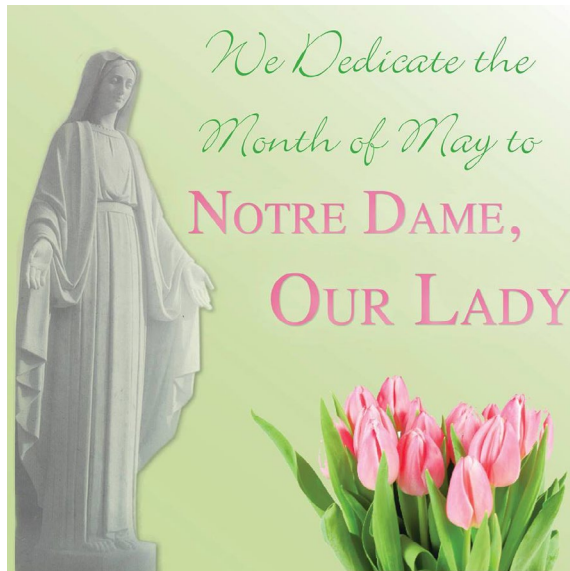




THE *nda* LIFE



Dear Parents,

It's difficult to believe that it is already May. This month at NDA, we focus on wrapping up another school year, exams and graduation. More importantly, as a school dedicated to Mary, we give special attention to our Blessed Mother. This Friday we will honor our patroness at our annual May Crowning celebration.

I would like to invite you to join us for our Panda Fan Zone Breakfast on Friday, May 12 at 7:30 a.m. in our Collaborative Learning Center. We are excited to share the news about how NDA Athletics is taking it to the next level for our elite athletes with our upcoming Buenger Sports Complex Upgrade. You will find an invitation on the following page with a link to reserve your spot the breakfast. I hope to see you there.

It was wonderful to see our seniors enjoy each other's company at their Senior Dinner Dance on Friday night. They have certainly come together as a class and fully understand the sisterhood of Notre Dame Academy. The culture that young women experience in an all-girls school setting is unique and has been part of NDA since 1906 when the Sisters of Notre Dame founded our school. The rich history of Sr. Mary Agnetis, the first principal of Notre Dame Academy, was recently featured in our spring *Notre Damian*. It is a very interesting story and if you haven't already had the chance to read it, I think you would enjoy learning more about our NDA heritage as told by our archivist, Mrs. Nancy Stratman. You can find the article in our *Academy Archives* on our website [HERE](#).

Sr. Agnetis would be thrilled to see how our current students are fully immersed in both their academic and co-curricular activities and engaged in their high school experience. Whether they are involved in athletics, theatre, clubs or have a part-time job, it is important for our students to learn to balance their daily responsibilities at school and at home and focus on positive relationships. At NDA, we appreciate the opportunity to partner with you in this important work.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

You're invited!

Friday, May 12th

**PANDA
FAN ZONE
BREAKFAST**



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

invites you to join us for a Panda Fan Zone Breakfast
Friday, May 12 from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
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We hope to see you there!

RESERVE YOUR SPOT HERE

Student Life



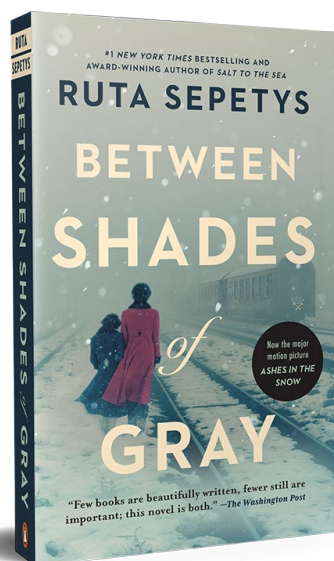
ALL ARE WELCOME MORNING MASS

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



TASTY NEWS... SPRING FOOD TRUCK DAY!

On Friday we had our Spring Food Truck Day. Thank you to Chicken Mac Truck, Pretzelfuls, Holey Donuts, and Kona Ice for coming to campus! Everything was delicious!



2023-2024 COMMON READER BOOK

Notre Dame Academy has selected next year's Common Reader book which is *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys. *Between Shades of Gray* tells a story from 1941 where fifteen-year-old Lina Vilkas is arrested by the Soviet secret police and deported to Siberia with her mother and younger brother. The author's website says Lina is a young woman who fights for her life, vowing that if she survives she will honor her family, and the thousands like hers, by burying her complete story in a jar on Lithuanian soil. Lina's writings and drawings chronicle her fight for survival, her difficulty accepting help from a Soviet guard she's supposed to hate, and her struggle to retain faith in mankind amidst the terror. We look forward to bringing this story to all students, faculty and staff at Notre Dame Academy and celebrating the book's theme when we return next fall.

GOOD LUCK!

ONE MORE VOTE STU CO NEWS

Our final Student Council election for the year is coming up on May 15. Any Freshman or Sophomore who is interested in running to be a Grade Level Representative should turn in their application by this Friday!

FUN NEW TRADITION

SENIOR DINNER DANCE

Friday evening we celebrated our annual Senior Dinner Dance. This event is an opportunity for our seniors to spend an evening as a class with good food, entertainment, and sharing memories. Our Faculty Band was there to provide music and afterwards they shared each student's Senior Superlative. It was a memorable evening for our seniors!



Celebrating Seniors



Class of 2023

We will miss you



class of **2023**

ATTENTION SENIORS

GRADUATION INFORMATION

As your senior year is coming to a close and graduation is quickly approaching, it is time to provide information to assist families in planning for this important milestone.

The graduation celebration begins with the Baccalaureate Mass at 7:00 p.m. on May 25. The Mass will be held at St. Agnes Church. All seniors should attend the Mass and will sit together as a class. Parents/Guardians are invited to attend as well. Seniors should report to the undercroft by 6:45 p.m. They are to wear their graduation gowns but no graduation caps.

On May 26, the Senior Breakfast will be held at Receptions for seniors and their parents/guardians. The breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. All seniors will be individually recognized and future plans announced. We realize that many parents/guardians may have to take off work in order to attend the Senior Breakfast, and I hope you will be able to make those arrangements. The cost of the breakfast is \$30.00 per parent. The student cost is included in the graduation fees. Please note that due to space limitations, only parents/guardians may attend the breakfast and seats will be assigned based on preferences. To register go [HERE](#). Registration is due no later than Friday, May 12, 2023.

Graduation will begin on May 26 at 4:00 p.m. at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. Students should arrive by 3:00 p.m. and doors for ticketed guests will open at 3:15 p.m. Tickets are required for graduation. Each student will receive 12 tickets.

Please go [HERE](#) for more information about all graduation activities, appropriate dress and practices that are required for all.

**ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK
RECOGNITION AD TODAY!**



**DEADLINE:
MAY 12**

CREATE AN AD FOR YOUR PANDA

YEARBOOK RECOGNITION ADS

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

Parents, recognize your daughter with a yearbook recognition ad. **THE DEADLINE IS MAY 12!** You can read more details [HERE](#).



SINGING - DANCING - ACTING

THEATRE SUMMER CAMP SHOWCASE

NDA's Theatre Summer Camp Showcase will be from Monday, June 12 to Friday, June 16 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 17 from 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Show is Saturday, June 17 at 3 p.m.! Camp is available to any students going into 3rd grade through going into 9th grade (10th grade or above can be a camp counselor, email Miss Smith for details).

[HERE](#) is the NDA Theatre camp registration form.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

TAKING CARE OF MOTHER EARTH

On Thursday, April 28, the NDA Environmental Club sponsored a Campus Clean Up. Over 30 students walked the campus and collected over ten bags of trash. The Environmental Club is in charge of the school's recycling program and hopes to spread their love of the Earth to all students.



FUTURE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL

2023 TAP HEALTH SUMMER ACADEMY

The Health Collaborative recently announced the students they have accepted into their 2023 TAP Health Summer Academy and NDA's Josie Stallard was among them. Congratulations Josie!



GOOD DISCUSSION

STUDYING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Fr. Summe recently visited Mr. Goddard's Religion classes to talk about the Sacrament of Matrimony. The students were very engaged in Q&A with Fr. Summe.

NEHS OPEN MIC NIGHT



Thursday, May 4th

6:30-7:30

Alumni Hall

Email weberm24@ndapandas.org
or klemang24@ndapandas.org to
present your work!

Food will be provided

THURSDAY, MAY 4

NEHS OPEN MIC NIGHT

Don't miss NHS's Open Mic Night, tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in Alumnae Hall!



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!

END OF YEAR SALE

BAMBOOTIQUE

Attention Panda sports fans! The Bambootique is having its END OF YEAR SALE - everything is 20% off! Shop online [HERE](#).



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Bambootique

**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.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



CONGRATULATIONS

ALL-STARS

The Enquirer recently announced the 2023 winter all-stars for Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky girls swimming and our Swimming Pandas did very well!

SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

Lainy Kruger defended her state championships in the 200-yard free-style and the 100-yard breaststroke. She won the 200 free by nearly six seconds and the breaststroke by more than two seconds, both in All-American time. The University of Florida commit helped the Pandas finish third in the team standings and bring home a team trophy. She won the breaststroke for the third-straight season and the 200 free for the second year in a row. Kruger also helped two relays finish fourth in the state and finished her career with eight state medals in individual events and six in relays. Congrats Lainy!



COACH OF THE YEAR

Jamie Kelly led the Pandas to the Region 7 team championship and third place at the state meet. Congrats Coach Kelly!

FIRST TEAM

Sadie Hartig
Lainy Kruger
Claire Monahan
Riley Quinn

SECOND TEAM

Sophie Anderson
Danaka Tucker
Olivia Wallace

HONORABLE MENTION

Sammie Poulos

LOVE ALL! SUPER SWEEP BY JV TENNIS!

The JV tennis Pandas claimed first, second and third-place finishes in both singles and doubles at the JV regional tournament Friday and Saturday at NDA.

Senior Natalie Lovell won the singles championship after runner-up finishes as a sophomore and junior. Senior Rachel Panko took second and freshman Lila Harris was third.

Freshmen Paige Conner and Brooklyn Esposito won the doubles title. Juniors Marlee and MaryElle Reynolds finished second and juniors Lexi Mauller and Becca Wirth took third. Freshmen Ella Nienaber and Erin Piatt won their last three matches to take the back-draw championship. Great job Pandas!





RIGHT ON TARGET PANDA ARCHERY NEWS

Last week the Archery Pandas held our annual Season Celebration and Senior Recognition event. 74 archers, parents and family members enjoyed a fabulous feast and an evening of fellowship. Our 5 seniors, Ellie Puglisi, Alexis Nicholson, Keira Schneider, Kate Slocum and Candace Stallmeyer, all of whom were team members for four years, were honored. In addition 24 Panda Archers earned either a Varsity Letter or Bar. Assistant Archery Coaches Mike Bloemer and Megan Paolucci as well as 2022/2023 Co-Captains, Ellie Puglisi and Keira Schneider were thanked for their many contributions during the season. Lea Youtsey and Mack Zemter were introduced as Co-Captains for the 2023/2024 season. Congratulations to the entire Panda Archery Family for a fun and successful season. Next up for the Pandas will be our Archery Camp being held at NDA on June 12, 13 and 14. The camp is open to girls and boys entering the 4th through the 9th grades. Additional information can be found on the NDA/ Athletics/ Summer camp site or by emailing: lonnemanj@nda-pandas.org. ARCHERY PANDAS ROCK!





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

2023-24 School Year: GRADE 6 - HIGH SCHOOL
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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.

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

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

SCA affects 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.

MCORE FOUNDATION

If you have questions or need help registering: 866.382.2319 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



GOOD JOB PANDAS!

REGIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to three of our sophomores: Hannan Dusing, Didi Jiradamkerng, and Maya Lawrie. They have been selected to represent Notre Dame Academy in the 2023-2024 Regional Youth Leadership Program. They were chosen out of a pool of over 115 applications from 40 different schools. Great job girls!

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.

A vertical graphic for TorchPrep Summer Intensive. The background is a gradient from green at the top to purple at the bottom. In the center, there's a white circle containing the text "torchprep SUMMER Intensive BETTER ACT® SCORE IN 4 DAYS". Below the circle, there are silhouettes of palm trees and a person with a surfboard. At the bottom, there's a black banner with white text: "SESSIONS IN JUNE AND JULY PREP IN 4 DAYS, CELEBRATE ALL SUMMER Registration now open - Sign up HERE TORCHPREP.COM | ELITE TEST PREP | 513-599-6559".

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ADVANCING OUR MISSION

Girls' Schools Unite!



more day to support
NDA

ATTENTION NDA ALUMNAE!

TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO DONATE!

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!

ALUMNAE
MENTORING

Class of 2024
Class of 2025

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

ATTENTION RISING JUNIORS AND SENIORS

ALUMNAE MENTOR PROGRAM

There is still time so sign up for the Alumnae Mentoring Program at NDA. This 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

Click [HERE](#) for the application.



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

- SND 4th of July Festival
- Donate to the SND 4th of July Festival
- 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

May 5	May Crowning Mass
May 6	Language and Math Placement Test
May 8	Project ADAM/Hope Squad Celebration
May 9	Academic Signing Ceremony
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 p.m. 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