

Dear Parents,

Last Friday, we gathered as a faith community to celebrate our annual May Crowning Mass. It was a special day to honor our patroness, the Blessed Mother, and to reflect on Notre Dame Academy's educational mission as a school dedicated to Mary. This year the honor of crowning Mary went to senior Sophia Ernst. I would like to congratulate Sophia on her brave and inspiring witness to her faith and devotion to the blessed Mother.

I also extend my gratitude to the Sisters of Notre Dame for their continued tradition of presenting each of our freshmen, new students and staff members with a Miraculous Medal during the May Crowning ceremony. Their dedication enriches our community profoundly.

As you can see below, our students are "Radiating God's Goodness" this year in many ways. They have been very diligent in their studies and co-curricular activities this year and they have earned all sorts of alcaldes for their hard work.

As we approach the end of the school year, there are several important details for our seniors and their families to keep in mind as they prepare for graduation. Please take note of the information below regarding the calendar, Senior Breakfast, graduation photos, ensuring PayPam accounts are up to date and yearbook senior ads. We don't want our seniors to miss out on any of the important events celebrating their time at NDA.

Additionally, I want to bring your attention to the upcoming exam schedule. Senior exams are scheduled for May 17-18, while exams for freshmen, sophomores and juniors will take place from May 20-22. I encourage you to discuss this schedule with your daughter as it can be a stressful time. Let's remind our students to support each other and prioritize healthy choices to manage stress effectively.

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education. It is an honor for us to be part of such important work.

In Notre Dame.

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Student Life



HONORING OUR MOTHER

MAY IS FOR MARY

On Friday, May 3 our school community had the honor of celebrating our patron saint, Mary, Jesus' mother. As is NDA tradition, the seniors were offered the opportunity to write reflections regarding their love and devotion to Mary. These reflections were then read by various faculty and administrators. One student was chosen to crown Mary and to read her reflection as the Call to Worship prior to the liturgy. The other student was chosen to carry the crown during the procession at the start of the mass.

Sophia Ernst was chosen to crown Mary. Her reflection stated that she has turned to Mary in times of trouble, fear and anxiety. Saying the words to the prayer "Hail Mary" has become a very comforting and calming habit for her. She embraces the words, thinks about Mary's bravery and her "YES" to God.

As the liturgy continued, another Notre Dame Academy tradition was highlighted as well. New students and staff members were given the Miraculous Medal. The Sisters of Notre Dame were assisted by other faculty and staff in passing out the medals to each student and faculty member. As each new member of the NDA community received the medal, one of our devoted sisters said words such as, "Know always that Mary loves you very much." As the reflection that was read during the liturgy stated, the medals are not magic, but remind us of the power of God and the strength of Mary.

It was a wonderful liturgy highlighting the bravery and courage of our Blessed Mother.

REVIVING TRADITION

NEW CAPES FOR MAY CROWNING

In anticipation of Notre Dame Academy's May Crowning event, the school's Textiles teacher, Mrs. Tina Nugent Conradi '82 breathed new life into a cherished tradition. Five beautiful capes, reminiscent of those worn in years past, have been meticulously crafted by Mrs. Nugent to honor the occasion. These capes were worn by the student chosen to crown Mary, the crown bearer and the honor guard at May Crowning this year. The new capes definitely added an extra touch of elegance and reverence to the event!



OUTSTANDING NEWS

DRUG FREE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Congratulations to one of our Freshmen, Olivia Browning who is a finalist and prize winner in this year's Drug Free Club Scholarship Essay Contest. To read the award winning essays, click **HERE**.

Congratulations Olivia - way to represent NDA!







SWEET LEARNING

ANATOMY CLASS CRAFTS CANDY NEURONS

Ms. Meese's Anatomy students created candy neurons last Thursday. This helped them learn about the structure and function of the different parts of a neuron and how neurons are used in the Nervous system.

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to Provide an Inclusive and
Engaging Classroom Learning
Environment

Preparing All Teacher Educators

SUPPORTING THE WHOLE CHILD

NDA FACULTY MEMBER PUBLISHED

Our very own Dr. Jen Ericscon is officially a published author in addition to a published researcher! A few months ago one of the editors of ILASCD (Association for Curriculum and Supervision Development) reached out to her asking if she would write an article for them after they read her research paper in a research journal. Of course she couldn't pass up the opportunity. You can read her article **HERE**.



CELEBRATING LITERATURE AND TALENT

NEHS OPEN MIC NIGHT

On Thursday, May 2, the National English Honor Society hosted an Open Mic Night for students. Students read a mix of poetry written by themselves and some written by famous poets. It was a wonderful night celebrating literature. A special shout out to the Lacrosse Pandas, who came before their game that night!



NEW TRADITION

EARTH DAY AT NDA

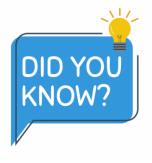
On Wednesday May 1, the NDA Environmental Club participated in the 2nd Annual Earth Day Campus Clean-up. While our school grounds are maintained beautifully, the students did collect several bags of trash and recyclable material. Most importantly, pizza was consumed afterwards!



CONGRATULATIONS

LILLIAN OVERBAY DAY!

Congratulations to Lillian Overbay! Lillian was awarded a Community Achievement Scholarship from the City of Erlanger and designated today as Lillian Overbay Day!



NDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FAQs

Explore the FAQs about NDA's Board of Directors to gain insights into its composition, responsibilities and engagement opportunities. You can find NDA's Board of Directors FAQs **HERE**.

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 hand it out.



MUSIC TO OUR EARS!

NDA/CCH BAND SPRING CONCERT

Congratulations to our NDA/CCH Band and their Director, Mr. Greg Cerimele! They did an amazing job at their Spring Concert this past weekend! Seniors, we will miss you next year!





STUDENTS SHINE AT YOUTH ORCHESTRA CONCERT

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY NOTRE DAME ACADEMY STUDENTS

Congratulations to Notre Dame Academy students Melissa Geiman and Gee-Ann Plaza! These students are part of the Immanuel School of Music Youth String Orchestra and Youth Sinfonia. On Saturday, April 27, the students performed at this year's final Spring Concert, featuring six levels of orchestras. The Youth String Orchestra and Youth Sinfonia also performed and competed at the Worldstrides Heritage Festival, under the direction of Ellen Stephens, in Orlando, Florida. While in Florida, students participated in a fantastic music clinic at the University of Central Florida with clinician Lina Jeong and then performed inside Universal Park. During the competition, both YSO and Sinfonia performed with amazing energy, perfection and spirit! Bravo!

We are so proud of our amazing students! To learn more about the Immanuel School of Music, visit <u>www.immanuelschoolofmusic.org</u>.



¡Viva Español

NDA STUDENTS EXCEL IN NATIONAL SPANISH EXAM

The week of April 8, just as classes resumed from spring break, the Spanish classes at Notre Dame Academy took the National Spanish Exam. The test is given in two parts: one is the achievement section consisting of grammar and vocabulary questions and the second is the proficiency test consisting of questions on listening and reading the language. Many students were recognized for their accomplishments. Every level performed better than 60% of the students in the country. Last year NDA Spanish students earned more medals than any other school in KY. We are hoping to keep our record this year when the cumulative results are announced. Thanks to the parents who are always very supportive of their daughters and help them to achieve amazing goals. Congratulations to the following students:

Spanish 5

Lucy Baily Silver
Ryan Baker Honorable Mention
Sophia Ernst Honorable Mention
Mia Kent Honorable Mention
Georgia Kleman Honorable Mention
Mary Wall Honorable Mention
Mary Weber Honorable Mention

Spanish 4

Hannah Knapke Gold Clara Heberling Gold Ashley Neltner Gold Lauren Agriesti Silver Chanduni Herath Silver Molly Rawe Silver Paige Summe Silver Elise Asch Bronze Layla Ficke Bronze Ali Magary Bronze Nadi Asad Honorable Mention Kate Harris Honorable Mention Didina Jiradamker Honorable Mention Lauren Futscher Honorable Mention Caroline Harper Honorable Mention Keira Lucas Honorable Mention Julia Meyers Honorable Mention Sophia Santos Honorable Mention

Spanish 3

Anna Blair Gold
Kimmie Woeste Gold
Angalea Wuest Gold
Avery Myers Silver
Jane Schuh Silver
Liv Wallace Silver
Ella Kruze Silver
Emma Gates Silver
Sarah Dwyer Bronze
Norah Fathman Bronze
Julienne Shriver Bronze
Ella Long Bronze
Kate Laws Bronze
Josie Bozeman Bronze

Lauren Ott Bronze Josie Stallard Bronze Sarah Alcorn Honorable Mention Allison Dilbert Honorable Mention Madelyn Frondorf Honorable Mention Lila Harris Honorable Mention Maddie Janszen Honorable Mention Lucie Kiely Honorable Mention Cameron Kirtley Honorable Mention Addie Lashua Honorable Mention Tori Lenihan Honorable Mention Elsa Neurohr Honorable Mention Kate Lenihan Honorable Mention Sophia Gibson Honorable Mention Kat Heuker Honorable Mention Olivia Koop Honorable Mention

Spanish 2

Lily Deters Silver Linda France Silver Jacie Hail Silver Kamryn Hopkins Silver Charlotte Little Silver Kate Blettner Silver Camila Garcia Silver Maya Dailey Silver Riley Pope Bronze Chloe Dunham Bronze Emma Holtzafel Bronze Norah Pilgrim Bronze Gracie Portwood Bronze Justine Lashua Bronze Lorna Knarr Bronze Ruth Maier Bronze Kaitlyn Wert Bronze Maddie Brown Honorable Mention Elsie Hanks Honorable Mention Lucy Kleman Honorable Mention Sadie Yapp Honorable Mention Ava Gerwe Honorable Mention Teagan Kruer Honorable Mention Lucy Redlinger Honorable Mention Lizzie Ruwe Honorable Mention Clara Teller Honorable Mention

Macie Teller Honorable Mention
Callie Fedders Honorable Mention
Ava Hehman Honorable Mention
Hanna Kirtley Honorable Mention
Kaylin Lovell Honorable Mention
Erin Piatt Honorable Mention
Peyton Quinn Honorable Mention
Ava Spaulding Honorable Mention
Ava Auberger Honorable Mention
Adison Witajewski Honorable Mention

Spanish 1

Norah Barker Silver Hayley Pelstring Silver Grace Powers Silver Sabrina Scroggins Silver Sarah Young Silver Erin McGraw Bronze Ella Salinas Bronze Ellie Williams Bronze Maria Dusing Bronze Juliana Von Wahld Mendez Bronze Megan Johns Bronze Alexis Abdrabbo Honorable Mention Lizzy Boydston Honorable mention Sarah Jansen Honorable Mention Leah Bowman Honorable Mention Navaeh Carpenter Honorable Mention Emma Miller Honorable Mention Anna Barczak Honorable Mention Brooklyn Kelly Honorable Mention Caroline Bramlage Honorable Mention Alexandra Burg Honorable Mention Juliana Spille Honorable Mention Gracie Haines Honorable Mention Ava Mills Honorable Mention Leigh Wolff Honorable Mention Kathryn Weber Honorable Mention Ashlynn Ruyak Honorable Mention Bella Santos Honorable Mention Sophia Iannarellis Honorable Mention Charlotte Millay Honorable Mention Teagan Kondikt Honorable Mention Malia Christensen Honorable Mention





REFLECTING ON NDA'S BELOVED TRADITION

BABY DAY 2024

NDA's long-standing tradition, Baby Day, sponsored by Mrs. Johnson's Psychology Class, occurred on Thursday, April 25. Twenty-eight children, Including newborns, toddlers, preschoolers and kindergartners were in attendance. The children participated in a variety of activities including an obstacle course, face painting, several other games and fun miniprojects.

Children were also invited to enjoy a taste test, a marshmallow game, as well as several other food-related activities which are always very popular. Students loved working with the children and learned much more than any textbook could ever teach them. Baby Day certainly allowed all of us to experience education at its finest! A huge shout out to our Baby Day coordinators, Annie Bowman and Lily Overbay who kept everything organized and running smoothly. Special thanks to Rory Glynn and his publication students, Sophie Hollenkamp and Anna Farro, for their photography and video skills!

Baby Day is a long-standing tradition that I have been blessed to be part of for many years. It was a pleasure to welcome back many of my former Psychology students and their children. Since I am retiring at the end of this school year, after 41 years at NDA, it was a very special "last" for me. My former Psychology student, Lara (Greife) Heidrich, will be teaching AP Psychology next year. I wish her much success and many blessings!

Mrs. Michele Johnson

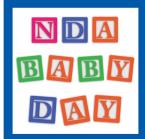


























PANDA SPIRIT WEAR!

BAMBOOTIQUE

Need a graduation gift for an incoming freshman or graduating senior? The Bambootique has all sorts of great gift ideas! Shop at the online Bambootique **HERE**.

"NO SCHOOL" DATES in 2024-25

August 15	Feast of the Assumption
September 2	Labor Day
October 11 *change from original calendar to match Diocese	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



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!



102 YEARS OF FESTIVAL FUN

CELEBRATE THE SND'S

The Sisters of Notre Dame are busy planning two wonderful celebrations this year on July 4th. First is their 102nd 4th of July Festival. The second is their 150th anniversary of the Sisters of Notre Dame arriving in the United States. Eight sisters traveled from Germany to New York arriving on July 4, 1874, and began ministry at Mother of God school and parish in August of the same year. This began an affiliation with many schools in the diocese of Covington and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

The Sisters invite you to participate in their 4th of July Festival. Your presence and partnership gives them the opportunity to share together in the mission of our community!

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Attention Seniors and Senior Parents. The students were given their graduation tickets last week during their lunch. Each student received 12 tickets. Should a family need more tickets, it is possible that other seniors will have some to spare. Mrs. Heidrich is willing to help facilitate that if your daughter needs additional tickets.

- 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 <u>detailed information sheet</u> was shared with the students prior to Spring Break. The reservation form for the Senior Breakfast is now open. You can register <u>HERE</u>. Please also watch for an email to come today regarding additional information as graduation approaches.

SENIOR BREAKFAST

REGISTER TODAY

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On May 24, the Senior Breakfast will be held at Receptions in Erlanger for seniors and their parents/guardians. The breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. All seniors will be individually recognized and we will announce their plans for the future. All seniors are required to attend.

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. To register go HERE. Registration is due no later than this Friday, May 10, 2024



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

PLEASE take a moment to check your PayPam and Facts accounts. 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.





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!

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101 WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AND WHY

Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Every year millions of men, women, and children are trafficked worldwide- including Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati. It can happen to those of any age, race, sex, gender, religion, or nationality.

Please join us to hear from local expert Detective Eric Higgins to find out how we can help those who are being exploited in our community and beyond.

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM Doors open, hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages provided.

6:00 PM Program begins.

Place: Diocese of Covington Curia -Bishop Howard Memorial Hall 1125 Madison Ave. 41011

Parking: On site or at Covington Latin School

Who: All are welcome!

Questions: Call Julie Feinauer@ 859-392-1515 or email jfeinauer@covdio.org.

Eric J Higgins, MS, has been teaching Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Forensics, classes in higher education for fifteen years. Detective Higgins has been working in law enforcement for twenty-six years. Detective Higgins is currently working for the City of Independence, Kentucky as a detective. Detective Higgins retired (December 2019) from the Covington Police Department's Crime Bureau as the financial crimes/homicide investigator, was assigned to the United States Secret Service Task Force and the United States Marshal's Fugitive Task Force. Detective Higgins was previously assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigations task force. Detective Higgins was previously assigned the sex offender caseload investigating and monitoring their compliance with registration laws and has worked in the Crime Suppression Unit as a Narcotics Detective investigating VICE crimes. Detective Higgins holds a master's degree in criminal justice and a Bachelor of Science in Sociology. Detective Higgins is a Certified Peace Officer, Law Enforcement Officer Advanced Investigator, and Certified Crisis Intervention Officer. In July of 2015 Detective Higgins was selected to present to the American Probation and Parole Association, at the 40th Annual Training in Los Angeles, California. He was recruited for this national training event to co-present an End Slave, y 1 OJ workshop, titled: From Victim to Offender: The Response to Human Trafficking in Probation and Parole. This workshop amassed approximately 300 criminal justice professionals including Judges and policy makers. The presentation garnered continued interest by professionals in the field and requests for additional anti trafficking presentations at regional events within the U.S and Internationally.

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.



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**.



VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

LOTS OF PANDAS SPOTLIGHTED THIS WEEK...

Notre Dame Academy tennis – The Pandas beat Lawrenceburg 3-2, Newport Central Catholic 5-0 and Cooper 4-1, remaining undefeated in regional matches.

Abby Turnpaugh, Notre Dame Academy – The junior threw a one-hit complete game shutout in a win over Bishop Brossart, striking out 11 while only walking three batters.

Sam Spellman, Notre Dame Academy – In a match with Newport Central Catholic on May 1, Spellman helped the Pandas to a 5-0 sweep after beating Eva Greene 6-3, 6-2 in first singles.

Bella McElwee-Lucy Bailey, Notre Dame Academy – McElwee and Bailey teamed in first doubles to beat NewCath 6-0, 6-2 and Cooper 6-0, 6-1.

Julia Meyers, Notre Dame Academy – She won the shot-put title at the NKAC Division I championships with a new personal best of 33 feet, 10 inches and took second in the discus with a throw of 99 feet, eight inches.

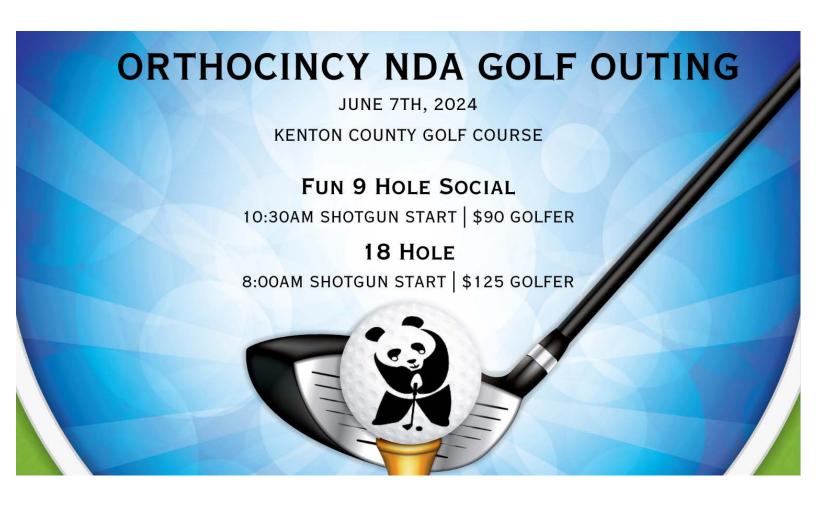
Please vote here for these amazing PaNDA Athletes!!!

ADVANCING THE MISSION

BE A PART OF THE FUN!

GEARING UP FOR NDA'S 26TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

We are so excited for NDA's 26th annual golf outing! It will be taking place on June 7 at Kenton County Golf Course. Join us for an 18 Hole or a Fun 9 Hole Social. For more information and registration, please click **HERE**. We can't wait to see you there!





SHARING OUR

Community News

You can find a complete list of community news HERE.

- · SND 4th of July Festival
- 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 27

June 7

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May 8	Book Fair in Gym
May 9	Alumnae Rosary 12:47 p.m.
May 10	Mass in Chapel - All are welcome! 7:20 a.m.
	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	Senior Luncheon 12:00 p.m Alumnae Hall, Theatre, Auditorium
	Senior Sendoff 2:00 p.m Auditorium
	Spring Showcase - Theatre Class, Dance Pandas, Panda Tones 6 p.m.
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

Guard and Dance Pandas

Golf Outing

Park Hills Memorial Day Parade with NDA/CCH Band, Color