



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

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THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

Although we had snow just two days ago, today God has certainly blessed us with a beautiful spring day. The changing of the seasons reminds us of the transformation we hope to achieve throughout Lent as we realize that God's mercy and grace surround us.

Last evening we hosted our annual spring admissions event at NDA - the Panda Preview Night. I am happy to report that we had a good number of potential Pandas and their parents in attendance to learn about Notre Dame Academy and the many advantages of single-gender education for young women at NDA. Our dedicated faculty members and Parent Advisory Committee members spoke about the value of an NDA education while our student ambassadors expressed what it means for them to be students at NDA. Both did a wonderful job showcasing the vibrant community and academic excellence that define our school.

As we look ahead, I invite our students to join in commemorating the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord on Monday, March 25. This special day serves as a strong reminder of Mary's courageous "yes" to God's plan, inspiring us to follow her example of faith and obedience in our own lives. I encourage each of our students to take a few moments at the beginning of their day on Monday to visit our chapel, where they can honor Mary's example and offer a prayer for guidance and strength.

Our Prom will be held this Friday, March 22 at the Music Hall Box Office Ballroom in Cincinnati. Immediately following Prom is our After Prom held at NKU Rec Center. Thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to plan a nice evening for our students. You can find more information about registration and volunteering to help with After Prom below. Also, please note: students will be dismissed at 11:50 a.m. on Friday.

As we journey through the season of Lent together, let us think about the changes we want to see in our lives and in the world and what we need to do to bring those hopes to fulfillment. Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



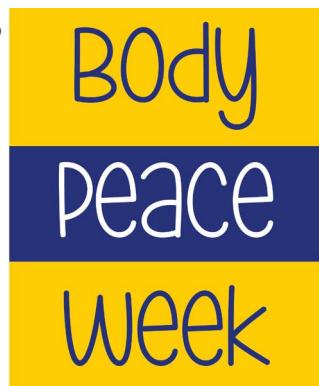
Happy Spring
Pandas!



Have a great day and make good choices!

Student Life

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY



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 a.m. We look forward to the special programming planned for this day!



REQUEST FOR HELP!

FINAL PROM UPDATE

The Junior and Senior Prom will take place this Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Music Hall. **This handout** was sent to the students on Monday, please refer to it for additional information regarding Prom, the shuttle, parking at Prom, etc.

Finally, this year's After Prom promises to be a fun night! And, it is already included in the price of the prom ticket! Held at NKU Rec Center 11:00 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

Raffle Prizes - (Trust us - the students will want to win these prizes!!!)

Inflatables

Henna Artist

Karaoke

Music

Food & Drinks - plenty of coffee!!

Volleyball games

Pool and Hot Tub

Rock Climbing Wall

Rollerskating

Basketball

and more!!!

In order to make the After Prom successful, we need help with certain donations and adult volunteers. Please see the Signup Genius link below to sign up! Questions, contact Crystal Pohlman at ocean1313@yahoo.com or 859-468-7110

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AEAE2BA1FD0-48483046-ndaafter>

Thank you very much for your support of all of our activities that are organized to make your daughter's high school experience fantastic!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY

PLEASE NOTE: This Friday our students will be released at 11:50 a.m. after our Wellness Fest!



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Bambootique

PANDA SPIRIT WEAR!

BAMBOOTIQUE

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



Notre Dame Academy has
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](#).



TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

DISMISSAL ADJUSTMENT FOR APRIL 8

Due to the nature of the total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8 NDA will dismiss at 1:50 to allow the students to be safely home in order to view this historical and astronomical event.



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.

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 information sheet](#) was shared with the students on Monday. 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.

The Seniors were also asked to complete the following items for Mr. Glynn and the publications class who work on a lot of booklets/projects for Graduation, along with the yearbook. His deadline of before spring break is quickly approaching.

- * Signature (for yearbook) on Notability
- * Perfect NDA day (for yearbook)
- * Baby/toddler picture (sendoff video and yearbook)
- * Favorite NDA memory (for memory book)
- * Favorite prayer (for memory book)
- * Video snippets of the Class of 2024 from freshman year (fall '20-spring '21)

When you have them, your

- * Casual photo (for memory book)
- * College choice or other post-NDA plans (for yearbook, memory book and Class of 2024 Insta)

Email info and photos to your Publications student contact, and/or

inyartb24@ndapandas.org

glynnr@ndapandas.org

Share freshman year videos

collinsk24@ndapandas.org

schwartzm24@ndapandas.org



"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.



ORANGE AND WHITE

**Notre Dame Academy and St. Ursula
Academy**

•April 28, 2024

•4:00 PM

•At NDA

Tickets and T-shirts
are sold here



Tickets are \$10 and proceeds go towards childhood cancer
research



SUPPORTING CHILDHOOD CANCER RESEARCH

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL ORANGE AND WHITE FLAG FOOTBALL GAME

Tickets and T-shirts are now on sale for the annual Orange and White Flag Football game! This football game is played against St. Ursula on April 28 at 4 p.m. at NDA. This is a fundraiser for childhood cancer research at Children's Hospital. It is one of the biggest events of the year, so make sure you get your tickets and T-shirts! It's for a great cause! T-shirt order forms are due on 3/27 at 3 p.m. You can also pay cash at the door and purchase tickets the week of the event. We will not have extra T-shirts to sell at the game, so please order in advance! The prices are as follows:

\$10 for a ticket

\$10 for a t-shirt

\$15 for a ticket/t-shirt bundle

CONGRATS!

GOOD JOB!

CREATIVE WRITING RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Juliana von Wahlde Mendez. Her essay was selected as a runner up in the essay category for this year's Mount St. Joseph's creative writing contest. Juliana has earned a \$50 prize for her work. Great work, Juliana.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNA BLAIR

Congratulations to Anna Blair who advanced to the Governor's Cup State competition and competed by taking the Mathematics Content Assessment in Louisville. Anna did exceptionally well on the exam and represented Notre Dame Academy tremendously with great enthusiasm, hard work and determination.



FUN AMIDST THE ANNUAL NATIONAL LATIN EXAM! LATIN STUDENTS CELEBRATE THE IDES OF MARCH

The Latin students not only took the annual National Latin Exam today, but were able to still have a little fun and get into the spirit of the Ides of March as well. Latin 1 students had themed cupcakes to commemorate this important (albeit somber) date in history, the anniversary of Caesar's assassination, thanks to student Abbey Hollencamp's creative baking! And, despite the famous saying "Beware the Ides of March!", students finished their exams in good spirits and should be proud of all that they have accomplished!

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

The
Sound
of
Music

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



PLEASE NOTE!


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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.

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.

VOTE!
VOTE!
VOTE!

GO PANDAS!

TIME TO VOTE!

PANDAS! It's time to VOTE! Freshmen Bella McElwee and Malia Christensen are up for Doubles Team of the Week. They were the only match to secure a win against a tough Sacred Heart team last week.

Here is the link: <https://www.cincinnati.com/story/sports/high-school/high-school-sports/2024/03/18/cincinnati-enquirer-high-school-athlete-of-the-week-march-18/73019424007/>

Deadline is Friday at 4 p.m. You can vote once per hour. Turn your WiFi off to ensure your vote counts!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

NDA COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE

During Hope Week, our Notre Dame Hope Squad raised \$1,000 for a local organization called Ethan's Purpose. Today, Hope Squad presented our donation to Debbie Zegarra, Ethan's mom and the founder of Ethan's Purpose. The mission of Ethan's Purpose is to raise awareness surrounding good mental health and to educate the youth and young adults in our community about suicide prevention. We are proud to work with Ethan's Purpose and look forward to our partnership in the future! To learn more about Ethan's Purpose and learn how to get involved visit <https://www.ethanspurpose.org/>.



COLLEGE REP VISITS

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

NDA COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE

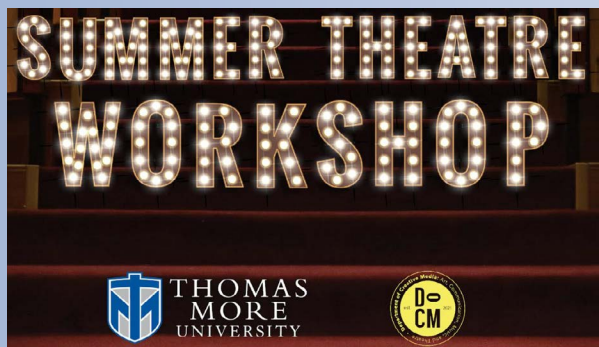
[CLICK HERE](#) for a list of college visits specifically for NDA students/families. The visits are in the hallway outside the cafeteria. All students are welcome to visit the reps.



NATIONWIDE COMPETITION

KENTUCKY NATIONAL PERSONAL FINANCE CHALLENGE

Northern Kentucky University will host the first ever Kentucky National Personal Finance Challenge. This is a nationwide competition that offers high school students the opportunity to build and demonstrate their knowledge in the concepts of earning income, spending, saving, investing, managing credit and managing risk. The first round will include teams of 3-4 students who will have 35 minutes to complete a 30-question online exam covering the principles of personal finance. If you have a team of interested students let Mrs. Stanley know!



REGISTRATION

THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY SUMMER THEATRE WORKSHOP

Thomas More University is hosting a Summer Theatre Workshop July 8th to July 19th from 9 am to 5 pm open to grades 10 to 12. Learn acting techniques, attend stagecraft seminars, work with a vocal coach, participate in improv classes, and practice stage combat. To learn more information and sign up visit [this link](#).

YOUNG ADULT & TEEN JOB FAIR

THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**COVINGTON BRANCH
502 SCOTT BOULEVARD,
COVINGTON, KY 41011**

IF YOU ARE 16-24 AND:

- **GRADUATING SOON**
- **LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB**
- **WANT TO MEET WITH SEVERAL LOCAL**
- **EMPLOYERS IN ONE CONVENIENT SPOT**

LOOKING FOR A JOB?

YOUNG ADULT & TEEN JOB FAIR

Just ONE week until the Young Adult & Teen Job fair!

If you or someone you know is between the ages of 16 and 24, you need to check this out!

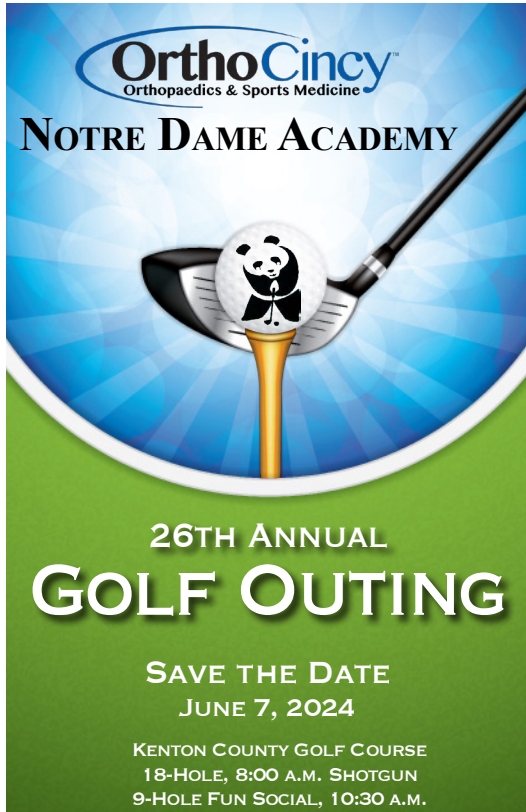
3/21/2024

4PM - 6PM

Kenton County Public Library - Covington Branch
502 Scott Boulevard, Covington, KY 41011



ADVANCING THE MISSION



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.



SENIOR MISSION RETREAT ALUMNAE SHARE STORIES

Thanks to our alumnae who recently attended our Senior Mission Retreat at St. Joseph Heights. They shared their stories of how they are living the mission of NDA through the Educational Principles of the Sisters of Notre Dame that they learned during their time as students at NDA.

Emily Egbers 2019, a labor and delivery nurse, who shared part of her story as it relates to the educational principle of The Centrality of a Good and Provident God in her life.

Lauren Simendinger Wang 2002, a medical doctor for UC Health that provides services for vulnerable populations, shared part of her story on how she has incorporated the educational principle of The Human Dignity of Each Person as an Image of God into her life.





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 22

Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. - All are welcome!

Out of Uniform for ½ day festivities

Family colored shirt and out of uniform bottoms

Prom / After Prom

March 26

Feast Day - St. Rose of Lima | St. Rose family wear pink shirts

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 20

Flag Football (1-5) - Band, Color Guard, Dance Team

April 22

Grade Level President Elections

April 26

Senior Dinner Dance - 7:00 p.m.

April 28

Orange and White Flag Football Game