



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to announce that Clara Heberling has been named the valedictorian and Lucy Bailey the salutatorian for the graduating class of 2024 at Notre Dame Academy. Their commitment to academic excellence these past four years is truly commendable. Please join us in congratulating Clara and Lucy on their outstanding accomplishments.

Also, I am happy to share the news of Mrs. Megan Abbott being selected as a recipient of the 2024 Outstanding Teacher/Catechist by the Diocesan Office of Catechesis and Evangelization. Mrs. Abbott will be honored at an awards ceremony in May. Mrs. Abbott is very deserving of this award and we congratulate her for this important recognition.

Congratulations also to our Student Council on being awarded the 2024 National Gold Council of Excellence. This prestigious award recognizes high school Student Councils that meet high standards and demonstrate evidence of student service, leadership, voice, and engagement. Congratulations to all members of the student council on this well-deserved recognition!

I hope you had the opportunity to see our spring musical this weekend. I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all of the students who were part of the *Sound of Music* musical this past weekend. They showcased incredible talent and dedication and their performances were truly outstanding.

Last week we reviewed our CERP (Cardiac Emergency Response Plan) with our students reminding them of what to do in the case of a cardiac emergency at NDA. Our faculty did a wonderful job preparing our students for our annual cardiac emergency drill which will happen this Friday, April 26, to maintain our Heart Safe School designation and comply with Kentucky school law. If you have any questions or concerns about this upcoming drill, please contact our school nurse, Tina Sizemore, RN, at sizemoret@ndapandas.org.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in our mission to provide an exceptional educational experience for our students at Notre Dame Academy.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Student Life



2024 Valedictorian
Clara Heberling



2024 Salutatorian
Lucy Bailey

HONORING EXCELLENCE

NDA NAMES TOP HONORS FOR 2024

We are thrilled to announce that Clara Heberling has been named the valedictorian and Lucy Bailey the salutatorian for the graduating class of 2024 at Notre Dame Academy. Their exceptional academic achievements and dedication to excellence have earned them these prestigious titles. Clara and Lucy embody the spirit of NDA's commitment to academic excellence and are shining examples of the hard work and determination that define our school community. Please join us in congratulating Clara and Lucy on their outstanding accomplishments.!



ACTION-PACKED WEEKEND

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

On Saturday, our Flag Football PaNDAs hosted the league for the football games of the week. Our bleachers were packed with football fans from all of the all girls' high schools in the area. St. Ursula played Mercy McAuley, then Ursuline played versus Seton, and then our very own PaNDAs were able to pull off the victory over the Mount Notre Dame Cougars. It was an exciting day of football action at NDA. We look forward to hearing more about our flag football team and their upcoming games. They play Friday against Seton at Ursuline and then on Saturday they play against Ursuline at Elder. Good luck Football PaNDAs!!!



NDA CCH BAND NEWS

THE PRIDE OF PARK HILLS

This is the season the community really is counting on live Band Music! Parades, Graduations, Concerts ... the NDA/CCH Band AKA "the Pride of Park Hills" will be there!

NEW APPROACH TO SUMMER READING

CELEBRATING READING AT NDA THIS SUMMER

Dear Parents and Students,

One of our goals in the English Department at Notre Dame Academy is to awaken and intensify a love of reading and writing among our students. As a community of lifelong learners, we believe that reading is a celebration of discovery and imagination rather than merely a task. We place tremendous value on reading at NDA and recognize that our students are avid readers who enjoy exploring new books. With this in mind, we would like to share some exciting news about our new approach to summer reading.



Instead of assigning specific summer reading for our students, this year, we will encourage them to choose books that genuinely interest them to read over the summer. We believe that allowing students to select their own reading material will foster a deeper love for reading and provide them with the opportunity to explore genres and topics that better resonate with their personal interests. We highly encourage parents to discuss their daughter's summer reading selections with them and even read the books together.

While there will not be a general "summer reading" list provided by NDA's English Department this summer, some classes may still require specific summer reading assignments. Please know that any required reading will be communicated directly to students by their respective teachers.

We will continue our tradition of a common reader because we understand the value of a shared literary experience. Rather than reading this book over the summer however, students will read the common reader selection when they return to school in August. Unlike in years past, assignments and curriculum will be designed around the common reader to facilitate meaningful discussions and analysis in the classroom.

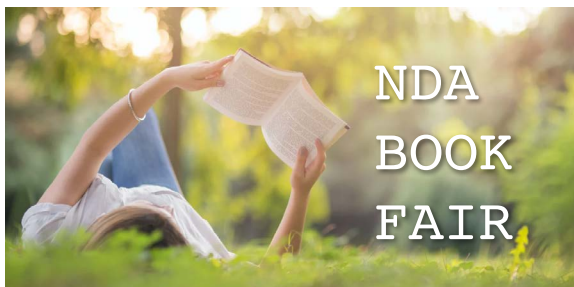
Notre Dame Academy will be hosting a book fair on Wednesday, May 8th, in support of celebrating reading this summer with our students. This event will provide students with many opportunities to discover new titles and purchase books for students to read over the summer. We hope students will take advantage of this opportunity to find books that inspire and captivate them and further develop their love for reading.

We hope through this new approach to summer reading, students will find reading during their break more enjoyable and develop a lifelong love for reading. If you have any questions or concerns regarding summer reading or the upcoming book fair, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

The English Department at NDA

Celebrating Reading at the



BOOK FAIR

CELEBRATING READING

As our students wind down the year, our English Department has worked to set up a Book Fair with various local businesses to allow our girls the chance to purchase books for their own personal enjoyment this summer. We encourage the girls to continue to read to avoid the summer slide and enhance their knowledge. All of the students will have the opportunity to shop at our Book Fair on May 8 from 8:30 - 1:00. The Blue Marble, Roebing Books and the Ave Maria Bookstore will be in attendance with a plethora of books for our students to choose from. The Friends of the Kenton County Library will also be offering some YA titles to our students in raffles that day as well. It should be a great event for our girls. They can bring in cash or a credit card for purchasing, although Ave Maria Bookstore will only accept cash. We appreciate the work that went into setting up this fun event for our students.



CONGRATULATIONS

NDA FACULTY MEMBER RECEIVES 2024 CATECHETICAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Megan Abbott on being selected as a recipient of the 2024 Outstanding Teacher/Catechist by the Diocesan Office of Catechesis and Evangelization.

Mrs. Abbott will be honored at an awards ceremony on May 16. Mrs. Abbott is very deserving of this award and we appreciate all that she does for our students at NDA!



EMPOWERING VOICES, INSPIRING LEADERSHIP

NDA STUDENT COUNCIL WINS 2024 NATIONAL GOLD COUNCIL OF EXCELLENCE

The NDA Student Council was awarded the 2024 National Gold Council of Excellence this week. This award is given to high school Student Councils that meet high standards and demonstrate evidence of student service, leadership, voice and engagement. When applying for this award, the council members worked collaboratively to create a detailed slideshow of the service projects, governing practices, election processes, school wide events and activities, financial responsibilities, etc. They then presented this slideshow to the administration who wrote recommendations for our council to receive this award. NDA's student council members strive to foster leadership growth and provide opportunities for developing leaders to learn and experience the skills and knowledge to be effective student council members, and to help foster a culture at their schools where student voice is valued and volunteerism is a norm. Congratulations to all members of the student council on this well deserved award!





POSITIVE INFLUENCE

DRUG FREE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Olivia Browning, freshman Finalist and Prize Winner in Drug Free Club's Scholarship Essay Contest! Read her inspiring essay, along with the other winning entries, [HERE](#).

STUDENT LIFE

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

This past Monday, elections were held for class co-presidents for the rising sophomore, junior and senior classes. We congratulate all of those students who showed the courage to run and give a speech. We look forward to seeing students in leadership positions whether as class co-presidents, student council representatives, or as family leaders. The Family System has a lot of graduating seniors in leadership roles. We hope to have many students nominated by the faculty to fill those family leadership positions. There are lots of opportunities for students to showcase their leadership abilities at NDA.

STUDENT LIFE LEADERSHIP UPDATE!



2024-25

NEW STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to our newest student council members for the 2024-2025 school year:

Sophomore class co-presidents Paisha Parks and Caroline Bramlage

Junior class co-presidents Teagan Kruer and Ella Neinaber

Senior class co-presidents Grace Panko and Georgi Kirtley

And a special thanks to all of the candidates that ran for co-president this year.

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FOOTBALL GAME AND FUNDRAISER

As has been the tradition for five years, the students of St. Ursula and Notre Dame Academy are honored to participate in the Orange and White Flag Football Game this Sunday at 4:00 at NDA. This has been a philanthropic partnership between the two schools to raise money for Childhood Cancer Research through Children's Hospital. The Bradley family is deeply connected to St. Ursula and they lost their daughter Natalie in 2009 to cancer. On Friday afternoon, we will have Mrs. Bradley speak to the girls about the importance of this worthy cause. We will celebrate our students who are participating in the game and encourage the students to attend and show their school spirit for such an important cause. It is a fun event at NDA and all are encouraged to attend and show their support for childhood cancer research.



FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

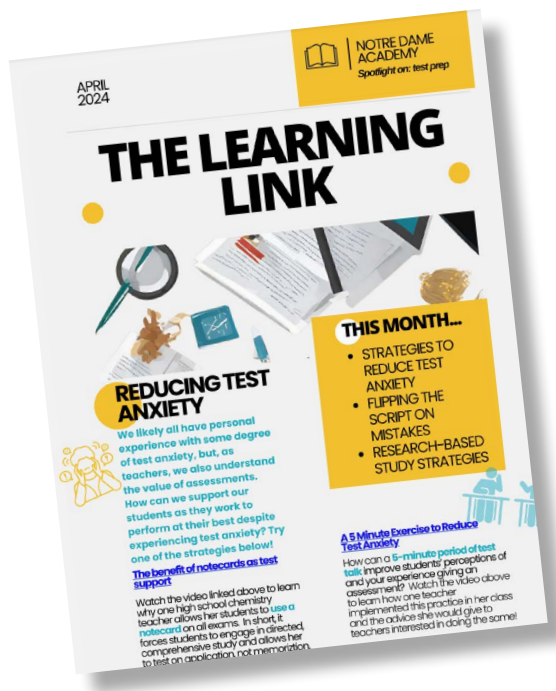
MATH CLUB AND MU ALPHA THETA VISIT VONLEHMAN + DEAN DORTON CPA FIRM

Math Club and Mu Alpha Theta members took a trip to VonLehman + Dean Dorton CPA and Advisory Firm on Monday to hear from a 2010 NDA Alum, Courtney (McHale) Venard. Courtney is a senior account manager and answered many questions that the members had about her prior education, everyday life on the job, and potential career opportunities. Thank you Courtney for taking time out of your busy schedule to meet with our members!



PANDA SPIRIT WEAR! BAMBOOTIQUE

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



THE LEARNING LINK

EMPOWERING FACULTY FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Our Assistant Principal of Academics, Mrs. Molly Proudfit, publishes a monthly newsletter called THE LEARNING LINK for our dedicated faculty. This invaluable resource ensures that our educators are equipped with the best tools and strategies to support both our students' academic growth and their overall success.

This month's edition of THE LEARNING LINK is particularly focused on empowering our faculty to help students develop effective study strategies. With final exams approaching, it's crucial that our students have access to research-based methods that will maximize their learning potential. By implementing these strategies in our classrooms and sharing them with our students, we're ensuring they have the support they need to excel.

At NDA, we pride ourselves on practicing excellence at all levels, and THE LEARNING LINK is just one example of how we're committed to providing our students with the best possible educational experience. Thank you for your continued support in our mission to nurture confident, successful learners.



DELICIOUS NEWS

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 to avoid overdue account issues. Thank you!

FELICEM DIEM NATALEM, ROMA! MMDCCCLXXVII ANNOS!

On Monday, our Latin students commemorated the 2,777th anniversary of Rome's foundation. Rome's "birthday," a holiday known as Natale Di Roma in Italy, is celebrated in Rome with historical reenactments, a parade around the Colosseum, gladiator fights staged in the Circus Maximus, period costumes, and much more. According to legend, Romulus founded Rome as a tiny village on the Palatine Hill in 753 BC, and historians have put the day as April 21st. The ancient Romans also celebrated on April 21st, with a spring festival called Parilia. Latin students decorated cookie cakes and read about the Natale Di Roma celebrations in Italy to commemorate this anniversary.



PLEASE NOTE!
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PLEASE NOTE 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



YEARBOOK

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS! YEARBOOK SENIOR ADS ON SALE!

Attention parents of seniors! You're understandably proud of your daughter. Why not say so in her senior yearbook and help support the NDA yearbook program at the same time? Ads are on sale for the next month and start at just \$75! Just go to jostens.com and search Notre Dame Academy to design your ad! Please email glynnr@ndapandas.org if you have any questions!

SENIOR recognition ads
The following advertisements were purchased by parents and supporters of these seniors. The NDA Publications staff thanks you for your support of our yearbook!

Keira Schneider
Congratulations, Keira! You've always amazed us with the incredible amount of work and hard work you put into everything you do. We are so proud of you and wish you all the best in your future endeavors. We love you and miss you. We can't wait to see where your hard work and high heart will take you!
Mom, Dad, Matt and Austin

Kate Slocum
Congratulations on an incredible year! You've always amazed us with the incredible amount of work and hard work you put into everything you do. We are so proud of you and wish you all the best in your future endeavors. We love you and miss you. We can't wait to see where your hard work and high heart will take you!
Mom, Dad, Matt and Austin

Tori Danneman
Congratulations Tori! These past four years have passed by so quickly and the memories you have made will last a lifetime. We are so proud of the person you have become and all of the accomplishments you have achieved. Thank you for all your years in school and on the sports that you participated in. It has been such a love you very much and each year to see what the future holds for you. We love you!
Mom, Dad, Ryan, Will and Leo

Alexandra Cain
Congratulations, Alex! You were an incredible part of our lives and we are so proud of the person you have become. We are so proud of you and wish you all the best in your future endeavors. We love you and miss you. We can't wait to see where your hard work and high heart will take you!
Mom, Dad, Ryan, Jack, Oliver and Lily



SPRING MUSICAL SOUND OF MUSIC

Congratulations to our talented theatre students for delivering an outstanding performance of *The Sound of Music* this past weekend! Their dedication and hard work truly were evident as they captivated the audience and brought the beloved musical to life!



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](http://www.ndapandas.org).

SUMMER Opportunities!

Art Athletics Music Something Fun Drama

Notre Dame Academy has for everyone this summer!

Check out all of the summer opportunities available at www.ndapandas.org



Notre Dame Academy Graduation 2024

"Congrats Pandas!"

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. (12 tickets per student will be given out in the coming weeks).

A more [detailed information sheet](#) was shared with the students prior to Spring Break. The reservation form for the Senior Breakfast will be coming out soon as well.

ALSO, don't forget - YEARBOOK SENIOR ADS ARE ON SALE.

Ads are on sale for the next month and start at just \$75! Just go to [jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) and search Notre Dame Academy to design your ad! Please email glynnr@ndapandas.org if you have any questions!

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

Tennis -

Last week, the Varsity Tennis Pandas defeated Campbell County 4-1, St. Henry 3-2, and Simon Kenton 5-0. This week, they defeated East Central 3-2 and Ryle 3-2. They will take on Conner on Wednesday at Boone Woods Park at 4pm and Greenwood on Saturday at the NDA tennis courts at 11am. Great job and good luck Pandas!

GO PANDAS!

LET'S HONOR OUR ATHLETES!!!

Our Softball PaNDAs are up for team of the week and one Softball PaN-DA is up for player of the week.

Notre Dame – The Pandas have won six of their last seven games after beating St. Henry 15-0, Conner 1-0 and Holy Cross 16-1.

Madi Jackson, Notre Dame – She threw a three-inning no-hitter against St. Henry, striking out seven as the Pandas won 15-0.

[Vote Here](#) and vote every hour from your phone.



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



JUNIOR COLLEGE INFORMATION SESSION NAVIGATING COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY AND APPLICATION PROCESS

On Thursday, April 25 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 in Alumnae Hall. Dan Bisig from College and Beyond will be presenting on “College Affordability,” 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. In collaboration with CCH, Jess Brown and Erin Stanley will be sharing some school-specific information about the college application process and what to expect moving forward. Registration is not required and we hope to see you there!



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

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

CELEBRATING SUCCESS IN THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM AND BEYOND



Governor's Scholars Program (GSP): 6 Students Accepted (1,050 in KY)

After a rigorous application process that lasted most of the year, these six Pandas have been selected into the 2024 Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program, out of 1,813 finalists. They will spend five weeks this summer on a KY college campus (Centre College, Morehead State University, or Murray State University), studying interesting topics, going on field trips, listening to intriguing speakers, watching captivating performances, working on service-learning projects, living in a college dorm, nurturing their sense of learning and leadership, and making new friends from all around the state! Be sure to congratulate them when you see them! We are very proud of them!

Ava Deegan
Hannan Dusing
Ashley Neltner
Julianne Shriver
Josephine Stallard
Emma White



Governor's School for the Arts: 7 Students Accepted

These talented and creative students have been selected to spend three weeks this summer on the campus of the University of Kentucky with the Governor's School for the Arts. These seven Pandas will be immersed with students from across Kentucky in a rigorous schedule of daily seminars, master classes, lectures, hands-on workshops, and field trips. While each student specializes in one of nine art forms, all students participate in structured, interdisciplinary arts experiences designed to familiarize them with the joys and challenges of specialties other than their own. Be sure to congratulate them when you see them! We are very proud of them!

Lillian Atzinger - Dance
Olivia Koop - Dance
Marisa Bloeme - Visual Art
Chloe Dunha - Visual Art
Abi Fischer - Design
Kat Heuker - Design
Abby Price - Drama

Governor's School for Entrepreneurs: Student Accepted

Notre Dame Academy has this student accepted into the 2024 Kentucky Governor's School for Entrepreneurs. She will spend three weeks on the campus of the University of Kentucky or Thomas More University this summer developing business models, designing prototypes, and learning emerging technologies with other talented students from across Kentucky, then pitching their startup to a panel of potential investors - with the prospect of winning thousands of dollars! Be sure to congratulate her when you see her! We are very proud of you!

Madeline Janszen



ADVANCING THE MISSION

GIRLS' SCHOOLS UNITE SUPPORTING ALL-GIRLS CATHOLIC EDUCATION!



NDA is proud to participate in a unique campaign called Girls' Schools Unite! Just like years past, we are all teaming up; Mercy McAuley, Mount Notre Dame, Seton, Saint Ursula Academy, and Ursuline to raise awareness and financial support for all-girls Catholic education! Today is the last day of the campaign for alumnae to support their alma-mater! The high school with the highest percentage of alumnae participation will be "crowned" the winner and will receive the coveted trophy on April 26, 2024!

This campaign is about the future of a generation! This future is dependent on the support of the women who came before them, our alumnae. When our entire alumnae community comes together as one to unite for a common goal—the education of all our young women, we all celebrate that success together!

How can you participate? It's easy! Simply make a gift to the annual fund at Notre Dame Academy TODAY! Gifts can be made online [HERE](#).

Thank you for your gift, and thank you for your support of all-girls Catholic education!

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.

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26TH ANNUAL
GOLF OUTING

SAVE THE DATE
JUNE 7, 2024

KENTON COUNTY GOLF COURSE
18-HOLE, 8:00 A.M. SHOTGUN
9-HOLE FUN SOCIAL, 10:30 A.M.



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

- Ed Choice - Kentucky's School Choice Amendment
- 2023-24 Thomas More Dual-Credit Information Sessions
- Molly Mayer's Studio of Dance

Important dates

April 25	Baby Day
April 26	Orange and White Pep Rally Senior Dinner Dance - 7:00 p.m.
April 28	Orange and White Flag Football Game
May 2	Blue family - wear blue shirts or family shirts/Feast Day of St. Joan of Arc
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 13	Student Council Representative Elections
May 13-14	Quilt and Garment Show
May 14	Academic Signing 3:30 p.m. - Gym Academic Awards - Theatre
May 15	Senior Breakfast in Theatre Parking Lot/Wear College Apparel Faculty / Staff Send Off
May 16	Spring Showcase - Theatre Class, Dance Pandas, Panda Tones Senior Luncheon 12:00 p.m. - Alumnae Hall, Theatre, Auditorium Senior Sendoff 2:00 p.m. - Auditorium
May 17 - 18	Senior Exams
May 18	Theatre Banquet
May 20-22	Exams for Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors
May 23	Cleaning Day Faculty Luncheon - Alumnae Hall Baccalaureate Mass - St. Agnes
May 24	Senior Recognition Breakfast - Receptions, Erlanger Graduation - NKYCC
May 27	Park Hills Memorial Day Parade with NDA/CCH Band, Color Guard and Dance Pandas
June 7	Golf Outing