



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

I want to begin this week by thanking all those who helped to make our Catholic Schools Week such a success. Thanks especially to our Student Council and their moderators for planning a wonderful week and providing so many reminders of why it is a blessing to learn and teach in a Catholic school. From our opening Mass on *Nunday Monday* to the annual NDA/CCH volleyball game benefiting the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky (ESNKY) on Thursday evening, there was much to celebrate about our school community!

We are ready to begin our scheduling process for the 2023-24 academic year. Our 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 and February 22. Each grade level will also have group scheduling meetings during a homeroom period.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our parents who generously donated to our Annual Fund during our Catholic School's Week Parent Challenge. We raised over \$7,500 in one week and doubled our parent participation. In addition to earning "family points" for your daughter, your donations will help to bridge the gap between tuition and actual cost of education and provide tuition assistance to deserving students. If you have not already made a donation to our Annual Fund and would like to do so, you can [CLICK HERE](#) to donate online. Once again, thank you for joining us in our mission to educate young women to make a difference in the world with a donation to NDA's 2023-24 Annual Fund. Our Notre Dame Academy community will feel the positive impact of your investment for many years to come.

It is a privilege to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education. Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Have a great day and make good choices!

Student Life



TALENTED PANDAS

ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

We held our annual Catholic Schools Week Talent Show on Friday. There were 14 acts that were made up of students and faculty members. It was great to see everyone's talents! You can see more photos from the Talent Show [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!



EVERYBODY WINS!

NDA/CCH VOLLEYBALL GAME

The Catholic Schools Week Volleyball Game was last Thursday between Notre Dame Academy and CCH. Our Varsity volleyball team won the first set, but sadly the faculty and our senior team lost the second and third. We had a great turnout though and were able to hear from Kim Webb, the director of the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky about who the proceeds of our event benefits. **Between our two schools we were able to raise \$2,343.25 for the Emergency Shelter!** Helping those in need was a great way to celebrate being a Catholic school!



UPCOMING SESSION

VIRTUS TRAINING

If you need to attend a live Virtus training...

February's bulletin will post on Sunday, February 5, and will be due on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.



PARIS, NORMANDY & LONDON

REGISTER NOW FOR 2024 INTERNATIONAL 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 only a few spots remaining. Please visit the tour information page found here for more information and to register: www.eftours.com/2542463uj If you have any questions, please reach out to Madame Otto: ottoe@ndapandas.org

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.



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.

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PANDA GEAR

BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

You can't have enough pairs of NDA running shorts - especially when they are on sale! Get your Panda gear 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](#).



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.

SELF-PERCEPTION STUDY: SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS

Pandas should consider participating in a UK medical study on self-perception and how the effects of technology on one's self-perception may be different between males and females or vary by gender.

For those who want to participate during PPT tomorrow, they are asked to bring with them the consent and assent form as required by the Institutional Review Board. These have been emailed to all students. The research team will allow the consent pages to be taken home and returned but will only count for service once the consent page is returned.



CONGRATS!

WAY TO GO PANDAS! HONORS STUDENTS

You can find the latest list of Honor Roll students on our website [HERE](#).

PANDAS LEARN TO LEAD LEADERSHIP AND ETHICS SEMINAR

Last week, juniors Sammi Poulos and Mary Reynolds attended the West Point Ethics and Leadership Seminar alongside a hundred other high school students from the Greater Cincinnati area. At the seminar, they explored ethics and value-based leadership. Sammi and Mary were also able to celebrate with Senior Riley Maddox who attended the seminar last year. During this year's seminar, Riley received a \$1500 scholarship from West Point Society of Cincinnati which she applied for this past fall. Through the West Point Society's mentor and scholarship program, Riley earned dollars to help with college, but she also gained valuable life skills through her participation. Riley says:

Through the Ethics and Leadership seminar and my many mentoring sessions, I have learned to stop and assess situations, thinking through all possible outcomes before making a decision. In learning the process of ethical decision-making, I have trained myself to be more conscious of my actions instead of acting rashly or out of emotion. . . . I am better able to think through logical solutions to complex problems and make a positive change in the world.



CONGRATULATIONS WELCOME TO THE PANDA FAMILY

Congratulations to Leanne Kirn on the birth of her first grandchild, Arno Kirn Lisy, son of NDA alumna Megan Kirn 2010. He was born last Friday weighing in at 7.7 lbs and 20 inches long. Arno, his parents and his grandparents are doing well!



CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS



SPECIAL HONOR

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS

On Wednesday, February 1, Bishop Iffert celebrated a Diocesan Catholic Schools Week Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption. Each Catholic school in the Diocese of Covington sent representatives to this celebration. The following Pandas were chosen by their religion teachers to represent NDA at the Mass: Madison Russell, Lizzie Chun, Paige Summe, Sophia Ernst, Norah Fathman, Anna Zumbiel, Hope Di-erker and Melissa Geiman.



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!



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

STUDENTS ASSEMBLE BLESSING BAGS

On Monday, January 30, a group of students assembled 50 Blessing Bags for the Welcome House of Northern Kentucky. Each bag included, lip balm, a toothbrush, toothpaste, a pair of socks, hand warmers, Nivea Creme and a handmade note of support. Thank you to juniors, Mary Wall, Lucy Bailey and Georgia Kleman for organizing the project.



NDA CAN HELP!

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR PLASTIC BAGS?

On March 2, we will be taking part in a couple of service projects as part of our Women Making a Difference Day. One of those projects will be processing plastic bags to turn into PLARN. This plarn is then used to make waterproof sleeping mats, pillows, bags etc. that are donated to local social service agencies that serve people experiencing homelessness in our area. This also keeps the plastic bags out of the landfill! If you have extra bags - please send them in with your daughter to put in a marked bin in the foyer. Your help is greatly appreciated!



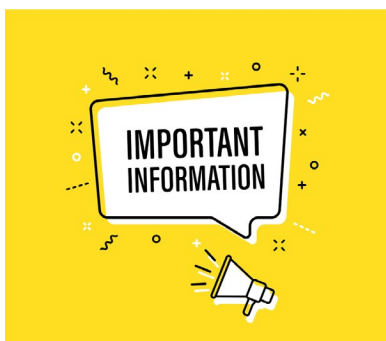
PRAISE AND WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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](#).

DON'T FORGET

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](#).

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



PE/CLASS LEARNS ARCHERY FRESHMEN PANDA ARCHERY

Last week Mrs. Tucker's Freshmen PE/Health class completed the National Archery in the Schools Program. During the module the Pandas learned about archery safety, eye dominance and the 11 steps of archery proficiency. The ladies distinguished themselves on the range and many bullseyes were scored. In addition to shooting at traditional targets, the Pandas had great fun and success in shooting balloons. A special thank you to Mrs. Tucker for including archery in her curriculum. Also Thank you to the Freshmen members of the Archery Team; Sarah Beckham, Ava Boertein, Reagan Carman, Phoebe Desch, Abbey Hollenkamp, Madison Kruer, Caitlin Minning, Ivy Mullins, Lucy Siegert, Jade Wachs, and Kathryn Weber, who assisted with instruction. FRESHMEN PANDAS ROCK!



RIGHT ON TARGET PANDA ARCHERY NEWS



Last Saturday the Archery Pandas took a break from shooting bullseyes in archery to scoring strikes in bowling. Demonstrating somewhat unique bowling techniques the team took to the lanes at the Erlanger Strike and Spare Family Fun Center. In addition to bowling the team also feasted on Pizza, chocolate chip cookies, Doctor Pepper and Root Beer. On Friday and Saturday the Archery Pandas will return to the archery range and shoot in the Mary Queen of Heaven Tournament. ARCHERY PANDAS ROCK!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PANDA SWIM AND DIVE TEAM ON THEIR REGION WIN!

Notre Dame Academy is your 2023 Region 7 Swim and Dive Champion! The AquaPandas knocked off the 3-time defending Regional champions from Ryle 373-353.

On Tuesday 1/31, the AquaPandas competed in the dive portion of the Region 7 Championships at Ralph Wright Natatorium (University of Louisville). Top 16 finishers were:

- Brooke Hollenkamp (11th)
- Marlee Reynolds (13th)

On Friday 2/3 (prelims) and Saturday 2/4 (finals), the AquaPandas competed in the swim portion of the Region 7 Championship at Silverlake. In prelims, the team recorded 14 individual and 7 relay split "best times". In finals, the team recorded 4 individual and 9 relay split "best times". Top 16 finishers in the individual events were:

- Sophie Anderson (16th in 50 freestyle and 4th in 100 backstroke)
- Andi Carothers (13th in 50 freestyle)
- Sadie Hartig (1st in 500 freestyle and 100 backstroke)
- Marisa Kent (9th in 100 backstroke)
- Lainy Kruger (1st in 200 freestyle and 100 breaststroke)
- Claire Monahan (2nd in 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle)
- Sammie Poulos (9th in 200 individual medley and 16th in 100 breaststroke)
- Peyton Quinn (15th in 100 breaststroke)
- Riley Quinn (2nd in 200 individual medley and 100 freestyle)
- Danaka Tucker (4th in 200 freestyle and 7th in 500 freestyle)
- Olivia Wallace (5th in 200 freestyle and 6th in 500 freestyle)

Top 8 relays were:

- 200 medley relay (1st - Anderson, Kruger, R. Quinn, and Hartig)
- 200 freestyle relay (1st - Monahan, Wallace, R. Quinn, and Hartig)
- 400 freestyle relay (1st - Monahan, Tucker, Wallace, and Kruger)

The team showed great spirit and was voted the Team Sportsmanship Award. Sadie Hartig, Lainy Kruger, Claire Monahan, and Riley Quinn were named to the All-Region team and Lainy was voted the Outstanding Female Swimmer.

Next up is the State meet. The diving competition is Thursday 2/16 morning and the swimming competition is Friday 2/17 with morning prelims and evening finals. Both meets will be contested at the University of Kentucky's Lancaster Aquatic Center. Good luck AquaPandas!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



ATTENTIONS JUNIORS

JUNIOR COLLEGE INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday, March 7 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Notre Dame Academy is hosting a Junior College Information Session for junior students and parents. Dan Bisig from College and Beyond will be presenting on the do's and don'ts of navigating the financial aid world, how to complete the FAFSA, and what it takes for students to earn merit-based scholarships. Keith Ritchie from Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority will be speaking about KEES money, the difference between public and private colleges, scholarships, grants, work-study programs, and the types of loans available. Join us to learn more about navigating the finances of college! Reach out to Senior Academic Counselor, Erin Stanley (stanleye@ndapandas.org), with any questions or concerns.



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DUAL CREDIT INFORMATION SESSION

Thomas More University is hosting a Dual Credit Information Session on February 23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. During this presentation, you'll hear from KHEAA on scholarship opportunities to pay for dual-credit courses as well as how dual-credit can impact your student after high school. You'll also hear from representatives from Thomas More, Gateway Community & Technical College, and Northern Kentucky University on available dual-credit opportunities. Registration is required for attendance. Please register at <https://apply.thomasmore.edu/register/dualcreditinonight>.



PLANNING FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

SCHEDULING FOR 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

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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.



ADVANCING OUR MISSION

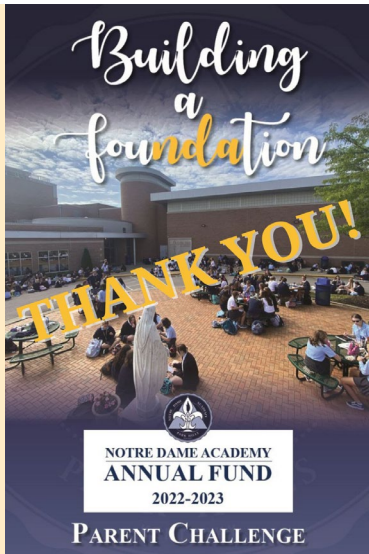
Notre Dame Academy Freshman Priority Application Period

ENDING THIS FRIDAY - 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.



PARENT CHALLENGE

THANK YOU, PARENTS!

Thank you to all of our parents who donated to the Annual Fund during last week's Parent Challenge. We raised over \$7,500 in one week and doubled our parent participation! Your support will allow us to continue to Build a Foundation for our current students and future generations to come! Thank you again, for recognizing the importance of supporting Notre Dame Academy through the Annual Fund!

As a result of the Parent Challenge, The St. Hildegard of Bingen family, formerly the Purple family, will receive 20 extra points and a sweet treat for the most parent participation!

If you would still like to donate to the Annual Fund [CLICK HERE](#) to donate or Venmo us [HERE](#).



ALUMNAE ROSARY - TOMORROW

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](#).

- Pro-Educational Choice Constitutional Amendment
- 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 9	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. Alumnae Rosary in Chapel 12:50 p.m.
February 10	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. Winter Sports Pep Rally in gym 2:30 p.m.
February 20	No School- President's Day Students begin registration for next year's elective courses
February 22	Ash Wednesday Mass
February 25	Junior Retreat
March 2	Women Making a Difference Day - early dismissal
March 4	8th Grade Conferences
March 7	Super Day Senior Mission Retreat JR ACT SO CERT and Ring Ceremony FR CERT
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