



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

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THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

We hope your summer has gotten off to a great start and that you are enjoying the sunny weather. As June progresses, we are busy making exciting plans for the new school year. Below are some updates to aid your planning for 2024-25 at NDA.

Our students have been having an amazing summer filled with enriching experiences. Some have embarked on international trips, broadening their horizons and learning about new cultures. Others have participated in a unique healthcare experience at St. Claire Medical Hospital in rural Kentucky, gaining invaluable insights into the medical field. Several are participating in various leadership programs including the Kentucky Governor's School Programs.

I just got back from one of NDA's summer international trips. I had the pleasure of traveling with our students to France and London, where we had an excellent time and a great experience. The group is pictured below. There will be more about all of NDA's summer trips in the July Panda Press weekly.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer a warm welcome to our wonderful new faculty and staff members. We are blessed to be welcoming so many talented professionals to our vibrant faith community and school in the fall, including experts in textiles, art, business, student services, math and religion. You can read more about each of them below.

Thank you for being a part of the NDA community. We look forward to another successful and fulfilling school year together educating young women to make a difference in the world!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



See you
Monday,
August 12
for the first day
of school!

Have a great day and make good choices!

Student Life

Summer Office Hours at NDA

May 28 - 31 | 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

June 3 - 20 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

June 21 - July 9 | **CLOSED - Dead Period**

July 9 - August 2 | Mon. - Thurs. | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The School Office will be closed on Fridays in July.

August 5 - 9 | 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR SUMMER FROM OUR CAMPUS MINISTER



Service Information

Just a reminder that summer break is a great time to give back to the community!

Here is the [link to the Service Opportunities](#) that have been called into NDA. This document will be updated all throughout the summer.

There are lots of Vacation Bible Schools and Parish Festivals taking place that need lots of volunteers! Remember VBS and Parish Festivals are Blue Hours.

Here is the [link to the Service Requirements and Guidelines](#) for the 2024/25 school year. All hours should be logged and verified using the students Mobile Serve Account. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Bridget Price at priceb@ndapandas.org.



Diocesan High School Retreat

All High School Students in the Diocese of Covington are invited to participate in a retreat at Thomas More University! The Retreat runs July 13 & 14 and costs \$50. For more information and to register - visit the Diocesan Website linked here.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GET READY FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Here are some important dates for this summer as well as our “No School” dates for the 2024-25 school year:



July	11	Freshman Service Day Alumnae Rosary 9:30 a.m. - All are welcome!
	29 - 31	Freshman iPad set up
August		
	1-2	Freshman iPad set up continues
	6-9	Freshman Bridge Program
	6	Freshman/New Student Orientation Freshman/New Student Parent Night
	7	Sophomore/Junior/Senior Parent Night
	8	Alumnae Rosary 9:30 a.m. - All are welcome!
	12	First Day of School
	15	NO SCHOOL - Feast of the Assumption
	16	Opening School Mass
September		
	2	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
	6	Picture Day
	7	Playing for a Purpose Volleyball
	12	Alumnae Rosary 12:50 p.m. - All are welcome!
	18	Donor Scholarship Breakfast
October		
	1	Foundation Day
	11	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
November		
	1	NO SCHOOL - All Saints' Day
	5	NO SCHOOL - Election Day
	10	Open House
	16	Light the Night for NDA
	27	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
	28-29	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
December		
	23	NO SCHOOL Christmas Break begins
January		
	6	School Resumes
	20	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February		
	17	NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
March		
	14	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
April		
	17 - 25	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
May		
	22	Last Day of School
	23	Graduation



STRENGTHENING GLOBAL CONNECTIONS NDA GRADUATE VISITS SISTER SCHOOL IN GERMANY

We are excited to share that recent NDA graduate, Jackie Brueggemann, is visiting our sister school in Vechta! She is pictured here with Charlotte Burwinkel, who was a student at NDA this past fall. Together, they are adding the crest of all the other NDA schools to a wall in their school in Germany. This wonderful initiative symbolizes the strong bonds between our international school communities.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FINALFORMS ACCOUNTS

FinalForms Updates Needed for the 24-25 School Year

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 throughout the year to verify that it is current.

All parents and students are expected to use FinalForms and complete their updates for next year by July 5, 2024 (if participating in athletics) or by the first day of school. FinalForms will be active for the 2024-25 school year beginning on June 10.

Students who want to participate in athletics must upload a valid, signed KH-SAA physical form in Final Forms before participating in any athletic activities, including conditioning workouts, open gyms and tryouts for all sports. **The KHSAA physical form can be found [HERE](#).**

If you do not have a FinalForms account, please create one account at: <https://notredameacademy-ky.finalforms.com> and follow the prompts to create the parent account, begin your daughter's account and sign your forms. Your daughter's NDA gmail must be used when setting up her account.

Once the parent/guardian creates the account, the student will be prompted in her NDA email to submit her forms. Please note: if you have already turned in your daughter's immunization record, you do not need to upload it separately. School personnel will upload it for you.

If you already have an account for a current NDA student and need to add another daughter:

Login to your account and click MY STUDENTS to add another student to your account and make any updates for your returning student. Make sure you are updating information for the 24-25 school year.

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

ATTENTION WORK STUDY AND VOLUNTEERS LIVE VIRTUS TRAINING SCHEDULE

[HERE](#) is the latest Live Virtus training schedule. Please note that all individuals participating in work-study or volunteering at NDA must be Virtus trained. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Leanne Kirn at 859-292-1820.

PLEASE NOTE! ➡

FINALFORMS



WELCOME TO NDA

WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!

WELCOMING NEW TALENT TO OUR NDA COMMUNITY

As we look forward to the upcoming school year, we are blessed to be welcoming many talented professionals to Notre Dame Academy. This fall, we will be joined by experts in various fields, including Textiles, Art, Business, Student Services, Mathematics and Religion.

Their diverse skills and dedication will enrich our educational environment, providing our students with exceptional learning experiences. We are excited to see the positive impact these new team members will have on our community and are grateful for the unique gifts they bring to NDA.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to provide the best possible education and faith formation for our students. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead!



**Stephanie
Ammerman**
Fine Arts, Business

Stephanie has over 10 years of experience in graphic and fashion design and holds a bachelor's degree in Design from the University of Cincinnati. While in the DAAP Program, her internships at The Natori Company and Michael Kors honed her pattern-making and trend research skills. Most recently, she worked as a graphic designer at Grainwell, where she gained experience in custom design and product development.

Stephanie enjoys spending time with her husband, Will, and her two young sons. She also enjoys staying active by playing sand volleyball, basketball, and skiing. Stephanie is interested in fashion and art history and enjoys exploring new museums. She will teach Textiles I & II, Art I, and Tech/Comm. We are thrilled to have Stephanie on our team!

We would like to welcome Hunter, who holds a B.A. in Art Education and Art Studio from U.K. With experience as a classroom and community educator, Hunter most recently served as the Director of Programming and Education at Baker Hunt Art and Cultural Center. In this role, he successfully managed over 500 art classes. Hunter also developed curricula for Digital Art and Design and Digital Citizenship as a classroom teacher. Hunter is skilled in many art mediums, including painting, ceramics, and graphic design.

Outside of work, he enjoys painting, camping, traveling, playing badminton, and spending quality time with his family - his wife, Heather, son Hayden, and their dogs, cats, and horses. Hunter is looking forward to teaching all levels of Art at NDA, and we are just as excited to have him join our team!



Hunter Fleury
Fine Arts



Maria Graziani

Educational
Support Teacher

Maria holds a B.A. in Middle Grades Education from NKU, with a focus on Language Arts and Science, and has worked as a reading intervention teacher and Language Arts resource teacher in public and private settings. Maria is passionate about supporting students with diverse abilities, both in the classroom and small group settings, and has experience creating tailored interventions for different learners and personalizing instruction. Maria looks forward to collaborating with NDA teachers to help all students learn at high levels.

Maria also enjoys spending time with her family, diving into a good book, and experimenting with new recipes. Let's give Maria a warm welcome to NDA!

Marie holds a B.A. in Art Studio and Art Education from UK and an M.A. in School Counseling from Morehead State University. With experience as a visual arts teacher and a school counselor in public schools, Marie understands the needs of students and the realities of a classroom. She has supported students with academic and emotional needs through individual and group counseling, conducted risk assessments, and coordinated community services and counseling department communications.

Outside of work, Marie is a proud parent to two teenagers, Bella and Alex, and enjoys spending time with her husband, Ryan. In her free time, she loves reading, writing, theater, creating visual arts, being outdoors, cheering on UK basketball, and listening to great music. We are thrilled to have Marie bring her passion and expertise to NDA. Join us in welcoming her to our community!



Marie Slone

Personal Counselor



Sr. Anita Marie

Stacy
Math

Sister Anita Marie holds a Master's in Education from Xavier University and a B.A. in Mathematics and Physics for Secondary Education from Thomas More University. With over four decades of teaching experience, including 17 years as Headteacher and Mathematics instructor at Notre Dame Academy in Buseesa, Uganda, Sister Anita Marie is passionate about expanding educational opportunities for young women. In her last year at NDA, Buseesa, the school placed first in the national math exam. Sister was deservedly awarded the National Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics.

We are excited to have Sister Anita Marie teaching, amongst other math courses, AP calculus. She especially enjoys working with students who may have had challenges with math in the past, and she takes pride in helping them succeed. Please join me in giving a warm welcome to Sister Anita Marie Stacy!

Welcome back to Theresa Vanauken, who is joining our Religion department. Theresa holds an M.A. in Religious Studies from Mount St. Joseph University and a B.A. in Radio and Television from NKU. She has taught a variety of religion courses in schools in the Diocese, and enriched students' religious education by serving as a LIFE Club Moderator, NCYC chaperone, and Assistant Retreat Coordinator.

Theresa is from a large family herself, and she and her husband, Tom, are parents of five. Her family keeps her busy, and Theresa also enjoys perfecting her sourdough skills in her free time. Please join me in welcoming Theresa Vanauken back to NDA!



**Theresa
VanAuken**
Religion

CONGRATULATIONS

NEW GAA LEADERSHIP



We are pleased to announce the GAA CoPresidents for the 2024-2025 school year.

Congratulations to Ava Auberger and Georgi Kirtley who will represent our school next year as the CoPresidents of the Girls' Athletic Association. We look forward to their work and efforts to build a positive school climate and support athletics through attendance and spirit at the athletic events.

Thank you to all who voted and congrats ladies!

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

UNIFORMS FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

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 be the proper size and length, 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
- name tag/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 Academy sweater vest
- 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 that are close fitting and tapered at the ankle
- black dress slacks for designated events



If you need to purchase new uniform pieces for next school year, visit Schoolbelles' website at <http://www.schoolbelles.com/myschool/M37/s1935> to purchase OR stop by our gently used uniform sale on June 3 from 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. or June 4 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

DON'T MISS OUT!

LEARN A BAND INSTRUMENT

We've had a great start to Summer Learning Band and we are looking to add a few more students! Summer Band is...

- **FREE !**
- ANYONE Grades 7 - 12
- NEWER Instruments for you to use (no charge)
- Flexible Tue. and Thur. 8 - 9 a.m. in June and July @ NDA
- Snacks
- Bring a Friend
- Send me an Email to sign up
- Judgement free zone (Learn at your own pace)

EMAIL Mr. (Sir) Cerimele TODAY to be added to the Summer Learning Band cerimeleg@ndapandas.org



WORK STUDY OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

JOIN OUR DYNAMIC TEAM AT NDA

NDA is seeking dedicated individuals to become an integral part of our vibrant faith community in the positions listed below. Interested candidates for any of these positions should submit a cover letter and resume to at ndahr@ndapandas.org.



Part-Time Cafeteria Worker

NDA has an opening for a mission-driven part-time cafeteria worker. Duties include expertly managing the morning register before the school day begins, followed by providing valuable assistance to our staff during lunch preparation. The role also involves dishwasher operation and cleanup duties. This position offers consistent hours from 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily (Monday – Friday).

Full-Time English Teacher

NDA has an opening for a mission-driven, qualified professional to serve as a full-time English teacher for the 2024-25 school year. The ideal candidate will be an experienced teacher, hold a Bachelor's degree, and be certified by the state of Kentucky to teach English.

Part-Time Math Teacher

NDA has an opening for a mission-driven, qualified professional to serve as a part-time math teacher for the 2024-25 school year. The ideal candidate will be an experienced teacher, hold a Bachelor's degree, and be certified by the state of Kentucky to teach math.



102 YEARS OF FESTIVAL FUN - MARK YOUR CALENDAR! 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!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REPORT CARD INFORMATION

Report cards were mailed last Friday (6/14) and a digital copy was also sent via email. If you have not received one, it means there is some outstanding balance for which the report card is being held. If there is an outstanding cafeteria balance, you can see that and pay the balance through a Pay Pams account. You can also contact the school office at (859) 261-4300. The summer hours for the school office are: until June 21, 9:00 A.M. until noon. From June 21 until July 9 the office will be closed to coincide with the athletic dead period. The office will reopen for the rest of July on the 10, Monday through Thursdays from 9:00 A.M. until noon. For further information please contact Raymond Schlosser at schlosserr@ndapandas.org.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



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](#).



WELCOME

NEW ARCHERY HEAD COACH

We would like to welcome Craig Hoerst as the new Archery Head Coach. He comes to NDA from Mary, Queen of Heaven School where he coached the elementary and middle school archery teams for the past three seasons. In addition, he has been coaching various sports at Mary Queen for the last seven years. Craig is a certified Basic Archery Instructor through the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP). He has also served as the range master of the NDA Panda Archery Tournament the last two years.

Professionally, Craig is an Operations Manager focused on Aftermarket Parts with Rotex Global in Cincinnati. He is a graduate of Elder High School and Mount Saint Joseph University.

Away from work and coaching, he enjoys training and competing in triathlons, playing golf and spending time with his family. Craig and his wife, Amanda, have two teenage children, Joshua and Samantha. Joshua attends Cooper High School and Samantha is an incoming freshman at NDA this year.

Craig says, "I am extremely excited to continue my coaching career at Notre Dame Academy. It is an honor to take over the archery program and continue to build on the success they have had under Coach Lonneman."



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](#)

ADVANCING THE MISSION

CELEBRATING GENEROSITY

A LANDMARK YEAR FOR NDA'S ANNUAL FUND!

We are thrilled to announce that Notre Dame Academy has not only reached its goal of \$375,000 for this fiscal year, but has set an all-time new record of \$450,000, achieving 120% of our goal!

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to our alumnae, current and past parents, community members, friends of NDA and even current students for generously donating to NDA's Annual Fund this fiscal year. Your dedication to the premier Catholic education at NDA and partnership in our mission to educate young women to make a difference in the world is not only appreciated but deeply impactful.

The contributions received in this year's Annual Fund will help sustain and enhance the high standards of education at Notre Dame Academy. They will enable us to continue provide a holistic educational experience that nurtures the intellectual, spiritual, and social growth of our students. These funds also support various programs, activities, and resources that enrich the learning environment and foster the development of future leaders.

Thank you for your continued support and belief in the mission of Notre Dame Academy. Together, we are making a positive impact and shaping the future for young women in our community!



Striving for excellence
in all we teach
and do...



SWINGING INTO SUMMER

A PERFECT DAY ON THE GREENS FOR NDA

On Friday, June 7, NDA hosted the OrthoCincy Notre Dame Academy Annual Golf Outing at Kenton County Golf Course. It was a perfect day for our NDA community to join forces in support of the mission of NDA and our elite athletes. The atmosphere was filled with camaraderie and enthusiasm, leaving everyone with a sense of joy and pride for Notre Dame Academy.

Thanks to all of our wonderful supporters, the outing was a tremendous success, including a lively silent auction and an exciting prize draw. We are deeply grateful to everyone who participated and contributed to our student athletes, ensuring they continue to excel. Thank you for swinging into summer with us and making a meaningful difference!



SHARING OUR Community News

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

- YES ON 2 - Supporting our Students
- SND 4th of July Festival
- St. Augustine Summer Festival
- Ed Choice - Kentucky's School Choice Amendment
- 2023-24 Thomas More Dual-Credit Information Sessions
- Molly Mayer's Studio of Dance

Important dates

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