



THE *nda* LIFE

## Dear Parents,

You have probably seen the announcement from our Board of Directors earlier today stating that I will remain at NDA for the upcoming school year. As I told our faculty and staff this morning, since turning in my letter of resignation in February, I have explored several opportunities inside and outside of education. I have had time to reflect on those experiences and my path forward. Each time I kept coming back to education. As I looked at other educational options, I recognized how blessed I have been to work with everyone at NDA - our students and the NDA community. Since my first day at NDA the mission, vision and values, along with the charism of the SND, have aligned with who I am. Every day is not perfect but when we face a challenge at NDA, we address it collaboratively. This is at the core of how I want to work. I have said this to our faculty and staff many times, we do this together as a team. I often tell our faculty and staff at NDA that we all have a hand in getting our students across the stage at graduation and that's very true.

I have learned a lot this past year from Mrs. Miller and from our assistant principals, Mrs. Timmerding and Mrs. Proudfit. I recognized that I have some areas of growth as a principal. It has been rewarding to work in this administrative model with Mrs. Timmerding and Mrs. Proudfit. The three of us will continue to grow as a team to better support our entire community and I am excited about the work ahead of us.

Mrs. Kleier and I have worked alongside of each other for 9 years. We have all seen the quality of her work and I know she will bring the same to her interim president role. I will do all that I can to support her in this role.

I know it is human nature for people to speculate and question about this decision of mine. This time will not be different. I am going to choose to focus my time, energy and effort on how to move NDA forward. May is our busiest time of the year and we have work to do. I am grateful, honored and blessed to be continuing as the principal of NDA next year.

NDA has been a reliable and stable institution for 118 years. We stand on the shoulders of the giants that have gone before us but also on the 5 giants we are blessed to still have in our building on the 4th floor. We will continue our work as "SND Educators" and to make sure our graduates are ready to make a difference in the world.

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





# NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

*Educating Women to Make a Difference*

May 1, 2024

## **Statement from Notre Dame Academy**

The Notre Dame Academy (NDA) Board of Directors announced on Friday, April 26, that Mrs. Trish Miller has resigned from her position as President of Notre Dame Academy. The Board of Directors accepted her resignation effective immediately.

In an effort to ensure continuity and stability for Notre Dame Academy during this time of transition, the Board of Directors announced the appointment of Mrs. Jane Kleier as Interim President of NDA this morning. Additionally, they shared the news that their recent principal search was not successful in finding a suitable candidate to serve as principal of NDA and that, after much reflection and discernment, Mr. Jack VonHandorf has rescinded his resignation from NDA and will serve as Principal of NDA in the upcoming school year.

The Board of Directors is confident that Mrs. Kleier and Mr. VonHandorf are committed to working collaboratively during this interim period to ensure the continued success and growth of NDA. They believe that their leadership, along with the support of the entire NDA community, will bring stability to NDA during this time of transition, which is critical for the well-being of NDA students.

In accordance with the NDA Bylaws, the Board of Directors will oversee the process of finding a suitable successor to fill the role of President. Understanding the importance of this process, the Board of Directors is fully committed to identifying the best candidate to lead NDA forward.

NDA is a school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame USA, and the Board of Directors is deeply grateful for their support and guidance during this challenging time. The SND USA Ministry Board and the National Sponsorship and Network Office support the governance role and work of the NDA Board during this unexpected leadership transition. They will continue to provide feedback and support to the governing board on best practices, ensuring a commitment to mission, Catholic identity, and sustainability.

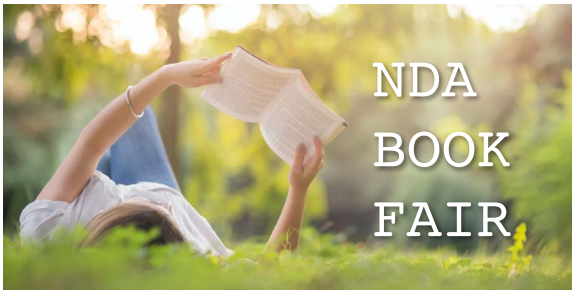
The Board of Directors understands that recent news may raise questions or concerns among its stakeholders and assures transparency and open communication throughout this period of transition. Please understand that NDA respects the privacy of its current and former employees and therefore does not discuss the details of private personnel matters. Additionally, please know that Notre Dame Academy remains financially stable. The recent leadership transition at NDA was in no way influenced by financial considerations. Continued support and trust in Notre Dame Academy are deeply appreciated.

The Board of Directors expresses its deepest gratitude to Notre Dame Academy stakeholders for their steadfast support during these challenging times of leadership transition. Continued support and trust in Notre Dame Academy are deeply appreciated.

The NDA Board of Directors will continue to navigate through this leadership transition with grace and strength, always keeping the best interests of its students and Notre Dame Academy's mission at heart.

# Student Life

## 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 next Wednesday from 8:30 - 1:00 in the gym. The Blue Marble, Roebing Books and the Ave Maria Bookstore will be in attendance with a plethora of books. 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

## PROFILE IN COURAGE ESSAY CONTEST

Junior Mia VonLehman was selected as a finalist in the 2024 *Profile in Courage Essay Contest*. With 2,313 essays submitted from students in fifty states and fifteen countries, it is a tremendous accomplishment to have placed as a finalist in the competition. In May, Mia will receive an award check for \$1,000 and a hardcover copy of Profiles in Courage. Congratulations Mia!

# CONGRATS!



### A NIGHT TO CELEBRATE

## THE MOST LIKELY SENIORS

Our senior class students enjoyed an evening together last Friday to begin their graduation celebrations. The season of lasts continued with their Senior Dinner Dance. The ladies came dressed in their Sunday best and enjoyed a catered dinner, some dancing, and of course the traditional Senior Superlatives. The Senior Class Co-Presidents, Jasmine and Jackeline emceed the evening and kept the students entertained as each student was honored and celebrated. It was a special and intimate gathering for them as they are unified forever as the NDA Class of 2024.



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY  
Bambootique

### PANDA SPIRIT WEAR!

## BAMBOOTIQUE

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

# ORANGE AND WHITE

## HOPE IN MOTION

# NDA PANDAS VS. ST. URSULA BULLDOGS FLAG FOOTBALL GAME FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER RESEARCH

The traditional Orange and White Flag Football Game held between our NDA PaNDAs and the St. Ursula Bulldogs took place this past Sunday. This event benefits the Giving Hope To Kids Organization at Children's Hospital. They work to help fund research for childhood cancers and proper treatments. To prepare our students for this amazing event and allow them to see the importance of this service work, we held a Pep Rally last Friday. Mrs. Rita Bradley came and spoke to the students about the fight her daughter Natalie faced for months before losing her battle to leukemia. Natalie was a 2009 graduate of St. Ursula Academy. She fought a long and hard battle, much longer than the prognosis her family was given. The Bradley family attended the football game and spoke of its importance to their daughter Natalie who "marched to the beat of her own drum." They said that she would be honored that an event such as this is held to benefit those fighting her fight.

Our PaNDAs and their Bulldogs entertained a large crowd as they played flag football. The halftime show was choreographed by Bulldogs and PaNDAs and performed by some boys from St. X and CCH. It was an amazing event that allowed four schools to come together to benefit such an incredible and needed cause. The PaNDAs did not come out victorious however as the Bulldogs beat them 19 to 6. They never quit and were fun to watch!!!



# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

We continue to work to celebrate the successes of students with our Student of the Month recognition. Please look [HERE](#) for information about our February Student of the Month, Jade Wachs. Over the course of the next few weeks, we will highlight the students who have been chosen for the past few months.



## 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!

### "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



## TURNING 16 THIS SUMMER?

## IMPORTANT NOTICE SCHOOL DRIVING COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION LETTER

If your daughter is turning 16 years old during the summer months, please have them stop by the office to pick up a School Driving Compliance Verification letter before school is over. The office has modified summer hours and cannot guarantee that someone will be available to



# 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](#))
- 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 is now open. You can register [HERE](#). Please also watch for an email to come today regarding additional information as graduation approaches.



## CONGRATULATIONS SENIOR LUNCHEON

The Alumnae Office hosts a luncheon for the soon to be graduating seniors to welcome them as our newest alumnae. Seniors please complete this [FORM](#) with your lunch selection by this Friday, May 3. Thank you for your cooperation! If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Mosley at [MosleyL@ndapandas.org](mailto:MosleyL@ndapandas.org).

  
**CONGRATULATIONS**  
*Graduates*



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS GRADUATION PHOTOS

Get ready for picture day by buying an AdvancePay credit to use when pictures are ready! You'll receive a text message when the gallery is published, and your credit will be automatically applied to your purchase when you sign in with your mobile number at checkout. Buy in now!

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

# ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

Congratulations on your daughter's upcoming graduation. It is an exciting time in her life. Saying goodbye to one family and looking forward to the new adventures at the new school, college, or university. She will be well prepared for this next step in her life.

I would appreciate it if you could take a moment to check your PayPam and Facts accounts. The girls will be eating for a few more weeks so that balance will be changing but checking will help you stay on top of the balance due. If you have any questions about the lunch account, you can contact Mrs. Brungs (brungsk@ndapandas.org). For information about Facts account, you can contact Marilyn Slaughter (slaughter@ndapandas.org).

As stated in the NDA Handbook, all tuition and financial obligations must be taken care of before records are released to the student and other institutions. Please take care of these obligations by graduation so that you can enjoy all the celebrations.

-- Janice Schmidt

Assistant Records Administrator

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

# 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](http://jostens.com) and search Notre Dame Academy to design your ad! Please email [glynnr@ndapandas.org](mailto: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

Congrats to our Senior Tennis Pandas!

### Swimming - Diving

AquaPandas Named Greater Cincinnati Winter All-Stars for 2023-2024



The Cincinnati Enquirer announced their Greater Cincinnati Winter All-Stars for 2023-2024. For Girls swimming and diving in Northern Kentucky/Southeast Indiana, junior Sadie Hartig was named Swimmer of the Year. Sadie was also named to the First team for her third year. Joining Sadie on the First team were freshman Abby Carnes and sophomore Danaka Tucker. This is the first year on the First team for both Abby and Danaka. Last year, Danaka was on the Second team. Named to the Second team were freshman Savannah Bien, senior Sammie Poulos, and sophomore Liv Wallace. This is the second year on the Second team for Liv and the first year on the Second team for Savannah and Sammie. Sammie was an Honorable mention last year. Congratulations to all of these All-Stars!

GO PANDAS!

## LET'S HONOR OUR ATHLETES!!!

Please use your phones to vote every hour for some of our Tennis PaNDAs. Congrats ladies and good luck.

### [Vote Here!](#)

Grace Summe, Notre Dame – Against Ryle, Summe had a 6-1, 6-0 victory in third singles, helping the Pandas to a 3-2 win as a team.

Sam Spellman-Claire Shay, Notre Dame – Notre Dame beat Conner 3-2 on April 24 with Spellman and Shay getting a 6-0, 6-0 win in first doubles.







## NOMINATION TIME

# ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

We're happy to announce that Notre Dame Academy will be hosting its Athletic Hall of Fame event this fall! This is an incredible opportunity for us to honor and celebrate the outstanding achievements of individuals who have left a lasting impact on our community.

If you know a former Panda athlete who deserves recognition for her exceptional athletic contributions to NDA, we invite you to nominate her for consideration [HERE](#).



## NOMINATION FORMS

# PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE

Each year, the volleyball players from Notre Dame Academy and St. Henry join forces to support a cause close to our hearts: breast cancer awareness. This collaborative effort not only raises funds but also spreads awareness about this important issue.

During this special event, we honor a cancer survivor and present the Playing for a Purpose scholarship to a deserving individual. You can find the nomination forms for both here:

[Cancer Survivor Nomination Form](#)

[Playing for a Purpose Scholarship Recipient Nomination Form](#)

## KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

# SCREEN THEIR HEART FOR YOUR PEACE OF MIND

A preventative cardiac screening detects underlying heart abnormalities, so you and your child can take precautions. MCORE Foundation will be at our school on May 6 to do non-invasive electrocardiograms and limited echocardiograms, with results read by pediatric cardiologists. Don't miss this opportunity to protect your child's health. Sign up today at the link [HERE](#).



**Is Your  
Child at Risk  
for Sudden Cardiac Arrest?**

# COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



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### **Governor's Scholars Program:**

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



### **Governor's School for the Arts:**

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:**

Madeline Janszen



# 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](mailto: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](#).

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

## Important dates

May 2	Spirit wear for All!
May 3	May Crowning Mass
May 4	Language and Math Placement test for 8th graders
May 5	Band Concert 3:30 p.m. Alumnae Hall, Theatre
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 Archery Celebration in the cafeteria (6-7:00 pm)
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