



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

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THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

As we approach the culmination of the Lenten season and prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter, I want to take a moment to reflect on the significance of Holy Week within our Catholic school community. This past Monday, our entire student body came together to observe the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross serve as a powerful reminder of the importance of faith, compassion and selflessness in our lives. It was a solemn and meaningful experience as our students journeyed through the final moments of Jesus' life. Through participation in the Stations of the Cross, our students were able to deepen their understanding of the sacrifice Christ made for us and feel the tremendous love He has for us.

Today marks the beginning of our Easter break, offering a valuable opportunity for reflection and reconnection. As I think back on the many activities and events at NDA over the past three months and look forward to the remainder of the school year, I consider the importance of balance. Our students are active and involved in so much; however, it is also important for them to take time for themselves and for reflection. We all need to take time once in a while assess our lives and strive to achieve balance. I hope you can take some time as a family during this break to be together.

Please be assured of our prayers for you and your family during this holy season of Easter. On behalf of our faculty and staff, I wish you a safe and happy Easter and may the peace and joy of the resurrection fill your heart.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in nurturing the spiritual growth and development of our students. Together, we form a community grounded in faith, love and service.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Have a great day and make good choices!

Student Life



PRAYER SERVICE

SETTING THE TONE FOR HOLY WEEK

On Monday, we gathered as a school community to commemorate the beginning of Holy Week. We heard student reflections about their service experiences this year that related to the different stations of the cross. We heard students reflect about their suffering and how we, like Mary, can overcome horrible suffering. We heard the Panda Tones sing the infamous Holy Week song, "Were You There?" The students did an amazing job of entering in silence and exiting back to their classrooms in silence. It set the tone for a somber week before we celebrate the defeat of death and the hope of salvation.



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.



BETTERING OURSELVES

WELLNESS FEST!

In an effort to provide some fun and useful programming to our students, the Student Services Team and Student Council worked together to create our Wellness Fest which occurred last Friday for our half day of school. The students got the privilege of hearing from Brian Schreck, a certified music therapist who works with terminally ill patients and their families to provide them with joy and normalcy during the roughest of times. Thrive Empowerment Center (Covington) presented to the girls about positive self talk and behaviors that boost a positive mindset. The students also got some choice in one of the sessions when they were able to do yoga, play games or make bracelets and hang out with their friends. Finally, it would not be a NDA Wellness Fest if we did not incorporate some type of service. We were able to use our time to benefit the Disabled American Veterans by making Forget Me Not flowers for the people they serve. It was a great day focused on bettering ourselves, being mindful, and showing gratitude. We hope the students enjoyed it. We send a huge thank you to all of those who presented to our students and helped to organize the day!



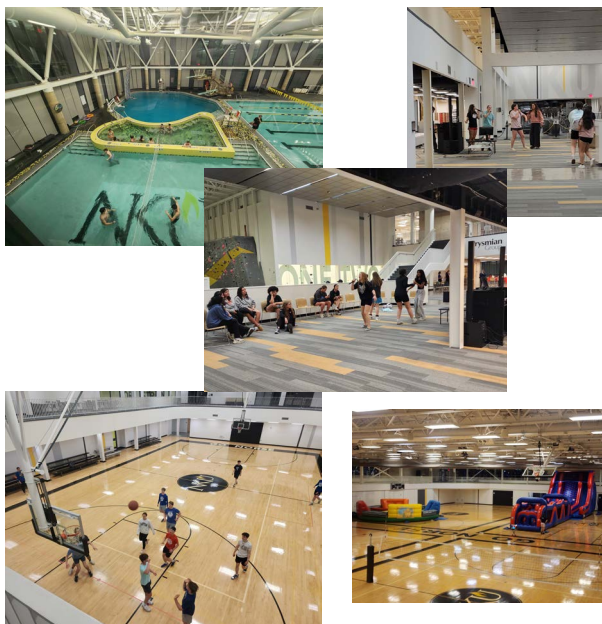
PROM FASHION SHOW

To conclude our half day of instruction on March 22, we held the annual Prom Fashion Show. This was organized by members of Student Council along with Ms. Hilbert and Mrs. Kroger. Many students volunteered to show off prom dresses worn by family members and many of our faculty and staff even got in the spirit of prom by strutting down the runway. It was a great end to our day together and a fun way to get the students excited for their prom.



RED CARPET GLAMOUR 2024 PROM

On March 22, the juniors and seniors got to enjoy a night of dinner, dancing and camaraderie at the annual prom. This year's theme was "The Red Carpet." The co-presidents of the senior class worked with Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Strickley to put together an amazing night for our students. The evening began with a delicious Italian dinner and desserts. The night continued with endless dancing. Right before students were permitted to leave the Princess and the Duchess were announced. Congratulations to Megan McKeown who was crowned as the Princess and Hannan Dusing who was crowned as the Duchess. The students seemed to enjoy the DJ and the ambiance of Music Hall could not be topped. Hopefully they all had an incredible time. It was a wonderful event and we greatly appreciate all of those who worked so hard to put on this great event for our students, especially Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Strickley.



NKU REC CENTER AFTER PROM

The party continued after prom at NKU in the newly renovated Rec Center. The students had free reign of the entire center including the basketball courts, volleyball courts, swimming pool, hot tub, bouldering wall, etc. Beyond that, a group of parents put together an amazing night including karaoke, a henna tattoo artist, inflatables, amazing food and almost enough prizes for every student to receive something. The number of parents who volunteered to help chaperone, donate items, or transport items was amazing and our students and staff are very grateful for the amazing support. The students were tired and ready to relax and the parents even thought of that and supplied them with rafts so they could float around the pool. It was an incredible event and a HUGE thank you goes out to Crystal Pohlman and all of the parents (even some who don't have NDA juniors or seniors) who helped to make it possible for our students.

YEARBOOK

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.



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

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](#).

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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.

"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.



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



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



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](#)

CINCY SHAKES ON CAMPUS EARLY DISMISSAL 4/15 AND 4/16

On April 15 and 16, the students will have the pleasure of watching a Shakespeare Play, *The Comedy of Errors* when The Cincinnati Shakespeare Company comes to campus for a live performance.

On Monday, April 15, all of our students will go through half of their classes and then the Freshmen and Sophomore classes will watch the play from 12 to approximately 1:15 p.m. when they will be dismissed. The Juniors and Seniors will be dismissed at 11:07 a.m. on Monday.

On Tuesday, April 16, the students will go through the other half of their classes and then the Junior and Senior classes will watch the play from 11:45 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m. when they will be dismissed. The Freshmen and Sophomores will be dismissed at 11:16 a.m. on Tuesday.

**IMPORTANT
SCHEDULE
CHANGE**

PLEASE READ

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

**GO
PANDAS!**

**VOTE!
VOTE!
VOTE!**

HELLO SPORTS FANS

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Don't miss any of the action with our Panda athletes! [Here](#) is the calendar for the upcoming week.

GO PANDAS!

TIME TO VOTE!

Our NDA softball team is up for team of the week. "Notre Dame - The Pandas are 1-0 after beating Beechwood 13-1 in five innings on March 20."

Ava Auburger is up for softball player of the week! "Ava Auburger, Notre Dame - The junior went 2-for-3, scored three runs and stole two bases in a win over Beechwood."

Senior Lucy Bailey and Junior Kate Harris are up for Doubles Team of the Week in Tennis!

Addison Frondorf is up for track athlete of the week - She won the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and 400-meter dash at a quad meet with Campbell County, Highlands and Scott.

Let's have lots of PANDA winners! Please take the time to vote for them once an hour and remember to vote from your phones! [VOTE HERE!](#)

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Archery -

Congratulations to the Archery Pandas for a great performance at the Beechwood Tournament on Saturday. The team again broke 3100 shooting a season high 3129 which included 136 tens. The Pandas were led by Lea Youtsey at 279, Sarah Beckham at 275, Lucy Siegert at 271, Savannah Bien at 263 and Ava Boertlein 262. 4 Pandas bettered their career high score: Anna Barczak, Madison Kruer, Jade Wachs and Lea Youtsey. 20 team members beat their season high average score: Katie Ahern, Megan Ahern, Anna Barczak, Sarah Beckham, Savannah Bien, Marisa Bloemer, Anna Bramlage, Reagan Carman, Maya Collins, Madison Kruer, Emma Lange, Morgan Maselli, Caitlin Minning, Clara Moore, Lauren Pence, Bailey Russell, Lucy Siegert, Jade Wachs, Kathryn Weber and Laney Wolfe. A season high 12 Pandas shot over 250: Lea Youtsey, Sarah Beckham, Lucy Siegert, Savannah Bien, Ava Boertlein, Reagan Carman, Clara Moore, Emma Lange, Maya Collins, Madison Kruer, Anna Barczak and Jade Wachs.

Next up for the Pandas is Thursday at the Kentucky NASP State Tournament in Louisville. ARCHERY PANDAS ROCK!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY NURSING & HEALTH CAREERS CAMP

NKU

NURSING CAMP OPPORTUNITY

This camp is an immersive experience where rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors have the opportunity to spend the night in the NKU dorms, participate in many activities, and shadow nurses/healthcare professionals at St. Elizabeth Edgewood. It is completely free and for students interested in a health career. The camp is very competitive. So please encourage your daughter to get her application in early. Below is the link to the application on the website.

[Nursing and Health Careers Camp: Northern Kentucky University, Greater Cincinnati Region \(nku.edu\)](#)



PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

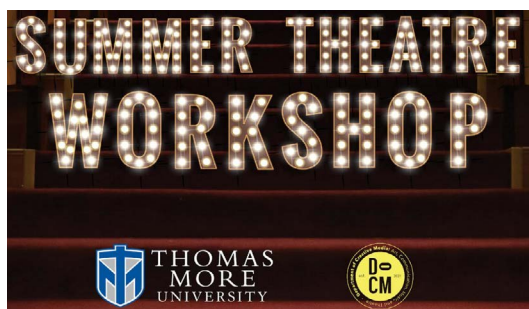
NDA COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE

[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.

REGISTRATION

THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY SUMMER THEATRE WORKSHOP

Thomas More University is hosting a Summer Theatre Workshop July 8th to July 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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](#).



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.



FOR ALUMNAE, PARENTS AND FRIENDS

LADIES' GOLF CLINIC

Get ready to tee off with confidence! Join us for a Ladies' Golf Clinic led by our Athletic Director, Janet Carl. Whether you're a beginner looking to learn the basics or a seasoned golfer in need of a refresher, this session is perfect for you. Taking place on April 23 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM, it's an ideal opportunity for parents and alumnae to brush up on their skills before the golf season kicks into full swing. Please note that participants must be 21 or older to register. Reserve your spot today!



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 28	Holy Thursday - NO SCHOOL
March 29	Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
April 1 - 5	Spring Break
April 8	School Resumes
April 11	Alumnae Rosary
	Athletic Signing
April 12	Senior Diocesan Mass - Cathedral
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 23	Women's Golf Clinic at World of Golf
April 26	Senior Dinner Dance - 7:00 p.m.
April 28	Orange and White Flag Football Game
May 3	May Crowning/ Teacher send off
May 4	Language and Math Placement test for 8th graders
May 5	Band Concert
May 7	AP Exams begin
May 10	Spring Pep Rally
May 16	Spring Showcase - Theatre Class, Dance Pandas, Panda Tones
May 18	Theatre Banquet