



## Dear Parents,

The 2022-23 school year is quickly coming to a close. Each year it seems as if the fourth quarter moves more quickly and is busier than the year before. I hope you will take a few minutes to read through the many announcements below. We have much to celebrate at NDA in the talents and dedication of so many students and faculty.

Please join me in congratulating three members of our NDA faculty and staff who made their covenants with the Sisters of Notre Dame and became SND Associates this past weekend. Jen Ericson, Michele Johnson and Karen Brungs each completed the year-long SND Associates program giving them a much deeper appreciation for the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

I am happy to report that our cardiac emergency response drill was very successful on Friday. Our students, faculty and staff did a wonderful job practicing the process of a cardiac emergency. Representatives from Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center were on hand to witness the drill and they were very complimentary about how competently our community responded - especially our students. Now that the student drill has been completed, we are well on our way to becoming a Heart Safe designated school in collaboration with Cincinnati Children's Heart Institute and Project ADAM. I would like to thank our entire NDA community for their diligence in keeping our campus safe and healthy.

As you will see below, next week NDA will participate for the first time in Girls' Schools Unite. We are very excited to work with the other all-girls schools in the region to raise awareness and financial support for all-girls Catholic education. While our schools have different cultures, traditions and programs we are all committed to providing an excellent all-girls Catholic education to the young women in our region. If you haven't already done so, please consider making a gift to our 2022-23 Annual Fund within the next week. The school with the highest percentage of alumnae participation will be "crowned" the winner.

I hope you have a wonderful week and I thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education.

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!

## THE VOTES ARE IN... CLASS CO-PRESIDENTS ELECTED

Congratulations to our newly elected Class Co-Presidents for the 2023-2024 school year!

Senior Class Co-Presidents  
Jasmine Barczak  
Jackeline Otto

Junior Class Co-Presidents  
Keira Lucas  
Josie Stallard

Sophomore Class Co-Presidents  
Erin Piatt  
Ella Nienaber

# CONGRATS!



## GET YOUR POINTS IN THIS WEEK FAMILY COMPETITION UPDATE

Our first annual Family Competition will come to an end next Friday, May 5! Students can still earn points for attending events, school attendance, service, and any end of the year awards they might receive. The winning Family will receive free coffee from Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck and will have their name put on the Family Competition Trophy! Current standings are...

- 1st Place- St. Hildegard of Bingen (Purple)- 721
- 2nd Place- St. Joan of Arc (Blue)- 671
- 3rd Place- St. Rose of Lima (Pink)- 554
- 4th Place- St. Gemma Galgani (Green)- 406



## SEVEN YEARS AND COUNTING STUDENT COUNCIL EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to our Student Council, which was awarded the National Gold Council of Excellence Award for the 7th year in a row! This is a prestigious award and is a testament to all of the great work that our Student Council does here at Notre Dame Academy!



## BECOMING A HEART SAFE SCHOOL CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE DRILL DEEMED A SUCCESS

Last November Notre Dame Academy partnered with Cincinnati Children’s Heart Institute through one of our alumnae to ensure that our school has a cardiac emergency response plan in place. Our goal at NDA is to protect the health and wellbeing of our school community while continuing to meet our responsibility to educate our students so this partnership to make NDA “Heart Safe” has been a priority this school year.

Last Friday, we put our plan into action in a Cardiac Emergency Drill and our students, faculty and staff did an AMAZING job! The drill was definitely a team effort and a great example of how we collaborate to make a difference at NDA!

We would like to thank the team from Cincinnati Children’s Heart Institute and Project ADAM, Chief Rigney from Park Hills Fire Department, The City of Fort Wright, KY Fire/EMS Department and our incredible students, faculty and staff for participating in NDA’s drill and helping Notre Dame Academy become a “Heart Safe” school!



## FAITH IN ACTION SND ASSOCIATES

Congratulations to NDA faculty and staff: Jen Ericson, Michele Johnson and Karen Brungs! This weekend they made their covenants with the Sisters of Notre Dame and became SND Associates. This is a year-long process and gave them each a chance to experience the charisma of the SND more deeply.



## WIT AND WORDS MEMBEAN TRAINING IN ACTION

Congratulations to sophomore Ella Walsh! Ella was one of the winners of the Membean’s National Meme Contest. She won a \$50 giftcard for her entry.



ACT SCORE: 36

## PERFECT PANDA

Congratulations to NDA junior Clara Heberling on receiving a perfect score on the ACT!



VOTE FOR YOUR FELLOW PANDA

## RISING ARTIST COMPETITION

Vote for senior Monica Geiman in this year's Tristate Rising Artists competition for high school violinists hosted by NKU. Voting for the audience choice award is now open until tomorrow night (April 27).

You can see the videos and find a link to vote here: <https://www.nku.edu/academics/sota/music/current/ensembles/strings/rising-artist/videos.html>.



MASTERPIECE MOMENT

## IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE FOR FRENCH STUDENTS

Recently NDA French classes visited the Van Gogh experience in Cincinnati. They learned about the artist, and his time spent in the South of France - where he produced some of his most famous masterpieces. Afterwards, they ate lunch at Findlay Market and enjoyed trying several different kinds of food. Many returned to school with delicious baguettes!



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## UGANDA PANDAS 5K WALK/RUN

Congratulations to the Uganda Pandas for hosting a successful 5K this past Saturday. Funds raised will be used to support young women in our sister school in Buseesa, Uganda. A special shout out to the executive leaders of this club for their leadership and effort: Co-Presidents Kayla Northcutt, Sammi Flowers, Secretary Zoe Rassati and Treasurer Lydia Dusing.

Well done!

A huge thank you to this year's Platinum Sponsors!

LeRoy and Kathy Johnson

American Trailer Rental Group





## WAY TO GO PANDAS! **ORANGE & WHITE**

Orange & White is an annual flag football game against St. Ursula which was instituted to honor Natalie Bradley, and SUA alum who died of Leukemia shortly after graduation. This year we also honored Nora Spears, an SUA Senior who died of cancer earlier this year. The game raises money for pediatric cancer research at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. After a hard fought battle on Sunday the game ended in a tie at 42-42 thanks a to a last second NDA touchdown! Despite the cold weather we had a great turnout and hopefully raised a lot of money for cancer research! The final numbers are yet to come!



# Come Celebrate Earth Day

Join Environmental Club Thurs 4/27 to clean up campus!



When: 3:06 pm

Where: Meet at the pews by the GLC

What: Collecting recycling and picking up litter from campus

Pizza and environment-themed dessert included with attendance

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR TOMORROW!

## PANDAS CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

The NDA Environmental Club is sponsoring a Campus Clean Up this Thursday, April 27 after school. Please see the flyer attached for more information.

Participants will not only help the Earth, but also enjoy pizza and a special Earth Day themed dessert. Also, a service hour will be provided as well as Family points for the Family with the most participants.

LEARNING TO LEAD

## NDA STUDENT LEADERS ATTEND “BLAZING THE TRAIL: WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP” AT XAVIER

Student Council members and the Business Principles class, with teachers Miss Hilbert and Miss Smith, attended Xavier University's Center for Women in Business and Leadership Speaker Series last Thursday. Our students joined other schools, such as Mount Notre Dame and Seton High School, in a panel discussion with women leaders in business including executives from P&G, US Bank, and keynote speaker Fawn Weaver, who is the Founder and CEO of Grant Sidney, Inc and Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey. Fawn even joined one table of NDA students for a small group discussion. After the morning's interactive discussion, our students felt "empowered, inspired, and motivated" about being leaders in college and in their future careers.

Following a brief campus tour of Xavier, students gathered for lunch and an interview-style presentation by Fawn Weaver. Originally from LA, Fawn is a successful entrepreneur, bestselling author of "The Happy Wives Club," and CEO & Founder of the fastest-growing American whiskey brand of all time, surpassing \$1B in total value in just 4 years. Fawn's captivating story from high school drop out to novelist to entrepreneur was so inspiring that some of our students even got goose bumps while listening to her presentation. Overall it was a very impactful day that inspired our student leaders to work toward even bigger dreams of community and even nationwide leadership.



### Women in Business and Leadership Speaker Series

April 20, 2023, 12 p.m.

Schiff Conference and Banquet Center at the Cintas Center

#### SAVE THE DATE!

This year's Women in Business and Leadership Speaker Series features Fawn Weaver, serial entrepreneur, nationally renowned speaker and the first non-celebrity Black American woman to build a \$1B+ company from the ground up.

Featuring  
Fawn Weaver  
CEO of Grant Sidney, Inc.,  
Bestselling Author,  
Investor & Marriage  
Advocate, Founder of  
Happy Wives Club

XAVIER UNIVERSITY  
CENTER FOR WOMEN IN  
BUSINESS AND LEADERSHIP





LET'S PICKLE!

## PICKLEBALL CLUB NEWS

At their meeting last week, the Pickleball Club hosted Don and Martha Seibert from the USA Pickleball Association to run a workshop teaching the fundamentals, rules, and regulations of Pickleball. It was a beautiful afternoon and fun was had by all.



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!

SALE OF THE WEEK

## BAMBOOTIQUE

Attention Panda sports fans! The official NDA micro fleece blanket is half price this week! Shop online [HERE](#).



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY  
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**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](mailto:attendance@ndapandas.org). Remember you can always call the school office with any questions 859-261-4300.

# ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

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. Graduates were notified that they each will receive 12 tickets for the graduation ceremony. Talk to you daughter about the details!

**ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK  
RECOGNITION AD TODAY!**

**DEADLINE:  
MAY 11**



## CREATE AN AD FOR YOUR SENIOR! YEARBOOK RECOGNITION ADS

Parents: don't miss out on the opportunity to order your 2022-23 yearbook, Finding our Groove, at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com).

Senior Parents, recognize your daughter with a yearbook recognition ad. **THE DEADLINE IS MAY 11!** You can read more details [HERE](#).

**SENIORS &  
SENIOR PARENTS  
PLEASE NOTE!**



## FROM OUR STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Graduation! It's almost here! We are rounding third and heading for home. Due to the potential for the spread of senioritis amongst the senior class (it tends to be extra contagious this time of year), Mrs. Stanley is asking for parents' help in reminding students to complete the "College Information Survey Class of 2023" and "Scholarship Report 2022-2023" Google Forms. We are asking students to list the schools they applied to, the schools they got accepted to, where they were deferred, any scholarships they received, etc. The links to these Google Forms have been sent in several emails to your students and they have been reminded over announcements to complete them, however we are still missing responses from a significant amount of students.

Please encourage your senior daughter to complete these reports to the best of their AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. It's imperative that they turn this information in as we plan for graduation, Academic Signing Day, awards banquets, awards booklets, etc. These two reports need to be filled out in order for your daughter to be eligible for the Academic Signing. Your daughter will be invited to attend if she has earned a scholarship that covers at least half the cost of tuition wherever your daughter is planning to enroll. We only know this information if these two Google Forms are completed.

Thank you for your help and let [Mrs. Stanley](#) know if you have any questions or concerns!



# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



## HONOR AN ATHLETE SUPPORT THE NDA GOLF OUTING

Get a life size cutout of your student athlete! This is a great way to honor our Panda athletes and can be used at senior nights, graduation parties and more! We will have a picture day May 9 and 10 after school in the CLC. Parents can send their daughter to get a picture to be used for the cut out or use your own picture.

**Reserve your picture spot for May 9 and 10!**

## GREAT OPPORTUNITY NDA ATHLETES' SPORTS PHYSICALS

Any student planning to participate in a sport at Notre Dame Academy must have a KHSAA sports physical on file prior to any participation. It is highly recommended to get your daughter's sports physical in May - July prior to the start of the school year. A sports physical in this time frame ensures your daughter's physical is good for the entire school year and for any sport.

KHSAA Physical Form: <https://khsaa.org/forms/ge04complete.pdf>

OrthoCincy is offering FREE Sports Physicals for all student athletes for the 2023-24 school year. This will take place on Saturday, May, 20 from 9:00 am - noon.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to get your daughter ready for any sport at NDA for the 2023-24 school year!

**FREE Sports Physicals**

Bring Completed Physical Forms Signed by a Parent or Guardian.

**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.**

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

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

## HEART HEALTHY 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](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](http://mcorefoundation.org)

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

**Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is the leading cause of death among young athletes and young adults. SCA is not a heart attack.**

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

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If you have questions or need help registering: 866.332.2319  
[mcorefoundation.org](http://mcorefoundation.org)



# NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

## 2023 GOLF OUTING SCRAMBLE

Friday, July 28, 2023-Kenton County Golf Course

Swing Into Action and support NDA Athletics!

18 Hole Outing 8a Shotgun

@ Willows \$125

Fun 9 Hole Social 10:30a Shotgun

@ Pioneer \$90

[Register for Golf Here](#)

Games, Green Fees, Cart  
Auction

Food & Reception

Fun, Festivities and Fundraising!

[Check out sponsorship opportunities here!](#)

# COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



## SERVING OTHERS

### ST. E'S OFFERS STUDENTS VOLUNTEER OPTION



St. Elizabeth's High School Volunteer Program is currently accepting applications for the June through Mid-August session. The commitment is a regularly scheduled 3-4 hour volunteer shift each week in both clinical and non-clinical departments. Any student interested must register online for one of the Applicant Informational Sessions and complete the Online Volunteer Application both linked [HERE](#). If you have any questions regarding St. Elizabeth's High School Volunteer Program, please call (859) 301-2140 or email [volunteer@stelizabeth.com](mailto:volunteer@stelizabeth.com).

## S.T.E.M. OPPORTUNITY

### LEADERSHIP & ENERGY CAREERS CAMP

Duke Energy is offering a one-day Leadership & Energy Careers Camp for young women interested in careers in leadership, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The camp is geared toward a day of discovery through hands-on activities and panel discussions led by successful women leaders at Duke Energy. To apply and to get more information check out the link [HERE](#).



## GATEWAY TO HEALTH CAREER

### HEALTH CAREERS CAMP

Gateway Community and Technical College is offering a Health Careers Summer Camp for students to learn about careers in the healthcare field, meet with healthcare professionals to discuss job duties and education requisitions, learn and apply new skills in simulation labs, earn Basic Life Support Certification, and make new friends! For more information, visit this link or contact Xavier Harden via email at [xavier.harden@kctcs.edu](mailto:xavier.harden@kctcs.edu).



# 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.

## SUMMER BOOTCAMP

# TORCHPREP

Summer is just around the corner and it tends to be a great time for students to focus on ACT® test prep. You can find Summer ACT Test Prep Options from TorchPrep [HERE](#).

[TorchPrep - June ACT 1-week training in Florence](#)

[TorchPrep - June ACT Weekend Warrior in Cincinnati](#)

## FREE One-on-One ACT Tutoring for June and July ACT

Timothy Ward, founder of Free Test Prep Online will be offering some free test prep opportunities for the ACT. If your student is currently a junior and missed out on the 2 FREE sessions earlier this year, now is your chance to take advantage of this opportunity the second time around. If your student is currently a sophomore, you can get them off to a great start learning the most successful ACT strategies!

To sign up your student for the 2 FREE tutoring sessions:

- Text Timothy at 502-269-8447
- Include your name, the student's name and current grade level (Sophomore or Junior), our school name, and the most recent test scores if applicable (composite and individual subjects)

He has room in his schedule to take on 20 new clients the first few weeks of May and will take them on a first-come, first-served basis.



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## RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

# NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

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

WAY TO GO

# NDA STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO GSP

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Lucy Bailey  
Lydia Dusing  
Mia Kent  
Hannah Renaker  
Clare Shay  
Gabrielle White



CONGRATULATIONS

# NDA STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO GSA

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Sophia Santos (11) Creative Writing  
Chanduni Herath (10) Drama  
Mary Cathrine Kelly (11) Musical Theatre  
Molly Rawe (11) Musical theatre  
Nadin Asad (10) Dance  
Keira Lucas (10) Dance



GREAT JOB

# NDA STUDENT ACCEPTED TO GSE

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Emma White (10)



# ADVANCING OUR MISSION



We are counting on you! Help support Catholic education by donating May 1-3!

## Girls' Schools Unite!



## ATTENTION NDA ALUMNAE!

### GIRLS SCHOOL UNITE

Please join us in supporting all-girls Catholic education in Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati by participating in the Girls' Schools Unite alumnae giving challenge!

Notre Dame Academy is excited to partner with Mercy McAuley, Mount Notre Dame, Saint Ursula, Seton and Ursuline to raise awareness and financial support for all-girls Catholic education! This year, the campaign is only three days, May 1-3! We are counting on our alumnae to help us bring home the trophy and bragging rights!

Additionally, Mr. VonHandorf met with the Class of 2023 to discuss the importance of philanthropy and developing a culture of giving. He asked them, our soon to be newest alumnae, to support this challenge. We have seen a great response from our senior class and we are hopeful to have 100% participation!

Click [HERE](#) for more details!

## ATTENTION RISING JUNIORS AND SENIORS

### ALUMNAE MENTOR PROGRAM

#### What is the Alumnae Mentor Program?

Our Alumnae Mentoring Program gives juniors and seniors an opportunity to learn more about the real world experiences of professionals in the student's career field of interest.

Our Alumnae office will match you with an Alumnae Mentor. From there you will meet with her monthly and you will talk about:

*Life | School | College Choices | College Applications | Career Paths*

#### Requirements of the NDA Student Mentee

- Monthly contact with your Mentor with your questions, ideas and other items to discuss
- Quick response to Mentor (within 48 hours)
- Set up shadow day with Mentor and school (if applicable)

#### Rising Seniors (Class of 2024)

- If you are a returning participant, please complete the application and follow the prompts to keep the same mentor.
- If you would like a new mentor because your career interests have changed, please complete the entire application.
- If you are new to the program, please complete the entire application form.

#### Rising Juniors (Class of 2025)

You must complete the entire application to be considered for this program.

Click [HERE](#) for the application.

## ALUMNAE MENTORING

Class of 2024  
Class of 2025

Program for Rising Juniors & Seniors for the 2023-2024 School Year

# COMMUNITY



# NEWS

## SHARING OUR

## Community News

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

- Intern in SND Mission Advancement Department
- Positions Available for Students and Parents
- House Bill 174 - Pro-Educational Choice Constitutional Amendment
- Ed Choice
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?

## Important dates

April 27	Mass in Chapel at 7:20 a.m. Baby Day
April 28	Mass in Chapel at 7:20 a.m. Food Truck Day Senior Dinner Dance
April 30	Band Concert
May 1	AP Exams begin
May 5	May Crowning
May 6	Language and Math Placement Test
May 11-13	Quilt & Garment Show
May 12	Spring Sports Pep Rally
May 17	Senior Luncheon and Senior Send Off Academic Awards in evening
May 18	Senior Exams begin Spring Showcase 6 pm with Intro Theatre Class, Dance Pandas, PandaTones
May 20	Theatre Banquet
May 22	Exams begin
May 25	Cleaning Day Graduation Practice Baccalaureate Mass
May 26	Senior Breakfast Graduation