



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

Panda Press Weekly

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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 school 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 pray a decade of the rosary daily before school in our chapel. We celebrate the Eucharist together regularly and our community is offered the opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation 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!

This week we celebrate women religious during National Catholic Sisters' Week. During this special week I would like opportunity to thank our founders and sponsors, the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Our Panda Preview Night will be held Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. If you know of anyone interested in NDA and the opportunity to join our school community, please share this information with them.

Also, please note the important financial information listed below. Applications for Financial Aid and Work Study are due April 15. Financial assistance requests increase each year. We cannot stress enough the importance of getting your application in early. Late applications run the risk of financial aid funding being exhausted.

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Have a great day and make good choices!



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL
Women Making A Difference

AWARD LUNCHEON 2024

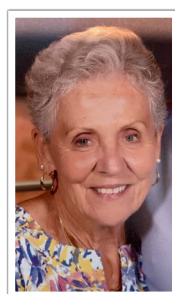
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2024 WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE HONOREES



Betty Baumann Verst 1951



Sandy Bayless Gleeson 1962



Connie Noll 1985



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

**CAREER FAIR AND
WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE 2024**

Last Thursday marked a significant occasion for our students as they engaged in a career fair with numerous dedicated alumnae and community members. This event provided invaluable insights into various career paths, educational trajectories and the embodiment of the NDA mission in everyday life.

Cathy Jones, a member of the NDA Class of 1983, generously flew in from Texas to share her remarkable career journey with our students.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the participants of our Career Fair, whose dedicated support and commitment inspired our students to explore diverse pathways and embrace the spirit of lifelong learning.

After the Career Fair, we celebrated the outstanding accomplishments of our NDA alumnae at the 2024 Women Making a Difference luncheon. Each of these exceptional women exemplifies the core values of NDA by actively making a positive impact in the world. Their achievements serve as a testament to the transformative power of education and the enduring legacy of Notre Dame Academy.



Student Life



RING CEREMONY

CONGRATS TO THE SOPHOMORE CLASS!

The sophomore students got to participate in a rite of passage at NDA as their Class Ring Ceremony was held this week. The ceremony consisted of mass followed by the blessing of the rings and medals and then distribution to each student. Sophomore class co-presidents, Ella Nienaber and Erin Piatt led the class in prayer and reflection about the meaning of the rings and medals and their journey together as a class. Father asked that these rings be worn or medals be held by hands that serve God in unity and kindness. A special thank you to Mrs. Kroger and the sophomore co-presidents for working so hard to plan and execute their ring ceremony.

Cincinnati Enquirer:

Student of the Week



ART AND SOUL AWARD WINNER FOR MARCH 4

THE ENQUIRER STUDENT OF THE WEEK

The Student of the Week Art and Soul Award winner for March 4, 2024 is....Jasmine Barczak. She is featured [HERE](#). Congratulations Jasmine, we are so proud of you! Jasmine is a talented artist who boldly and creatively expresses herself through her artwork and is always willing to proudly display her work in school and community shows. In addition to being a gifted artist, Jasmine took a healthy risk by sharing her gift and talent of singing with the student body for the first time at our Panda's Got Talent Show. "I'm sure that our students were moved and inspired by her voice because I know I was!" stated Mrs. Stanley.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Body
Peace
Week

IMPORTANT CONCLUSION TO BODY PEACE WEEK

On Friday, March 22, students will participate in a Wellness Fest! to conclude Body Peace Week. The day will consist of sessions including music therapy, positive self talk, a service opportunity, and our annual prom fashion show. Since that is that date for prom this year, we will also have an early dismissal with the day ending at 11:50. We look forward to the special programming planned for this day!



THE FUN CONTINUES!

AFTER PROM 2024

After Prom 2024 is on Friday, March 22 immediately following Prom and will be held at Northern Kentucky University Campus Recreation Center from 11:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. NDA After Prom at NKU will be a fun filled evening for juniors and seniors and their guests! After Prom admission was included with the Prom Tickets. The NKU REC CENTER will have lots to do, including the pool, hot tub, diving boards, pool deck movie, racquetball courts, dry land rock climbing wall, basketball court, volleyball court, locker rooms, cool hang out areas and more. NDA After Prom will have lots of delicious late night food favorites as well. We hope to also allow the students to have chances to win cool prizes... !

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 Lisa Timmerding by March 20.

VOLUNTEERS & FOOD DONATIONS Parents please consider signing up to give a couple of hours of your time, food donations or gift cards for prizes. If you are interested in providing support through volunteering, please do so at this [Signup Genius link](#). Questions? Please contact Mrs. Crystal Pohlman at ocean1313@yahoo.com.

ALL PROM AND AFTER PROM INFORMATION can be found on the website [HERE](#).

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ATTENDANCE EMAIL

If your daughter is going to be late, out for the day or if she is leaving early, please contact the office through is attendance@ndapandas.org or call the main phone line 859-261-4300.



Notre Dame Academy has
Music Something Fun Drama
for everyone this summer!

Check out all of the summer opportunities available at

www.ndapandas.org

LET'S GO CAMPERS!

SUMMER CAMPS AT NDA

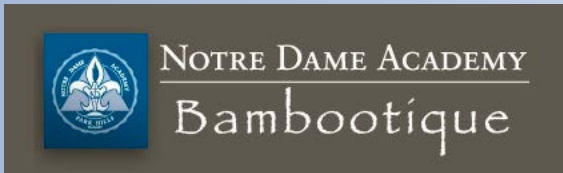
NDA offers several summer enrichment programs. Whether you are a computer wizard, budding artist, a musician, a theatre buff, an athlete, a STEM student or you are just looking for something fun to do this summer, Notre Dame Academy has all sorts of opportunities for you! You can find them all [HERE](#).



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.



PANDA SPIRIT WEAR!

BAMBOOTIQUE

There are a lot of new arrivals in the Bambootique! Shop at the online Bambootique [HERE](#).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Attention Seniors and Senior Parents: Fourth quarter is just around the corner which means graduation is nearing! Mark your calendars for the following dates -

- May 6 - 17 - AP Exams (specific schedule to come soon)
- May 14 - Academic Signing @ 3:30 p.m. - Gym
- May 15 - Senior Pancakes - Theatre Lot (students only)
- May 16 - Senior Luncheon @ 12:00 p.m. - Alumnae Hall, Theater, Auditorium (students only)
- May 16 - Senior Sendoff @ 2:00 p.m. - Auditorium (students only)
- May 17 and May 20 - Senior Exams
- May 22 - Graduation practice at NDA @ 12:30 p.m.
- May 23 - Graduation practice at NKYCC @ 8:30 a.m.
- May 23 - Baccalaureate Mass at St. Agnes @ 7:00 p.m. (students and families)
- May 24 - Senior Breakfast at Receptions in Erlanger @ 8:30 a.m. (students and guardians)
- May 24 - Graduation at Northern Kentucky Convention Center @ 4:00 p.m. (ticket amount TBD)



A more detailed letter will be sent in the coming weeks, but we wanted to get these dates to you as soon as possible. You won't want to miss a thing! Seniors will gather during homeroom also in the coming weeks to learn a bit more about graduation.

"NO SCHOOL" DATES in 2024-25

August 15	Feast of the Assumption
September 2	Labor Day
October 11 <small>*change from original calendar to match Diocese</small>	PD Day
November 1	All Saints' Day
November 5	Election Day
November 27-29	Thanksgiving Break
December 23 - January 3	Christmas Break
January 20	MLK Day
February 17	Presidents' Day
March 14	PD Day
April 17-25	Spring Break

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2024-25 CALENDAR NEWS

The academic calendar for next year has been finalized and will be shared with the departments this week. The "No School" calendar is located in the blue table to the left. If you have specific questions, feel free to contact the office staff. After reviewing our calendar with those of our feeder schools and Covington Catholic, we have adjusted our fall PD day to correspond with theirs. Please note the change highlighted in yellow as you plan for next year.

2024 - 2025 - Summer Dates / Back to School Dates

Incoming Freshmen Activities:



Week of July 29 - iPad Orientation

August 6 (morning) - Freshmen Orientation

August 6 (afternoon) - Freshmen Bridge

August 7 (afternoon) - Freshmen Bridge

August 8 (afternoon) - Freshmen Bridge

August 9 (TBD a.m./p.m.) - Freshmen Bridge

First Day of School - August 12

Last Day of School - May 22

Graduation - May 23



DELICIOUS NEWS

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

You can find NDA's lunch menu below and on our website [HERE](#).

DEADLINES COMING UP SOON

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Work Study Job Application Deadline: April 15, 2023

Financial Aid Applications & Academic and Tuition Assistance Scholarships

The application for work study jobs is available on the website [HERE](#) and is due by April 15, 2024. When you click on the link, you will be prompted to download your own copy of the form to complete. Completed applications should be emailed to workstudy@ndapandas.org.

Financial aid applications are also now open and will remain open until April 15, 2024.

If you are in need of financial assistance, the application with FACTS must be completed before anything else. Financial assistance requests increase each year. We cannot stress enough the importance of getting your application in early. Late applications run the risk of financial aid funding being exhausted. You can access the Financial Assistance page of the website [HERE](#).

If a family receives financial assistance, a family member is expected to have a work study job. Any family can participate in the Work Study Program without receiving additional financial aid this school year.

We are currently accepting applications for Academic Scholarships. Applications can be found on the website [HERE](#) and are due in the front office no later than April 15, 2024.



SPRING MUSICAL

SOUND OF MUSIC

The Sound of Music is a beloved show around the world. Based on the true story of the Von Trapp Family Singers, this musical captures a personal tale of growth and hope amidst the horrors of World War II. The Sound of Music tells the tale of young postulant Maria Rainer, whose free spirit has trouble fitting into the rules and regulations of Nonnberg Abbey. Commissioned by the Mother Abbess to serve as the governess for seven motherless children, Maria transforms the Von Trapp family home from a place of dour rules and regulations to one filled with joy, with laughter, and with music. But as the forces of Nazism take hold of Austria, Maria and the entire von Trapp family must make a moral decision.

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

NDA & CCH
Presents



April 19 at 7pm, April 20 at 7pm, April 21 at 2pm
\$5 student ticket, \$12 non-student ticket pre-ordered online
\$15 non-student at the door

Music by RICHARD RODGERS
Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
Book by HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSEL CROUSE
Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp
Music and Lyrics for "Something Good" by Richard Rodgers

THE SOUND OF MUSIC is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of
The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization. www.concordtheatricals.com





MAKING A DIFFERENCE NDA BLOOD DRIVE

On Wednesday, March 6 NDA's LIFE Club coordinated with Hoxworth Blood Center to host the annual spring blood drive. Hoxworth is the sole provider of blood products to over 30 hospitals in our area. The blood that is collected at our drive goes to save the lives of our neighbors, family and friends in the Greater Cincinnati/NKY/SE Indiana area. We were able to collect 31 whole blood products, which will go to help 93 patients in our community, truly saving lives! Way to go Pandas!

Photo credit: Annie Bowman



PANDAS EXPLORE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES JA INSPIRE TO HIRE

On Wednesday, March 6, we had a group of juniors and seniors attend the JA Inspire to Hire event at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. This event was designed to help high school students get excited about their futures by exploring career opportunities, networking with professionals and skilled tradespeople from companies like P&G, St. Elizabeth, and GE, and getting hands-on experience practicing various tasks. Our students got to intubate a dummy, find veins and draw blood on a model arm, and give an elevator pitch to local employers, sharing their professional introductions. Our students learned a lot and had a great time!

PROM FASHION SHOW ATTENTION ALL PANDAS!

The second annual prom fashion show will be taking place on Prom Day, Friday, March 22. Student services and the student council are planning many fun events for this day. It is an opportunity for you and your friends to walk the NDA runway wearing the fun and stylish prom dresses of any family member or friend, or you can even show the dress you plan to wear that night! This was a really fun event last year, and we hope you all participate again! Please complete [THIS FORM](#) if you plan to participate. The forms and pictures of dresses will be due on Friday, March 15.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REPORT CARD NOTICE

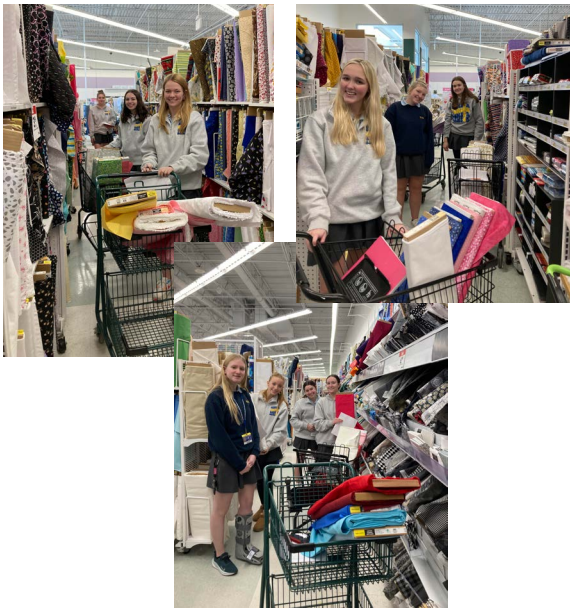
Third quarter report cards are scheduled to be emailed out later this week. This quarter report cards will be sent only as a digital report card. If you need a printed report card for insurance or some other reason, please contact Mr. Schlosser directly at schlosserr@ndapandas.org or the school office.



QUILT QUEST & UPCYCLING CREATIVE VENTURES IN TEXTILE ARTS

Our Textile I students recently went on a field trip to get materials for their quilts! This hands-on experience provided them with the opportunity to explore various fabrics and textures, enhancing their understanding of textile arts while fueling their creativity.

Our Textile II students delved into an innovative Upcycle Project, breathing new life into old garments. Each student selected an item from their closet that they seldom wore and transformed it into a fresh, stylish piece. The results were remarkable: from repurposing an old denim dress into a corset to fashioning a stunning coat from a combination of an old jacket and thrift store finds, the students showcased their ingenuity and skill. One student even turned an outdated t-shirt into a fashionable halter top, demonstrating the limitless possibilities of sustainable fashion.



EXCITING PERFORMANCES BUSY BAND DAYS

Our NDA/CCH Band is going to be very busy this 4th Quarter!

4th Quarter Band Events:

April 20 - Flag Football
May 5 - Spring Concert 3:30 - 4:30, NDA Theatre
May 20 - CCH Graduation
May 24 - NDA Graduation
May 27 - Memorial Day Parade!



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

Archery -

Congratulations to the Archery Pandas for a very successful tournament at Dixie this past weekend. The team shot a season high score of 3101 which included 143 tens, also a season high. The Pandas were led by Sarah Beckham at 284, 2nd overall high school girl, Ava Boertlein at 276, Ivy Mullins at 268, Jade Wachs at 266 and Savannah Bien at 265. 19 Pandas bettered their season average: Katie Ahern, Megan Ahern, Anna Barczak, Sarah Beckham, Savannah Bien, Marisa Bloemer, Ava Boertlein, Anna Bramlage, Maya Collins, Kara Dugan, Aran Henderson, Morgan Maselli, Clara Moore, Ivy Mullins, Lauren Pence, Audrey Rose, Jade Wachs, Kathryn Weber and Laney Wolfe. In addition, 6 Pandas also beat their career high scores: Sarah Beckham, Savannah Bien, Ivy Mullins, Lauren Pence, Jade Wachs and Laney Wolfe. The team is not shooting this weekend and will next compete in the Beechwood Tournament being held at Dixie on March 22 and 23. ARCHERY PANDAS ROCK!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



**Child Mind
Institute**

EXPLORING OPTIONS

SOCIAL MEDIA AND SELF ESTEEM

Learn how parents can help their kids resist the pressure created by artfully curated social media feeds by reading (or watching!) this article from the Child Mind Institute. Use [this link](#) to access the article.



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.

DRUGS ON THE BRAIN WITH MRS. STANLEY



Rihanna Anti Deluxe Album Cover

STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND STAFF PLEASE COME TO
LEARN ABOUT HOW DRUGS EFFECT YOUR BRAIN

**MARCH 13 AT 8AM
ALUMNAE HALL
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

IMPORTANT PRESENTATION

HOW DRUGS AFFECT YOUR BRAIN

Drug Free Club is offering this excellent presentation to anyone in our community (students, Parents, faculty, staff) who would like to attend!

ADVANCING THE MISSION



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1699 Hilton Drive, Park Hills, KY 41011 | 859.292.1829 | www.ndapandas.org

Panda Preview Night March 19 | 6:30 - 8 p.m.

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 right:
(Deadline: March 15)



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 7 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 [HERE!](#) If you have any questions, email Myanna Webster at websterm@ndapandas.org.



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

- Ed Choice - Kentucky's School Choice Amendment
- NDA Alumna Stars in Amélie
- Learning to Trust in God, while Living a Life of Suffering
- Sisters of Strength
- 2023-24 Thomas More Dual-Credit Information Sessions
- Molly Mayer's Studio of Dance

Important dates

March 14	Alumnae Rosary in Chapel 12:47 p.m. All are welcome!
March 15	National Latin Exams
March 16	8th Grade Conference
March 19	Feast Day - St. Hildegard of Bingen St. Hildegard of Bingen Family - wear purple shirts Panda Preview Night
March 22	Prom / After Prom
March 28	Holy Thursday - NO SCHOOL
March 29	Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
April 1 - 5	Spring Break
April 8	School Resumes
April 11	Athletic Signing
April 18	Alumnae Dinner Theatre
April 19	Food Truck Day
April 19-21	Spring Musical - The Sound of Music
April 22	Grade Level President Elections
April 28	Orange and White Flag Football Game