they served ice cream sundaes. We are most appreciative of the example of servant leadership and the prayerful support the Sisters of Notre Dame have provided NDA for over a century. If you would like to learn more about what the Sisters of Notre Dame of the United States are up to in 2023, you can find the latest newsletter from the National Sponsorship and Network Office [HERE](#).

While we have many treasured traditions for Catholic Schools Week, we also have a few new activities this year including our 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. We recognize that tuition is a significant expenditure for our families; however, we ask for additional contributions to the Annual Fund because tuition is only set at 80% of the true cost of an NDA education. At Notre Dame Academy, each student benefits from this tuition gap of \$1800. Contributions to the Annual Fund help fill this funding gap and allow us to continue to provide a premier Catholic education to the young women of our community. I ask that you join our mission to educate young women to make a difference in the world by prayerfully considering a donation to the 2022-23 Annual Fund this week. Your gift will ensure access to a Catholic education at NDA by directly supporting our students. You can find further information on how to give below.

As we celebrate our NDA Catholic community, please know that we are most grateful for the commitment of our parents to Catholic education. Thank you for choosing a Notre Dame Academy education for your daughter and giving us the opportunity to be a part of her development as a woman who will make a difference in our world.

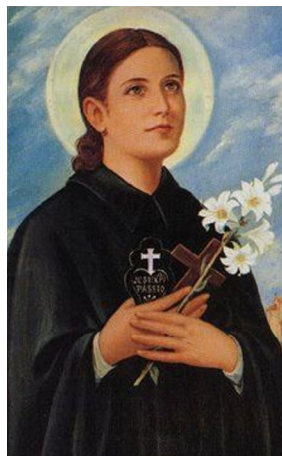
In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Have a great day and make good choices!

Catholic Schools Week



EXCITING FAMILY SYSTEM UPDATE

PATRON SAINTS ANNOUNCED

On Monday at our Catholic Schools Week Mass we announced the Patron Saints for our Family System. These saints were chosen by our students, faculty, and staff to inspire and challenge us into the future.

Pink Family - St. Rose of Lima - She is the patron saint of Latin America and the Philippines. She lived a life of simplicity and dedication to the poor and was known as a woman of integrity.

Purple Family - St. Hildegard of Bingen - She is the patron saint of writers and musicians and is one of only 4 female doctors of the Church. St. Hildegard was a renaissance woman who was involved in art, science, politics, and was the abbess of her convent.

Blue Family - St. Joan of Arc - She is the patron saint of France and of soldiers. Joan was not afraid to listen to God's call to lead the French army when no one else believed in her. She held on firmly to her convictions when the people around her were trying to sway her.

Green Family - St. Gemma Galgani - St. Gemma Galgani is the patron saint of students and against temptations among other things. She experienced many health problems throughout her short life, but remained dedicated to the poor and had many mystical experiences.

Mrs. Price also wrote a litany including all of the women we call upon to guide us as Pandas. We will be praying this litany at liturgies and other gatherings throughout the school year.

Lord, have mercy...Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy...Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy...Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us....Christ, graciously hear us.

Mary, Mother of God... Pray for us.

Mary, Mother of the World... Pray for us.

St. Julie Billiart...Pray for us.

St. Gemma Galgani...Pray for us

St. Rose of Lima... Pray for us

St. Hildegard of Bingen...Pray for us.

St. Joan of Arc...Pray for us.

All Sisters of Notre Dame... Pray for us.

All holy Men and Women...Pray for us.

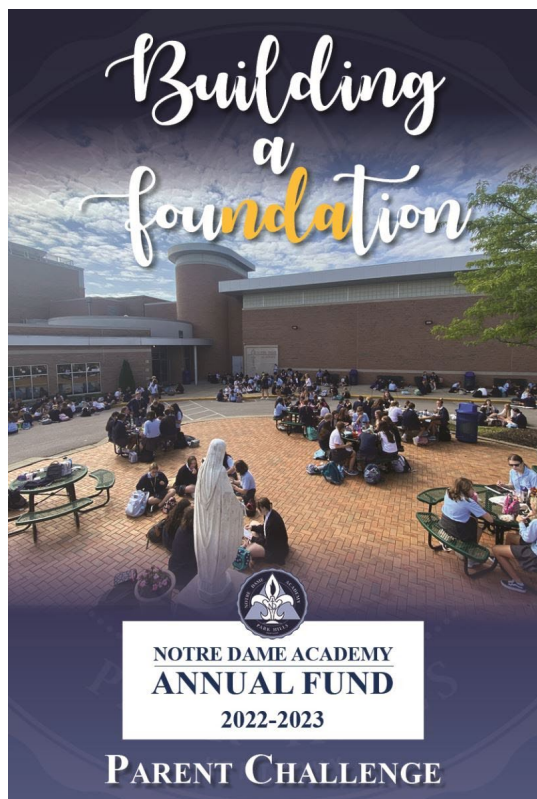




LET'S CELEBRATE

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

This is Catholic Schools Week and we are celebrating our heritage as a Catholic School each and every day! Don't forget... tomorrow is Bikers vs. Surfers and Friday is Decades Day!



CALLING ALL PARENTS

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

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.

This year the Parent Challenge was designed to allow our parents to support NDA and to help your daughter(s) family with a fun competition!

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 participation 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!

Currently the Purple Family is in the lead with 37.04% participation!

[CLICK HERE](#) to donate or Venmo us [HERE](#) to be part of the 2022-23 Parent Challenge.

We Are Counting On You!

Student Life

please note

RESTRUCTURE

STU CO INFO

Student Council will hold an information session next Wednesday, February 8 at 8:30 a.m. for any student who is interested in running for a Student Council position for next year. In light of our new Family System, Student Council has voted to restructure. The positions available next year will be...

Seniors - 5 School Officers & 2 Grade Co-Presidents

Juniors - 2 Grade Co-Presidents & 5 Grade Representatives

Sophomores - 2 Grade Co-Presidents & 5 Grade Representatives

Freshmen - 7 Grade Representatives

HOST FAMILY NEEDED

INTERNATIONAL PANDAS



NDA is once again going to host international students from our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta) for a portion of the 2023 fall semester. Two students will be experiencing The NDA Life for 6 weeks beginning in August, 2023. We already have one host family confirmed and are seeking one more family to host. 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 Admission, at caccavarik@ndapandas.org/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.

PANDA GEAR

BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

We are celebrating Catholic Schools Week with Catholic School Week 20% off your entire order in the Bambootique! Get your Panda gear online here: [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](#).

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!



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Bambootique



WORRY DOLLS

MUÑECAS QUITAPENAS

Last week Spanish 4 Honors students learned last week about alternative medicine and other cultural practices and beliefs focusing on mental, emotional and physical health throughout the Spanish speaking world. Students read about the history and use of Muñecas quitapenas or “worry dolls” in Guatemala and then enjoyed making their own!

GOLD TEAM:



NAVY TEAM:



ADVANCING TO STATE!

NDA MOCK TRIAL TEAM REGIONAL RESULTS

The NDA Mock Trial teams competed in the Regional Competition this past weekend. Both teams will be advancing to state!

The Gold team placed 2nd in the region out of 14 teams. Members include Caroline Boehmer, Mia Bishop, Elissa Romer, Kira Kent, Mia Kent, Riley Maddox and Ava Middendorf. The Navy team placed 5th in the region. Members include Emma White, Gabrielle White, Clara Heberling, Grace Van Hook, Holly Steimer, Phoebe Desch, Kierstin Suedkamp, Juliana Von Wahlde Mendez and Teagan Kruer.

For the Gold team, Ava Middendorf was the team's top attorney and the team's top witness and was the only attorney receiving a perfect score. For the Navy team, Clara Heberling was the team's top witness and Teagan Kruer was the team's top witness. Great job ladies!

A special thanks to senior, Rachel Finke for preparing goodie bags for all the team members and a shout to Mr. Strickley for joining us for a round of competition this weekend.

The State competition will be held the first weekend of March.



Ava Middendorf



Clara Heberling



Teagan Kruer



UPCOMING SESSIONS

VIRTUS TRAINING

If you need to attend a live Virtus training here are some dates:

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 a.m.

St William Church, Donnelly Hall, 6 Church Street, Williamstown, Kentucky. Sunday, February 5, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The January bulletin posted on Sunday, January 1, 2023 will be due on Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

February's bulletin will post on Sunday, February 5, and will be due on Tuesday, March 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.



NEW EMAIL

ATTENDANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

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@ndapandas.org. Remember you can always call the school office with any questions 859-261-4300.



VALUABLE INFO FOR PARENTS

REPORT CARDS AND GRADE EXPLANATIONS

If you did not receive a copy of the recent Q2 report card and need one or have any other PowerSchool related questions, please reach out directly to Mr. Schlosser at (859) 292-1846 or schlosserr@ndapandas.org.

If you have ever been curious about a particular grade on the report card, especially the M Weighted Scholastic Marks, there is a new page off the NDA home page under Resources > PowerSchool > Report Card Grade Categories Defined. (<https://www.ndapandas.org/wp-content/uploads/Types-of-Report-Card-Grades-At-Notre-Dame-Academy.pdf>) It explains each of the grades found on the report cards and how they are used at NDA.

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS



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. Tomorrow we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This is also often referred to as Candlemas: The Feast of Light and Hope. One of the traditions for this day is to bless candles. Tomorrow during the 7:20 a.m. mass, Fr. Kunath will bless the candles we will use in the chapel this year. All are welcome to join us for this blessing. On Friday, we celebrate the feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. On this day we offer a blessing of throats that they be free from any illness. Fr. Kunath will offer this blessing following the 7:20 a.m. mass on Friday. All are welcome to come and receive this blessing.



PRAISE AND WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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 with any questions.



ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

PARENT LETTERS FOR THE SENIOR MISSION RETREAT

Just a reminder that Parent Letters for the Senior Mission Retreat are due on February 24 to the school office. You can find a copy of the email that was sent on January 19 with information about these letters [HERE](#).

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](#).

PLEASE NOTE

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

VOTE
VOTE
VOTE



GOOD LUCK!

VOTE FOR OUR PANDAS

Please take a minute to vote for your Pandas!

VOTE [HERE](#) for the following

Ava Boertlein for Archer of the Week

NDA Basketball for Basketball Team of the Week!

WAY TO GO!

AQUA PANDA NEWS

Rock the Block...

On Saturday 1/14, the team traveled to Ralph Wright Natatorium (University of Louisville) to swim in the Rock the Block swim meet hosted by Trinity HS. There were lots of impressive swims from the 12 girls who made the trip and we finished 11th (out of 21 teams). The team recorded 13 individual and 3 relay split "best times".

NKAC Championships...

On Saturday 1/21, the team competed in the NKAC Championship swim meet at Keating Natatorium (St. Xavier HS). We finished 4th (out of 9 teams) in Division 1. There were lots of good swims and many girls won their heat despite having a slower seed time. The team recorded 24 individual and 4 relay split "best times".

Freshman Regionals...

On Saturday 1/28, the freshmen competed in the Freshman Regionals at Keating Natatorium (St. Xavier HS). Despite just 5 freshmen competing, the team finished 6th (out of 14 teams) and recorded 5 individual and 3 relay split "best times". Top 16 finishers and Top 8 relays were:

- Hope Dierker (11th in 50 free and 100 back)
- Marisa Kent (2nd in 500 free and 3rd in 100 back)
- Peyton Quinn (6th in 50 free and 5th in 100 breast)
- 200 medley relay (3rd - Kent, Quinn, Danaka Tucker, and Dierker)
- 200 free relay (3rd - Quinn, Dierker, Kent, and Tucker).

Upcoming Meets...

- Region 7 Dive Championships - Tuesday 1/31 @ Ralph Wright Natatorium (University of Louisville)
- Region 7 Swim Championships - Friday 2/3 (prelims) and Saturday 2/4 (finals) @ Silverlake
- KHSAA State Dive Championships - Friday 2/16 @ Lancaster Aquatic Center (University of Kentucky)
- KHSAA State Swim Championships - Friday 2/17 - prelims (morning) and finals (evening) @ Lancaster Aquatic Center (University of Kentucky)



RIGHT ON TARGET PANDA ARCHERY NEWS

Last Weekend the Archery Pandas competed in the Saint Henry Tournament. The team shot 2969 which included 85 tens. Two archers shot perfect 50 ends - Senior Ellie Puglisi and Freshman Ava Boertlein. The Pandas were led by Ava Boertlein at 283 (1st Overall Girl), Ellie Puglisi at 280 (5th Overall Girl), Keira Schneider at 262, Candace Stallmeyer at 259 and Lea Youtsey at 253. 6 Archers shot their season high score: Sarah Beckham by 25, Kathryn Weber by 10, Ava Boertlein by 6, Candace Stallmeyer by 3, Caitlin Minning by 3 and Megan Ahern by 1. This weekend the Archery Pandas will enjoy a well deserved weekend off. ARCHERY PANDAS ROCK!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



COLLEGE REP VISITS

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.

PLANNING FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

SCHEDULING FOR 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

The students are currently talking with their teachers about courses for next year. Teachers will be entering their recommendations into PowerSchool soon and then students will go there to choose elective courses the week of February 20 - February 24. Counselors will be available to discuss scheduling questions at lunches and before school in the Quad on Wednesday, February 8, February 15, February 22. Each grade level will have group scheduling meetings during a homeroom period.



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.



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](#). 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.



ALUMNAE ROSARY - FEBRUARY 9

YOU'RE INVITED

Please join us for our Alumnae Rosary on Thursday, February 9 in our *Mary, Mother of the World* Chapel during Panda Prime Time (12:50 p.m.) All are welcome!

*Women Making
A Difference*

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.



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

- 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

February 2	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. Bikers vs. Surfers No homework! Happy Catholic Schools Week students! NDA/CCH Volleyball Game at NDA 5:30 p.m.
February 3	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. Decades Day Talent Show Father/Daughter Dance at NDA 7:00 p.m.
February 6	Freshman/Sophomore Scheduling Meetings
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 - early dismissal
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
March 20	Body Peace Week begins
March 21	Panda Preview Night for incoming students
March 24	Prom at Music Hall - early dismissal