



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

As we journey together through this holy season of Lent, we remember the importance of our identity as a Catholic high school. Our students have many opportunities not only during the Lenten season, but throughout the year, to grow in their faith at NDA. Forming the young women of Notre Dame Academy to be servant leaders is an integral part their experience here. Teaching them the importance of putting their faith into action and their responsibility to develop their God-given gifts and to share those gifts with others are key components of an NDA education.

Faith formation is not limited to our Religion classes at NDA, it can be seen in every subject area and each classroom throughout the day. We pray at the beginning and end of each day. We celebrate the Eucharist together regularly and our community is offered the opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation and to pray a decade of the rosary frequently. Our students participate in retreats that further develop their relationship with God. Our Chaplain, Fr. Kunath, and our Campus Minister, Bridget Price, work with our peer ministers to ensure that our students are sharing their faith with each other in positive and productive ways.

These fundamental elements of our Catholic identity at NDA help to form our students into women who will use their faith to make incredible differences in our world someday!

Tomorrow our NDA community will celebrate Women Making A Difference Day. On this special day, we celebrate the way that our mission has become an integral part of the fabric of lives lived in our local communities and beyond. We recognize a few of our outstanding alumnae and friends of NDA and in doing so, we embrace God's goodness which resides in each of us and the hope that we can each create a better world by making a difference. This is what the Sisters of Notre Dame have taught us!

Please note: Students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow in order that our faculty and staff can attend the Women Making a Difference Luncheon.

Thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Student Life



ALL ARE WELCOME MORNING MASS

We will be celebrating Mass in our chapel on Thursday at 7:20 a.m. in the chapel. All are welcome!



ELECTION TIME! STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council election season has begun! For any junior who is interested in being one of our School Officers next year, applications are due this Friday at 3:00 p.m. The positions available are...

- 2 School Co-Presidents
- School Secretary
- School Treasurer
- Public Relations Officer

A vibrant teal poster for Girl Up Day. It features two white stars in the top left, a large teal flower on the right, and a pink starburst shape. Text is arranged in white boxes and shapes.

**GIRL UP
DAY!!**

**APRIL 1
9AM-
NOON**

**GIRL UP DAY
FOCUSES
ON...**

- Teamwork
- leadership
- confidence
- feminism
- fun!

**GRADES
4-8
@ NDA**

Questions?
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APRIL 1, 2023

GIRL UP DAY

Girl Up day is back! On Saturday April 1, we invite 4th-8th grade girls to come to NDA from 9 a.m. - noon. This is a great opportunity for all young women to learn all about leadership and women empowerment. They will engage with other young women from all over the diocese, play fun games, and do many leadership activities! To sign up, click the link: <https://forms.gle/gLoRRetaquLpMLjz9>.

CONGRATULATIONS!



THE TRADITION CONTINUES!

EXCELLENCE IN S.T.E.M. AT NDA

Notre Dame Academy science research students had an outstanding performance at the Science and Engineering Fair of Northern Kentucky (SEFNK) on Saturday, February 26. NDA won Best of Fair Team and Abby Turnpaugh won the "Best of Fair" award and an opportunity to attend the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in May in Dallas, Texas. Mary Wall placed Best of Fair Runner-Up. Under the direction of Mr. Bill Stamm, all of NDA's Science Research students competing at SEFNK did an excellent job and will advance to the Kentucky Science & Engineering Fair (KY-SEF) March 24-25.

NDA Science Research students won many category and special awards as listed below:

Rachel Panko and Taelyn Ackely (Seniors)
1st place Microbiology
3rd Place Overall in Biology

Mary Wall (Junior)
Regeneron Biomedical Science Award
Thomas More University Academic Scholarship
Medicine & Health - First Place
NKU Biology Department - Second Place
NKU Informatics Department - Third Place
Life Sciences - First Place Overall
Best of Fair - Second Place Overall

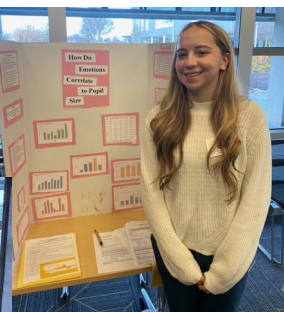
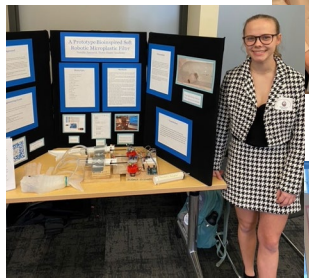
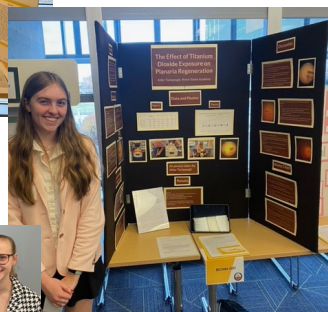
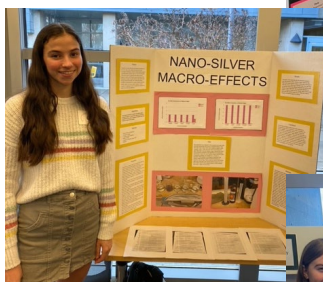
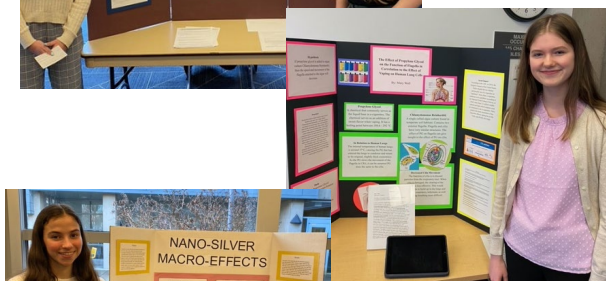
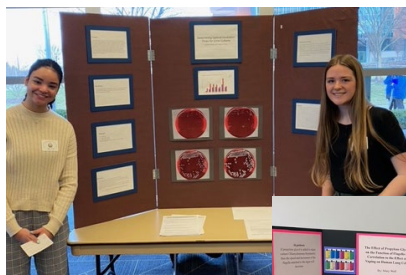
Clare Shay (Junior)
1st Place - Environmental Science
Best Use of SI Units Award

Abby Turnpaugh (Sophomore)
1st - Biochemistry
2nd-NKU Informatics Dept award
1st-NKU Biology Dept award
1st-NKU Chemistry Dept award
Thomas More Scholarship
1st Overall - Physical Sciences
Best in Fair

Natalie Janzaruk (Senior)
Engineering: Electronics and Mechanics category - First Place
US Office of Naval Research Award
National Geographic - That's Geography! Award
NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association) Award
Ricoh Award for Sustainability
2nd Place Overall - Physical Sciences
Thomas More Scholarship
NKU Physical Science Department Best Senior Project

Michelle Ross (Freshman)
1st Place - Behavioral and Social Sciences category
Psychology Association award

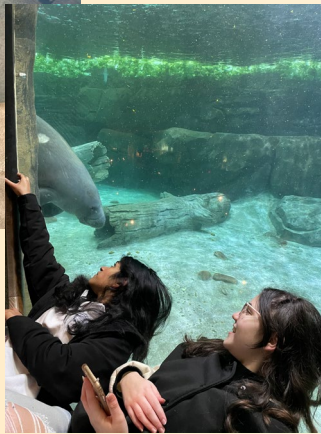
Mary Catherine Kelly (Junior)
Female Geoscientist Award
Naval Research Award
1st place - Animal Sciences category





FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE DELICIOSA LECCIÓN

This past week the Spanish Club hosted chef Hector Esteve, owner of Paella at Your Place to share his story, explain how to make paella, and to cook for us! He made a wonderful traditional Spanish dish called paella that had many students asking for seconds! Spanish 2 classes had learned previously in class what this dish consists of, but it is always more fun and valuable having the opportunity to experience it!



INTERESTING ASSIGNMENT THEATRE TRIP TO ZOO

Theatre students attended a field trip to the Cincinnati Zoo last Friday to start a collegiate level acting and design project in their Intro Theatre class with Miss Smith and Mrs. Chandler. While at the zoo, each student had to observe an animal of their choice for at least 45 minutes and take notes on every movement and activity of the animal.

Following the field trip, in class students will explore not only the movements and behavior of the actual animals but also create a human character inspired by their animal and its characteristics. Students will create a name, personality and backstory for their character including designing and presenting a costume rendering and set design. Finally, students will have an improvisation performance in class where all of the animal inspired characters interact, play party games, and even share snacks that their character (or animal) would eat.

This is the 2nd annual trip theatre students have made to the zoo, and we're excited to continue this as an NDA tradition!



GREAT JOB! DESIGNING PANDA

Congratulations to Sophia Stacy on being accepted into the Design Program at North Carolina State University. Only 16 students were accepted into this program and Sophia was not only accepted but she also received a Scholarship from North Carolina for the program. Her Textiles teacher, Mrs. Conradi submitted this good news saying, "So proud and happy for her! Sophia is a very talented student!"



ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK

CREATE AN AD FOR YOUR SENIOR!

YEARBOOK RECOGNITION ADS

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.

Senior Parents, recognize your daughter with a yearbook recognition ad. You can read more details below:



PANDA GEAR

BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

Check out this deal of the week in the Bambootique: Sweatpants are on sale for \$10.00. Hip hip hooray! Shop 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](#).



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!



DIOCESAN SURVEY

WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART?

This Lent, your parish will be conducting a survey on discipleship called the Disciple Maker Index (DMI), and they need to hear from you! As part of the diocesan With One Heart initiative, the survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and on your parish's efforts to help you become the best disciple you can be. The information gathered will be used to plan for the future so your parish can become a more faith-filled, vibrant community. The greater the participation, the more reliable the information will be for effective decision-making. The DMI will be accessible online from February 22 through March 27 and will take 10-15 minutes to complete (paper surveys are available for those who need them). All responses will be confidential; the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. Results will be shared with the parish in late spring/early summer. Check your parish bulletin, website, and listen for pulpit announcements for more information, or go to <https://covdio.org/WithOneHeart>. Take the Disciple Maker Index this Lent!

ROARING '20s

PROM/AFTER PROM NEWS

We are excited for the 2023 Prom, which will be held on Friday, March 24 from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at Music Hall. The theme for this year's Prom is Great Gatsby/ Roaring '20s. The cost for Prom this year is \$70 and includes dinner, dancing, the shuttle bus (must register in advance), and After Prom.

After Prom will be held from 11:15 p.m. - 2:30 a.m. at NKU's Recreation Center. All students MUST turn in the After Prom Form indicating whether or not they will be attending After Prom. To be fully registered from Prom students must have the following by Thursday, March 9...

- The online registration form (found [HERE](#))
- Payment (online or cash)
- After Prom Form (found [HERE](#))
- Table selections

If a student needs to arrive late or leave early for Prom or After Prom a written note from a parent would be required in advance. Again, we are looking forward to a great event this year. If you have any questions or concerns please



AFTERPROM

THE FUN CONTINUES!

AFTERPROM 2023

After Prom 2023 is on Friday, March 24 immediately following Prom and will be held at **Northern Kentucky University Campus Recreation Center from 11:15 p.m. - 2:30 a.m.** NDA After Prom at NKU will be a fun filled evening for juniors and seniors and their guests! **After Prom admission is included with your Prom Tickets.**

The NKU REC CENTER will have lots to do, including the pool, hot tub, diving boards, pool deck movie, roller skating rink, racquetball courts, dry land rock climbing wall, basketball court, volleyball court, locker rooms, air brush tattoo artist, cool hang out areas and an amazing hypnotist Show to end the night. NDA After Prom will have lots of delicious late night food favorites including Cane's Chicken, LaRosa's Pizza and a Coffee/Donut Bar. NDA students will have chances to win cool prizes like Air Pods, Kendra Scott Jewelry, and gift cards... just to name a few!

PRIZES

We are asking for parents help with gift items for **AFTER PROM** to make the evening more fun and exciting for the students. You can donate any desirable items that you may not need, themed gift baskets, or gift cards. All donations can be dropped off at the school office attention Olivia Ghazala by March 22.

VOLUNTEERS & FOOD DONATIONS

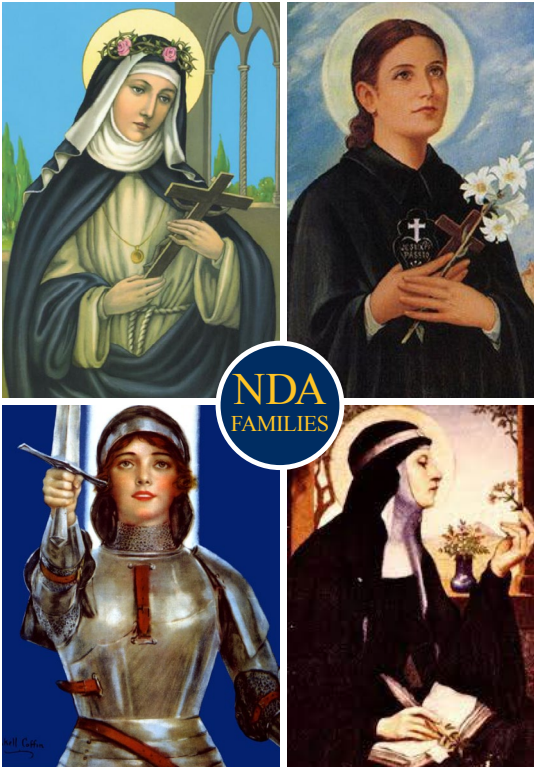
Parents please consider signing up to give a couple of hours of your time, food donations or gift cards for prizes. We are using SignUpGenius.com to organize our sign-ups.

1. Click this link to go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B44A9A62CA1F49-ndaafter1>
2. **NDA After Prom 2023/ NDA After Prom Parent Donations** is the name of our sign-up event
3. Sign Up! – Choose your spots – SignUpGenius.com will send you a confirmation and reminders.

If you have any questions regarding After Prom please email Janna Collins janna.collins@twc.com.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support!

Family News

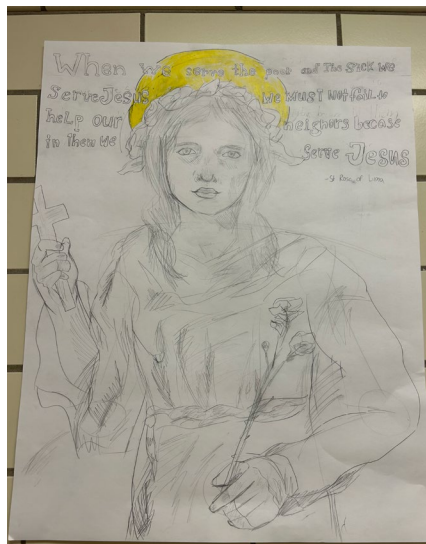
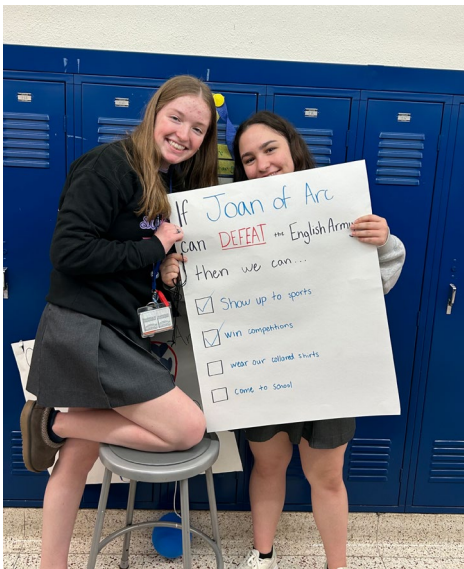


BUILDING A STRONG COMMUNITY FAMILY LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

As we continue to develop our Family System we are beginning the process of identifying student leaders for the 2023-2024 school year. Any Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior who is interested in being a part of the Family Leadership Team can submit their application for one of two positions. The first position is our Central Leadership, which we will be nicknaming "The Julies" in honor of St. Julie Billiard, the spiritual mother of the Sisters of Notre Dame. This position would involve meeting twice a month with the other leaders of their Family to plan community building activities and address ideas/issues related to their particular Family. The other position is Family Homeroom Representative. Students in this position would help implement the community building activities and relay information within their homeroom. Any student who is interested should contact Mrs. Wagner. Applications for Central Leadership (The Julies) is due March 22 and applications for Homeroom Representatives are due April 4

BUILDING A STRONG COMMUNITY FAMILY TIME

Now that our Families have identified their Patron Saints they have been working on incorporating those saints into their hallway decor. They have taken the last two Fridays to work on making posters and spirit wear designs. Some great posters have come from it and it was a great opportunity to build community!



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED!

GOLF OUTING COMMITTEE NEEDED

If you are looking for a fun way to get involved as an athletic parent at NDA, join the golf outing committee! The committee plans the golf outing fundraiser that supports NDA athletics. The outing will be Friday July 28th at Kenton County. We will have one committee meeting a month March-June and then two meetings in July leading up to the outing. Email Athletic Director, Myanna Webster at webstern@ndapandas.org if you are interested!



POST-SEASON

SUPPORT OUR BASKETBALL PANDAS!

Your basketball Pandas take on Cooper, Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Truist Arena in the Region Semi Finals! Get your tickets at NDA in the athletic or front office before school and during the day. Tickets are \$8 cash.





RIGHT ON TARGET PANDA ARCHERY NEWS

Last Saturday the Archery Pandas competed in the Holy Cross High School Tournament where the team shot 3034 which included 73 tens. The Pandas placed five archers in the top ten of the High School Girls division: Ellie Puglisi at 279 (2nd), Keira Schneider at 274 (4th), Kate Slocum at 257 (8th), Reagan Carman at 256 (9th) and Candace Stallmeyer at 255 (10th). Five Pandas shot their season high score: Madison Kruer by 31, Jade Wachs by 9, Sarah Beckham by 8, Abbey Hollenkamp by 4 and Emma Lange by 3. A special thank you to Mr. VonHandorf for supporting the team at the tournament. On Friday the team will compete at the Beechwood Tournament and will shoot at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Archery Pandas Rock!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



CONGRATULATIONS!

BEST AWARD WINNERS FOR Q2

Congratulations to our BEST Award winners that were nominated by their teachers as hardworking and determined students in their classes. The following were the winners:

- Freshmen Kaitlynn Wert
- Sophomore Kat Heuker
- Junior Lea Youtsey
- Senior Katie Graves

Great job to all of those winners and nominated students as well.



UPDATED!

NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

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



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.



GREAT OPPORTUNITY

KENTUCKY GIRLS STATE

Kentucky Girls State is an opportunity for young women who have completed their Junior year of high school to learn more about government through the establishment of a mock government in a mythical 51st state, developing political parties, conducting elections, passing legislation, and serving in city and state offices. Participants will also visit the State Capitol in Frankfort. This year's session is June 5-9 on the campus of Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY. Click [HERE](#) for more information and the application, which is due May 15. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with any questions.

ENTER TODAY

THE 2023 DFCA ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST IS NOW OPEN

Choose ONE of these 5 topics for your one-page essay:

How has Drug Free Clubs of America affected or changed your:

1. Family
2. School
3. Community
4. Friends and yourself

- OR - (for multi-year members only):

5. How do you view the club differently from the beginning to now?

- **\$2000.00 TOP AWARD, \$1000.00 Runner-up Award, four \$250.00 Finalist Awards**
- **One-page essay due by MARCH 17**
- **Essays must be one-page, typed, single-spaced, 1-inch margins, Arial font size no bigger than 12**

Click [HERE](#) to see all contest details, rules, and to complete the application - which must be submitted with the essay.

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.



ADVANCING OUR MISSION



MARCH 21 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

PANDA PREVIEW NIGHT

Attention 6th and 7th graders! This is your chance to get a head start on the 8th grade! Learn about NDA life and how to get ready for high school.

Attention 8th graders! Come and take another look at all that Notre Dame Academy has to offer! Reservations are required for this event. You can register by scanning this QR code to the left: (Deadline: March 18)

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS CORPORATE SPONSOR PROGRAM

Notre Dame Academy is fortunate to have generous Corporate and Event Sponsors for the Women Making A Difference Luncheon, the Annual Golf Outing and the Light the Night for NDA fall fundraiser. Their ongoing support helps to provide tuition assistance to those students who may not otherwise be able to benefit from a Notre Dame Academy education. Their partnership with Notre Dame Academy also helps to promote the school's mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world. We encourage you to patronize these businesses and organizations.

A Special Thank You to Our Women Making A Difference Sponsors:
Corporate Sponsors:



Event Sponsors:





NEWS

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

- Keep the Children in Your Life Safe Online
- 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

March 2	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. Women Making a Difference Day - early dismissal 11:00 a.m.
March 4	8th Grade Conferences
March 7	Super Day - early dismissal Senior Mission Retreat JR ACT SO CERT and Ring Ceremony FR CERT
March 8	Blood Drive sponsored by Life Club
March 9	Third Quarter Ends
March 10	No School
March 13	School Officer Elections during homeroom FR & SOPH - CincyShakespeare Play at NDA JR and SR dismiss early
March 14	JR & SR - CincyShakespeare Play at NDA - FR and SO dismiss early
March 15	SO Retreat at the Heights
March 16	National Latin Exam during classes
March 18	8th Grade Conferences
March 20	Body Peace Week begins
March 21	Panda Preview Night for incoming students
March 24	Senior Mass at the Cathedral Prom at Music Hall - early dismissal
March 30	Alumnae Dinner Theatre
March 31	Musical Opening 7 p.m.
April 1	Musical 7 p.m.
April 2	Musical 2 p.m.