



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

Our Lenten journey is coming to a close as we look forward to the coming Easter week and the celebration of the promise of new life. I hope you are enjoying the spring weather and the refreshing change that comes with it. This promise for new life resides not only in our hearts but also in the physical world around us. May the season provide you with a chance to reflect on God's goodness and provident care.

This is a big week for our theatre students. Don't forget to purchase your tickets for our spring musical, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. Performances will be held March 31 - April 2. You can find more information about the show and how to purchase tickets below.

As we prepare for spring break and the remainder of the school year, we have a great deal of good news and important information to share. You will find several stories below about the many recent successes of our students. I am very proud of the many ways in which our students take healthy risks and get involved. They seek excellence in the classroom and in the co-curriculars in which they participate. I would like to thank you for encouraging and supporting your daughter's ambitions to be an involved student. I've been in education for a number of years and I can attest to the fact that getting involved makes all of the difference in a student's high school experience.

Please note that the applications for Financial aid and Work Study are due April 15. If you are in need of financial assistance OR are looking to do work study, the application with FACTS must be completed before anything else. Financial assistance requests increase each year so 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 find more information regarding financial assistance below. Also, Notre Dame Academy students are fortunate to have the opportunity to apply for a variety of annual scholarships. If you are interested in applying for one of these scholarships for the 2023-23 school year, please check our website for application information [HERE](#). The application deadline is April 15.

Thank you for partnering with NDA in your daughter's Catholic education. Please know that we are praying for our school families during this Lenten season.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Student Life



ALL ARE WELCOME MORNING MASS

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

*A Sister's Smile
Lasts for Miles*

Panda Prowl 5K

**8 AM Saturday, April 22
at NDA**

**all proceeds from the event
will benefit our sister school
in Uganda**

**cost: \$20
*race day shirt guaranteed if
registered by Wednesday,
April 5!**

SUPPORT OUR SISTER SCHOOL UGANDA PANDAS 5K WALK/RUN

Get ready for this year's Uganda Pandas 5K walk/run on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Money raised from this event will benefit the Sisters of Notre Dame's Ugandan Mission. Just like our school in Park Hills, KY, this school was founded by the Sisters of Notre Dame. Money raised through the 5K will support the educational experience of the young women in our sister school in Buseesa, Uganda.

If you want to participate in the 5K, [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register. The cost of the event is \$20 per person, and a race day t-shirt is guaranteed if registered by April 5.

If you are looking for service hours or are interested in sponsoring this event, please contact club co-presidents Kayla Northcutt (northcuttk@ndapandas.org) or Sammi Flowers (flowerss@ndapandas.org) to sign up to help!

CONGRATS!

ELECTION TIME STU CO NEWS

Congratulations to our newly elected School Officers for the 2023-2024 school year!

School Co-Presidents - Hannah Renaker and Paige Summe
School Secretary - Aislinn Ross
School Treasurer - Claire Coppage
Public Relations Officer - Tessa Schulte

Applications for students who are interested in being a Grade Level Co-President next year are due on April 5 and the election will be on April 24.

FAMILY TIME

FRIDAY FUN DAY!

At school on Friday we spent a day having fun and bonding as a community. This included a Family activity, a Prom Fashion Show (watch it [HERE](#)), a Euchre Tournament, and more. Our seniors also attended the Diocesan Senior Mass. It was a great day spent together!



ROARING 20s

PROM 2023

Prom was held last Friday night at Music Hall. A great time was had by all! Congratulations to our Prom Princess, senior Grace Autry and our Prom Duchess, junior Mary Catherine Kelly! After Prom was also a huge success. You can see more pictures from Prom/After Prom [HERE](#).





EVERYBODY COUNTS PANDAS SHARE LESSONS

Dr. Ericson, Mrs. Goldcamp, Teagan Lanterman, Mikayla Schornack, Emery Graham and Carissa Stahl participated in the Everybody Counts Program at St. Pius. NDA's four student representatives spoke to the 5th grade students at St. Pius about learning disorders and how to use strategies, supports, and accommodations to break down the barriers that learning disorders cause in their everyday life, especially in school.



CANIS AMOR EDGAR LEARNS LATIN

Edgar and Nurse Julie hung out in Latin 2 class earlier this week. Students enjoyed his visit and Edgar was happy to help provide a little relaxation for the students.



class of **2023**

CUE THE POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE GRADUATION INFORMATION

Attention seniors and senior parents: fourth quarter is here, and graduation is nearing! [CLICK HERE](#) to view relevant graduation information, scroll to the second page of the document and mark your calendars accordingly.

Senior Dinner Dance!

TIME TO REGISTER SENIOR DINNER DANCE

On April 28 we will hold our Senior Dinner Dance here at Notre Dame Academy. This is a fun event for our senior class that will include dinner and dessert, entertainment, and we will share everyone's Senior Superlatives. The cost for the event is \$25. Registration information was emailed out to our seniors and will be due on Wednesday, April 5.

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:

DEADLINE: 05/11/2023

Notre Dame Academy

Dear Panda Parents,
Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate your senior's achievements, and revenues from Recognition Ads help our school create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions listed below. Jostens is responsible for our school's yearbook ad sales. Please do not contact or send materials to the school. All orders must be placed by 05/11/2023.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD TODAY!



ORDER BY 05/11/2023

COLOR AD

Full Page	\$200.00
1/2 Page	\$120.00
1/4 Page	\$75.00
1/8 Page	\$45.00

*Tax, service and delivery fee(s) will be added if applicable.
*Credit card installment plan available for orders of \$30 or more.

EASY PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE*

IT'S EASY! Create your ad online at
www.jostensadservice.com/student

1. Choose your ad size and layout.
2. Enter your text and upload your photos.

Important information about Yearbook Recognition Ads

- Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines.
- We retain the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.
- For the ad to appear in the yearbook, your ad must be purchased by the order deadline.
- Color photographs uploaded for black-and-white ads will appear in black and white.
- We will make every effort to use your layout and text as indicated. A proof will not be provided and no changes can be made after purchase.

GUIDELINES SURROUNDING RECOGNITION AD CONTENT.

NDA reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

Frequently Asked Questions

How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?

Ad prices are determined by our school. The revenue from Recognition Ads helps support our yearbook and keep it affordable for everyone.

How is the ad deadline determined?

The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?

Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.

Can I send my materials to the school?

No, please do not send your materials to our school. Our school has selected Jostens to assist with our ad program. Please call our customer service number (800-358-0800) if you have questions or need assistance in creating your ad.

More questions? Call Jostens at (800) 358-0800.

www.jostensadservice.com/student



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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, 2023. When you click on the link, you will be prompted to create your own copy of the spreadsheet as a Google Sheet so you are able to type right into it. Completed applications should be emailed to workstudy@ndapandas.org.

Financial aid applications are also now open and will remain open until **April 15, 2023**.

If you are in need of financial assistance OR are looking to do work study 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.

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, 2023.



BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

"We have clearance Clarence!" That's right, Mrs. McLeod and Mrs. Brungs have started their spring markdowns and the deals just keep coming! Don't miss all of the great clearance items at NDA's online Bambootique [HERE](#).



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

SERVING OUR PANDAS

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!

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
PLEASE READ**

ATTENTION PARENTS

ATTENDANCE EMAIL

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.

Congratulations!



AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT

NDA SENIOR AWARDED POSITION IN McCONNELL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Riley Maddox, a graduating senior in the class of 2023, was awarded a position in the University of Louisville's McConnell Scholars Program after a rigorous application and interview process. This prestigious honor is offered to only 10 students each year who have demonstrated a record of leadership, dedication to scholarship and commitment to service and who plan to study the foundations of leadership and political and social thought in America. This program opens up opportunities for networking with local, state, and national leaders, study abroad programs and experiential learning internships and co-ops. Congratulations to Riley on this well-deserved achievement!



BRAVA!

NDA'S CHANDUNI HERATH RECEIVES OVERTURE AWARD

Congratulations to NDA's Chanduni Herath who received the 2023 Overture Award for Theater. Chanduni was the only 10th grader to win out of all arts categories.

The Overture Awards is a program that recognizes, encourages and rewards excellence in the arts among Greater Cincinnati students in grades 9-12. Its mission is to encourage arts education as an integral part of a student's academic experience and to create an environment that encourages training in, and appreciation of, the arts. The Overture Awards Competition is the area's largest solo arts competition and offers awards in six artistic disciplines: creative writing, dance, instrumental music, theatre, visual art, and vocal music.



GREAT JOB

WRITER CONTEST WINNERS

Two of our sophomores took first place in two categories in Mount Saint Joseph's 27th Annual Writing Contest for high school sophomores.

Chloe Dunham took first place for personal essay. Her essay's title is "Progress Is Progress Is Progress".

Angalea Wuest took first place for short story. Her story's title is "I Love You More than Anything".

Congratulations to both of these students!

PANDAS PLACE AT STATE COMPETITION TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE IN S.T.E.M. CONTINUES

NDA Science Research students competed at the Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair (KYSEF) in Richmond, Kentucky on March 25. Each of the students qualified for the state competition at the Science and Engineering Fair of Northern Kentucky (SEFNK). Congratulations to the following students who placed at the state competition:

Mary Catherine Kelly – 3rd place Animal Sciences

Clare Shay – 1st Place Environmental Science

Natalie Janzaruk – 1st Place Robotics and 3rd Place Overall Physical Science with the invitation to attend the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in May in Dallas, Texas!



FINE ARTS

NDA/CCH THEATRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS...
**THE 25TH ANNUAL
PUTNAM COUNTY
SPELLING BEE**

Friday, March 31 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 1 at 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 2 at 2 p.m.

[Purchase Tickets Here](#) or at the door with cash or Venmo!

Student/Staff \$5 online or at the door

Non-Student Online \$12 credit card

Non-Student at the Door \$15 cash or Venmo

An eclectic group of six mid-pubescents vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, the tweens spell their way through a series of (potentially made-up) words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming “ding” of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. As they navigate the tournament’s pressures, the eccentric group finds a new sense of belonging. Along the way, they learn that there is more to life than winning a trophy. This charming coming-of-age tale also invites four volunteers from the audience to participate in each performance, ensuring new and unexpected comedy every show. Six spellers enter; one speller leaves! At least the losers get a juice box. A riotous ride, complete with audience participation, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is a delightful den of comedic genius.

**NDA/CCH THEATRE DEPT
PRESENTS**

The 25th Annual Putnam County
SPELLING BEE

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
WILLIAM FINN

BOOK BY
RACHEL SHEINKIN

CONCEIVED BY
REBECCA FELDMAN

FRIDAY 3/31 AT 7 PM
SATURDAY 4/1 AT 7 PM
SUNDAY 4/2 AT 2 PM

STUDENT/STAFF TICKETS \$5
NON-STUDENT PRE-ORDER \$12
NON-STUDENT AT THE DOOR \$15

THIS SHOW IS PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH
MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (MTI)

ALL AUTHORIZED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI.
WWW.MTISHOWS.COM

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



RIGHT ON TARGET PANDA ARCHERY NEWS

The Panda Regional Archery Team had a great tournament at the Regionals held at Beechwood last Thursday. The team finished sixth out of the twelve teams who competed. The Pandas were led by Ellie Puglisi at 282; Ava Boertlein at 279; Keira Schneider at 278; Lea Youtsey at 270 and Reagan Carman at 265. Two Pandas shot their season high score: Emma Lange by 13 and Reagan Carman by 3 and two tied their season high score: Ellie Puglisi and Morgan Russell.

ARCHERY PANDAS ROCK!



NDA HOSTS HEART SCREENING FOR STUDENTS

NDA will be hosting a heart screening through MCore on May 12 here at school. MCore's onsite screenings are provided at the highest level outside of the hospital with pediatric cardiac sonographers doing all the imaging and those are all read by pediatric cardiologists. The goal is to provide a baseline evaluation of each child's heart health. You can find sign up for a screening for your daughter here: https://www.mcoreathletes.com/scheduler_schedule/?school=316.

Mcore FOUNDATION

Mcore FOUNDATION CARDIAC SCREENING OPPORTUNITY

Notre Dame Academy Heart Screenings for Students!!

WHEN: Friday, May 12, 2023
TIME: 8 AM - 4 PM
COST: \$79

ALL Mcore FOUNDATION SCREENINGS INCLUDE:

- An ECG and limited Echo test performed by registered cardiac sonographers
- Results read by our team of pediatric and general cardiologists
- Images stored within your secured account for future access or to send to your medical provider

Each test is approximately 10-12 minutes and you may use your healthcare spending account or flex care spending account for payment.

We encourage you to watch our [video](#) to learn more about Mcore Foundation.

If you would like to get involved with our mission, please visit or donate at: mcorefoundation.org

TO RESERVE YOUR SCREENING PLEASE CREATE AN ACCOUNT AND SIGN UP TODAY

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is a life-threatening emergency that occurs when the heart suddenly stops beating. SCA is not a heart attack.

SCA strikes people of all ages who may seem to be healthy, even children and teens.

SCA is preventable. The purpose of our preventative screening programs is to detect underlying heart abnormalities.

866.382.2319
mcorefoundation.org

Mcore FOUNDATION

WHY SCREEN YOUR CHILD'S HEART?

- American Pediatrics recommends screening children for sudden cardiac arrest every two years
- Family history of cardiac issues
- Provides a baseline of your child's cardiac health
- 1 in 300 has an unknown abnormality they do not know about
- Abnormalities can be detected early

To learn more or sign up for the upcoming screening at Notre Dame Academy (KY) on May 12, 2023, go to mcorefoundation.org

FREE Sports Physicals

Bring Completed Physical Forms Signed by a Parent or Guardian.

FREE T-SHIRT
 Completed physical forms must be signed by a parent or guardian. Forms Available.

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 20
TIME: 9AM - NOON

LOCATION: OrthoCincy - Edgewood
 560 SOUTH LOOP RD, EDGEWOOD, KY

2023-24 School Year: GRADE 6 - HIGH SCHOOL
 All Student Athletes Welcome - Kentucky, Ohio & Indiana.

A sports physical does not replace an annual visit to your primary care physician.

OrthoCincy | **St. Elizabeth HEALTHCARE** | **St. Elizabeth PHYSICIANS**

859.301.BONE (2663) info@OrthoCincy.com

ORTHO CINCY & ST. ELIZABETH FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS

OrthoCincy & St. Elizabeth are happy to announce this year's date for our FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS! Our Kentucky day will be held at the EDGEWOOD OFFICE (560 South Loop Rd.) on SAT, MAY 20 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. All student athletes are welcome. We'll be handing out a free t-shirt for the student athletes choosing to participate. Attached is a flyer with all the important information & details of the event – we encourage you all to hand out and/or place these flyers around your schools to encourage participation and spread the word!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



GREAT OPPORTUNITY

SND SUMMER RURAL HEALTHCARE EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY



This summer the Sisters of Notre Dame would like to be able to bring their schools from all regions of the country together to offer them a healthcare experience at St. Claire Regional Hospital near Morehead University. The program would be from Sunday, June 18 - Thursday, June 22. Three students (rising juniors or seniors) from our school would be selected to go to Morehead, KY and stay in a local hotel there while participating in healthcare educational activities through St. Claire Regional Hospital. All sophomores and juniors were emailed about this opportunity and given the link to apply. Deadline to submit the application is by March 23. Late entries will not be considered.



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.



**Child Mind
Institute**

HOW TO HELP FROM HOME

HOW TO HELP AN ANXIOUS CHILD

If you have a daughter who struggles with anxiety [this article from the Child Mind Institute](#) provides concrete examples of how to help reduce those feelings in a productive way.



WHAT'S YOUR GREEN DOT?

NO ONE HAS TO DO EVERYTHING, BUT EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING

Last week, these students attended Green Dot Bystander Training and learned about action plans for bystanders to prevent violence and keep everyone around us safe. These students received training to decrease bullying, dating violence, and sexual assault through direct intervention, delegation, or distractions. We want our cultural norms to be:

1. Violence is not tolerated. Anywhere. Anytime.
2. Everyone is expected to do their part.



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

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



MAKING BETTER CHOICES

JOHN AND CODY SPEAK

“Raw,” “Informative,” “Honest,” “Enlightening,” and “Current” were adjectives used by students to describe the presentation made by John Humphries and Cody Knuckles to all Pandas at Notre Dame Academy on March 20. They spoke about the effects of substance abuse, some of the life choices they have made - both good and bad - and how our students can make better choices today. They reminded everyone that we are not alone, that our lives have meaning and purpose, and that we do have support if we will but ask.



SHARING OUR

Community News

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

- Lenten Pilgrimage
- Positions Available for Students and Parents
- Keep the Children in Your Life Safe Online
- House Bill 174 - Pro-Educational Choice Constitutional Amendment
- Dual Credit in Northern Kentucky
- Ed Choice
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?

Important dates

March 30	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. Alumnae Dinner Theatre National Spanish Exam during class
March 31	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. Reconciliation Services in Chapel 9:45 a.m. - 2:10 pm. Musical Opening 7 p.m.
April 1	Girl Up Day Musical 7 p.m.
April 2	Musical 2 p.m.
April 3	Holy Week Prayer Service
April 4	National French Exam during class Diocesan Track Meet at NDA
April 6	Holy Thursday - No School
April 7	Good Friday - No School
April 9	Easter
April 10-14	Spring Break
April 17	School Resumes
April 20	Athletic Signing
April 21	Mid quarter
April 22	Uganda Panda Prowl
April 23	Orange and White Game
April 27	Baby Day
April 28	Food Truck Day Senior Dinner Dance
April 30	Band Concert
May 1	AP Exams begin
May 5	May Crowning