

#### **Dear Parents,**

I hope you and your family are enjoying a relaxing summer break. As I told our students in May, summer is a great time to rest and recharge. The summer break also provides our NDA families with a wonderful opportunity to spend more time together and reconnect. I find that summer also allows me to spend a bit more quality time with God. Whether I'm working in my garden, enjoying a summer hike in the woods or vacationing with my family, spending time in nature and with my family gives me energy and enables me to reconnect with God in a powerful way. I hope you and your daughter are able to find that special time with God this summer too.

If you are looking for an opportunity for prayer this summer, come pray the rosary with us. Our NDA Alumnae Prayer Group is meeting on the second Wednesday of each month this summer to pray the rosary in front of school on Marian Circle. Our first summer rosary was held last week and we had a nice turn out including many of the Sisters from the 4th floor and St. Joseph Heights. Please join us on July 13 and August 10 at 9:30 a.m. to pray the rosary and bring your family and friends with you. All are welcome!

We have chosen our Common Reader for the 2022-23 school year. This year's book is *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. This story is a fictionalized account of the true crimes of Georgia Tann, who operated a child trafficking ring in Memphis, Tennessee, from 1924 until her death in 1950. This ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong. The Common Reader book is a summer reading assignment for all students, faculty and staff at NDA. Parents, I would encourage you to talk to your daughters about their summer reading and consider reading one or more of the books she is reading as well. I look forward to our Common Reader Day of discussion around this year's book and I think you would enjoy discussing your daughter's summer reading with her as well.

Please mark your calendar for our Parent Nights in August. As you can see on the calendar below, Freshman Parent Night will be held on Tuesday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. and Sophomore/Junior/Senior Parent Night will be held on Wednesday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m. I hope to see you there.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

In Notre Dame.

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



# **Student Life**





#### NDA DATA MANAGEMENT

#### FINALFORMS UPDATES

Notre Dame Academy partners with FinalForms, an online forms and data management service which allows you to complete and sign forms for your daughter(s) online. FinalForms saves data from year-to-year, meaning you will never need to enter the same information twice! You may review your data at any time to verify that it is current. You will be required to sign your forms once per year and after any update for which you will be notified. **All parents and students are expected to use FinalForms.** 

#### If you do not have a FinalForms account:

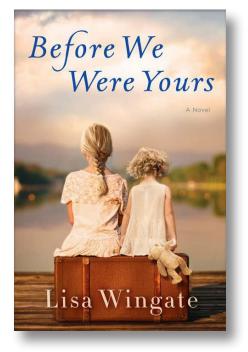
Be on the lookout for your daughter's NDA email address. This will be coming soon and will be needed to set up your Final Forms Account.

#### If you already have an account for a returning student:

Login to your account and click MY STUDENTS to get started.

Please note: if you have already turned in your daughter's immunization record, you do not need to upload separately. School personnel will upload for you.

If you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Grayson at graysona@ndapandas.org.



#### 2022-23

#### **COMMON READER**

The Common Reader book for the 2022-2023 school year is *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

In this historically fictitious novel, author Lisa Wingate explores the lives of families generations apart that are connected by a heartbreaking thread of history and tragedy. In 1939, Rill Foss, only twelve years old, must fend for herself and her siblings after they are taken to an orphanage. At the mercy of a cruel director and the adults in her life, Rill attempts to keep her siblings together and safe. In the present day, privileged young woman, Avery Stafford, has a chance encounter that leaves her questioning her family's history and the reality of her birth. *Before We Were Yours* is a New York Times bestselling novel based on the heartbreaking true scandal of Georgia Tann, a woman whose Memphis adoption center kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families.

The Common Reader book is a summer reading assignment for all students, faculty and staff. In the fall, the school community will celebrate and dive into the many themes of the book. Students will be invited to serve on the Common Reader Day Committee which will plan for our annual Common Reader Day. Information for signing up will be shared at a later time. Happy reading!

Other required summer reading for all grades can be found HERE.

# IMIPORTANT DATES:

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### 2022-2023 CALENDAR

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to access NDA's Google calendar which is accessible through the school's website. Some summer events are highlighted below.

#### **Mark Your Calendars:**

July 12	Freshmen Service
July 21	Freshmen Parent Meet and Greet
July 29	Athletic Department Golf Outing
August 1-4	Bridge Program for incoming Freshmen
August 1-5	Freshmen iPad Set Up Session
August 9	Freshmen Orientation
	Freshmen Parent Night
August 10	Sophomore/Junior/Senior Parent Night
August 11	Faculty In-Service
August 12	Faculty/Staff In-Service
August 16	First Day of School



#### PANDA DRESS CODE

#### **UNIFORMS FOR 2022-2023**

Get ready for the next school year and looking to purchase new uniform pieces? Visit Schoolbelles' website at <a href="http://www.schoolbelles.com/myschool/M37/s1935">http://www.schoolbelles.com/myschool/M37/s1935</a> to purchase.

Approved Uniform pieces are listed below as stated in our Student/Parent Handbook: Notre Dame Academy has a school uniform that consists of:

- a gray uniform skirt or uniform slacks (the skirt or pants must fit properly, be zipped and buttoned, hemmed appropriately and free of stains, rips, and/or holes). Students are required to obtain a new skirt or pants if it no longer zips, has tears, holes, or stains. Please note: Skirt should extend below student's fingertips when arms are fully extended at one's side.
- a white or light blue banded Notre Dame Academy polo shirt
- solid white, gray, black or navy blue socks
- appropriate shoes that have a back to them
- · nametag/lanyard

Optional items that may be purchased and worn with the uniform include:

- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy pullover sweater
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy cardigan sweater
- a navy blue Notre Dame sweater vest new item!
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy sweatshirt (available for purchase through Schoolbelles and NDA's Bambootique)
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy fleece
- a navy blue blazer with NDA's emblem for special occasions such as Mass, award ceremonies, etc.
- gray, black, or navy blue leggings
- black dress slacks for designated events



#### **REGISTER TODAY**

#### NDA GOLF OUTING

NDA's annual golf outing is July 29 at Kenton County Golf Course. Enjoy the 18 hole event or come out for the fun 9 hole social that day to support NDA athletics. Register <u>HERE</u>.

Feel like shopping? Head over the <u>NDA Golf Outing's Amazon Wishlist</u> and support the outing by helping to purchase items for the auction baskets!



#### JOIN US

#### **SUMMER ROSARY**

Our NDA Alumnae Prayer Group will be meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month this summer (July 13, and August 10) at 9:30 a.m. to pray the rosary in front of school on Marian Circle. Please join us - all are welcome!

# NDA ALUMNAE MENTOR PROGRAM

#### **GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR JUNIORS & SENIORS**

# SIGN UP FOR THE ALUMNAE MENTOR PROGRAM!

Classes of 2023 and 2024: Have you ever wanted to job shadow with an NDA alumna who works in the same career field you are interested in? If so, we are inviting you to apply to our Alumnae Mentor Program for the 2022-23 school year. If accepted, this program pairs you with an Alumnae Mentor on a one-on-one basis to develop a great relationship now and for your future. Alumnae Mentors provide you with valuable advice and information for various career options in your field of interest, discuss the best college programs for you, teach you how to develop a compelling resume, let you job shadow to experience a typical day in their profession, plus much more! The application deadline has been extended to Thursday, June 30. Click HERE.



#### **IMPORANT INFORMATION**

#### **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

May 31 - June 3 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

June 6 - June 23 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

June 24 - July 8 Office Closed

July 11 - July 29 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Beginning August 1 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

# AUBREY ROSE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Congratulations to incoming freshman Megan Fedor! Megan was one of 11 students in the Greater Cincinnati area to receive The Aubrey Rose Foundation Scholarship.



#### ORDER BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

#### YEARBOOKS ON SALE!

The 2022 NDA Yearbook, *Make it Count*, is available for pre-order at <u>jostens.com</u> (pick up link if available). The book will cover the entire year through graduation and will arrive in the fall of 2022.

Senior parents, you're understandably proud of your daughter. Why not say it with a recognition ad in the yearbook? You get to choose your words and photos yourself, and designing ads is easy and fun! Just follow this link to get started! **The deadline to submit an ad is TODAY.** 



#### **DOLLAR DEAL**

#### **BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP**

Get them while you can Pandas - NDA Reusable Lunch Containers for **ONLY \$1**! You can't beat that price on these convenient and environmentally conscious lunch containers. You can purchase one online <u>HERE</u>.



#### **SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE!**

#### SND'S 100TH FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVAL

In 1922, Warren G. Harding was president, the Cincinnati Reds played at Redland Field, WLW-AM celebrated its first radio transmission, and the St. Joseph Heights Society hosted the inaugural Sisters of Notre Dame July 4th Festival.

That first festival 100 years ago was held to raise funds for the construction of our St. Joseph Heights building on Dixie Highway. Just as the iconic building still stands today, so do the festival partnerships and traditions we have been fortunate to build over the last century!

We hope you will mark the festival on your calendar (July 4: 1-6 p.m.) and join the Sisters in celebrating Independence Day and 100 years of family-friendly festival fun!



#### TRES MAGNIFIQUE!

#### **PANDAS IN PARIS!**

A group of 15 NDA students and 3 adult chaperones took an educational trip to Paris June 7-13. Pandas had the opportunity to practice their French language skills and immerse themselves in the culture. Places visited include:

The Arc de Triumph, Champs Élysée, Notre Dame, The Eiffel Tower, Versailles, The Louvre, Monparnasse Tower, Galleries LaFayette, Sacre Coeur, Montmartre, and the Latin Quarter.

We also were able to enjoy a night cruise along the Seine river, tour the Fragonard Perfume Museum, and attend mass together at the Church of the Miraculous Medal- the church where our medals originated.

NDA's next Paris adventure is in the works for 2024 - before they host the Olympics!





















## **SUMMER AT NDA**



#### SUMMER ENRICHMENT

#### SO MUCH TO DO THIS SUMMER AT NDA!

Whether you are a computer wizard, budding artist, a musician, a theatre buff, an athlete, or you are just looking for something fun to do this summer, Notre Dame Academy has all sorts of opportunities for you! <u>CLICK HERE</u> to find out more about summer enrichment opportunities at NDA.

NDA's Student Services Department has put together an <u>awesome list of Summer Enrichment Opportunities</u>. Included in the list are resources for college and community enrichment programs available to students over the summer that students can register and sign up for. Program topics range from extracurricular interests all the way to career readiness! Students, feel free to come to the Quad and contact any counselor if you have any questions or need help applying!



#### **ARE YOU INTERESTED?**

#### **SUMMER DONUTS AND MUSIC?**

DON't MISS OUT! Learn a band instrument this summer just like these Pandas

- IT'S FREE!
- ANYONE in Grades 7 12 can join!
- We have NEWER Instruments for you to use ( no charge )
- Flexible Tuesday and Thursday 8 9 a.m. in June and July @ NDA
- Donuts periodically!
- · Bring a Friend!
- Judgement free zone! (Learn at your own pace)

EMAIL Mr. Cerimele TODAY: Gregory Cerimele <cerimeleg@ndapandas.org>



#### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JUNE 20!**

# CALLING ALL INNOVATORS GRADES 6-9

Take fun to the next level with Invention Project®, a one-of-a-kind program for students entering grades 6-9. Invention Project empowers each student to be an innovator by bringing new ideas to life while tackling real-world topics.

Notre Dame Academy is hosting the Invention Project from June 27 – July 1 and our very own Ms. Dooling will be leading the program! Check out <u>invent.org/invention-project</u> or call 800-968-4332 for registration information!

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 20** 



#### **SHARING OUR**

#### **Community News**

You can find a complete list of community news HERE.

- · Pro-Life Boot Camp
- Bringing the gift of music to students
- · Seeking lower tuition payments?

### **Important dates**

June 20-23 Student Leadership Summit

June 24 - July 10 Athletic Dead Period

July 4 SND 100th July 4th Festival!

July 12 Incoming Freshmen Service Day

July 21 Incoming Freshmen Parent Meet and Greet

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August 12 Faculty/Staff In-Service Day

August 15 Holy Day of Obligation - Feast of the Assumption

August 16 First Day of the 2022-23 School Year