



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family are enjoying a wonderful summer. It has been great to see so many of our students back on campus participating in the Leadership Summit and athletic activities. Our students' enthusiasm and commitment to the many co-curricular activities offered at NDA truly exemplify the spirit of our school community.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, I wanted to update you on some important projects happening at NDA. Currently, we are undergoing roof repairs and the resurfacing of our track is in the final stages. The resurfacing and striping of the track are part of the final phase of the Beunger Sports Complex upgrade, which will provide enhanced facilities for our elite athletes and students.

Please mark your calendars—school will begin on August 12. We are excited to welcome everyone back and look forward to a year filled with growth, learning and new opportunities. Also, please note the following important dates for parent back-to-school nights:

- August 6: Freshman/New Student Parent Night
- August 7: Sophomore/Junior/Senior Parent Night

I also want to share some exciting highlights from this summer. Our students had incredible international travel experiences, exploring places like Athens, Germany, Paris, Normandy and London. These trips provided them with unique learning opportunities and unforgettable memories.

Additionally, our student-athletes have continued to excel, achieving remarkable success. Their dedication and hard work, both on and off the field, have been truly inspiring.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to NDA. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we can't wait to see you soon!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

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

Student Life



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GET READY FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Recently our incoming freshmen, along with some of our dedicated NDA Ambassadors, participated in a special service day benefitting St. Vincent de Paul. Each year, we bring our new students together for this event to help them meet each other and reinforce the importance of service at NDA. This year, we came together to make reusable tote bags out of T-shirts!

This project not only fosters creativity and teamwork but also aligns with our mission at NDA to educate young women to make a difference. It's inspiring to see our freshmen already learning and embodying our values of service and community care.

A big thank you to our NDA Ambassadors for guiding and supporting our new students. Together, we are making a positive impact and building lasting connections!

Summer Office Hours at NDA

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.

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.

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.



4th QUARTER HONORS LIST POSTED

CELEBRATING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

We are proud to announce that the list of students who achieved First and Second Honors for the 4th quarter of the 2023-24 school year is now posted. Congratulations to all our hardworking students who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and academic excellence!

Please visit our website [HERE](#) to view the full list of honorees.

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 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



ATTENTION JUNIORS AND SENIORS

PARKING PASSES

A Cognito form will be sent out to students in August in order for them to purchase their parking pass for the 2024-25 school year. Parking passes are \$50 for the year. Each student purchasing a parking pass will be expected to upload a picture of a valid driver's license before submitting this form. Please direct any questions you may have regarding our parking regulations to the school office.

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 even more talented professionals to Notre Dame Academy. In addition to the experts in various fields we previously announced, we are excited to introduce our new English teacher and an Advancement Associate.

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!



**Katie
Walker**
English

We are thrilled to welcome Katie to the English department! Katie holds a bachelor's degree in Integrated ELA Education from Miami University, OH, and brings experience teaching in a Catholic school for young women. Katie has taught various English courses, including English I, British and American Literature, Creative Writing, Research Writing, and Public Speaking. Katie enjoys designing assignments that allow students to engage with literature and demonstrate mastery of course content creatively. Katie is also dedicated to holistically contributing to a school community and served as a moderator for various clubs and honors societies in her previous role.

Outside of the classroom, Katie enjoys spending time with her husband, Andrew, and son, Dominic (11 months). She enjoys baking and decorating desserts, exploring national parks, and DIY projects.



**Abigail
Buechel**
Advancement

We are excited to welcome Abigail to the Advancement Department as our new Advancement Office Coordinator! In this role, she provides administrative support for the Advancement Office including maintaining the Alumnae and Donor database as well as coordinating Alumnae events. Abigail holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a minor in Psychology from the University of Cincinnati.

Outside of the office, Abigail enjoys spending time with her fiancé, Logan, their two cats and her family.

Panda Travels

EXPLORING THE WORLD

NDA STUDENTS' INTERNATIONAL ADVENTURES

This summer, our students had the incredible opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the world around them with a few distinct international trips, each offering a unique and enriching experience.

ATHENS & THE ISLANDS:

On June 5, 23 students and 4 chaperones (Ms. Dooling - Group Leader, Mr. Stamm, Mrs. Maggard and Ms. Hilbert) embarked on an incredible Greek adventure. The trip began with a few days in Athens, where we took in all the major sites including the Ancient Olympic Stadium, Syntagma Square, and the Acropolis. We also immersed ourselves in the local culture with a cooking class and a visit to the Acropolis Museum. Next, we ventured to the Amfissa Valley and Delphi, exploring an olive farm, the Delphi Museum, and the Temple of Apollo, which provided a serene departure from the bustling city. On our final day in Athens, we took a day trip to Cape Sounion to visit the Temple of Poseidon and ended the day enjoying an in-depth Greek evening excursion where we learned traditional Greek dances and smashed plates!

Our journey continued as we set sail on a cruise, first stopping at Mykonos to experience its unique blend of Turkish, Roman, and Greek influences. In Santorini, we marveled at the beauty of Oia Village, and in Rhodes, we had the opportunity to explore the island on our own, enjoying beautiful beaches and lots of shopping. On board the cruise, the girls enjoyed sunbathing at the pool, eating meals together, and dancing at the disco! We then traveled to Turkey for an excursion to Ancient Ephesus, having the opportunity to walk where Apostle Paul walked and preached.

This journey was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that the group will cherish fondly! Stay tuned for the next Panda adventure!



GERMANY:

After traveling around Athens and The Islands, Jackie Brueggemann, recent NDA graduate, had the opportunity to stay with Charlotte Rohe (a German exchange student who had stayed with the Brueggemann family during the fall 2023 semester while she attended classes at NDA) and her family in Dinklage, Lower Saxony, Germany, for a little over two weeks. Jackie also spent time with Charlotte Burwinkel, who was another exchange student at NDA this past fall.

During her stay, Jackie attended NDA's sister school, Liebfrauenschule Vechta, where she helped 6th graders with their English, participated in field day, and painted a mural. She tried many different foods and immersed herself in the local culture. She visited the North Sea, the Baltic Sea, and went shopping in Osnabrück. It was an amazing experience for Jackie to meet and spend time with Charlotte and Louise's friends. They even went camping during their trip to the Baltic Sea.

We look forward to welcoming Louise as an exchange student at NDA this Fall!





PARIS, NORMANDY & LONDON:

On June 10, the French Pandas embarked on an incredible European adventure. The trip began with a few days in Paris, where we took in all the major sites, caught a glimpse of the preparations for the 2024 Olympic Games, and practiced our French language skills.

Next, we set off to the countryside of Northern France, heading to Normandy, which was a pleasant departure from the hustle and bustle of Paris. Just days after the 80th celebration of D-Day, we visited the Caen Memorial, the Normandy beaches, Pointe du Hoc, and the American Cemetery.

From Normandy, we took a six-hour ferry across “the pond” to the United Kingdom, where we saw Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, and Hampton Court Palace, where Henry VIII resided. This was a trip of a lifetime, filled with memories that will shape and bond our Pandas for years to come. Stay tuned for the next French adventure in 2026!



FUTURE TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES: EXPERIENCE ITALY!



Immerse yourself in Italian history, art and cuisine - and eat, paint and explore like a true local. Stand in the ancient Colosseum where Roman gladiators battled, then walk in their sandaled footsteps at the Gladiator Experience. Inspired by the Renaissance treasures of Florence, try your hand at painting a fresco during an art workshop. Enjoy authentic Italian cuisine and make your own in a cooking class.

There is currently a waiting list, but we could open the trip up to a few more spots, so if you are interested please reach out to Ms. Barnes at barnese@ndapandas.org.

AUDITION ANNOUNCEMENT: DANCE PANDAS

Dance Pandas Auditions— 2024/2025 Season

Get ready to join the Dance Pandas for the 2024/2025 season! Arrive on time and warmed up in comfortable dance attire. During the audition, you'll learn a short pom and kick line routine and have the chance to showcase your special skills. We'll also discuss your availability for the upcoming season's performances.

When: Friday August 2 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Where: NDA Theatre

What to expect: Please arrive on time and warmed up, wearing clothes/shoes you feel comfortable dancing in. A short pom and kick line routine will be taught. There will be an opportunity to demonstrate special skills (tumbling, flexibility, leaps, turns, kicks, tricks etc). You will also be asked about your potential availability to participate in 2024/2025 Dance Pandas performances. During the auditions you will perform in small groups, so please note you may be finished earlier than 12 p.m.

How to sign up: Email the Dance Pandas coach, Ms. Pauly at pau-lyh@ndapandas.org no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday August 1. Upon emailing, you will be sent a video breakdown of the audition routines, a scoring rubric and a list of 2024/2025 Dance Pandas performance/rehearsal schedule.



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](#).

CONGRATULATIONS!

AWESOME AQUA PANDA NEWS



The National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (NISCA) has recognized our outstanding athletes and team with several prestigious honors. NISCA is a professional organization dedicated to supporting high school coaches of all aquatic sports, focusing on education and athlete recognition through the All-America programs.

Congratulations to Sadie Hartig for being recognized as an All-American in the 500 freestyle! With a time of 4:56.46, Sadie placed 92nd among the top 100 performances in the nation.

Kudos to our five seniors—Brooke Hollenkamp, Megan McKeown, Samantha Poulos, Marlee Reynolds, and MaryElle Reynolds—who have been named Academic All-Americans! This award honors 12th-grade varsity athletes with a GPA of 3.75+.

A huge shoutout to our Swim & Dive team for being recognized as a Top 10 Gold Level Scholar Team! With an impressive team GPA of 3.922, our team has been ranked among the best in the country based on the average cumulative GPA of 12 or more athletes.



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](#)

CONGRATULATIONS!

18 NDA ATHLETES HONORED BY KHSAA! CELEBRATING VERSATILITY AND EXCELLENCE

We're thrilled to announce that this summer, 18 of our elite student-athletes have been recognized by the KHSAA for their dedication and versatility in competing in Varsity sports across all three seasons: Fall, Winter, and Spring! This prestigious award highlights the importance of high school athletes exploring multiple sports, enhancing their skills, and fostering well-rounded athletic development.

A huge congratulations to the following NDA athletes who have shown exceptional commitment and talent:

Kelsey Weil - Cross Country, Indoor Track, Track
Ava Erpenbeck - Volleyball, Indoor Track, Track
Brooke Hollenkamp - Diving, Indoor Track, Track
Ella Long - Soccer, Indoor Track, Track
Anna Zumbiel - Cross Country, Indoor Track, Track
Cameron Kirtley - Soccer, Indoor Track, Track
Katie Zwick - Volleyball, Indoor Track, Track
Stella Bitikofer - Cross Country, Indoor Track, Track
Maddie Brown - Cross Country, Bowling, Indoor Track, Track
Kate Blettner - Cross Country, Indoor Track, Track
Lucie Kiely - Cross Country, Indoor Track, Track
Ella Weber - Cross Country, Bowling, Track
Callie Fedders - Bowling, Indoor Track, Track
Julia Stegman - Soccer, Indoor Track, Track
Norah Barker - Cross Country, Indoor Track, Track
Alexandra Burg - Cross Country, Indoor Track, Track

Your dedication and hard work have paid off, and we are incredibly proud of each one of you!



NDA BOWLING IS LOOKING FOR YOU! NDA BOWLING CAMP

Looking for 6th-7th-8th graders who would be attending Notre Dame Academy. (Feeder schools are St. Pius X, Blessed Sacrament, St. Agnes, St. Joseph, Crescent Springs and Prince of Peace) **No cost open bowling!**

Location: Erlanger Strike / Spares

Dates: August 27, 28, 29 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) From 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact Head Coach: David Hampton hamptond@ndapandas.org



2023-24 NDA VOLLEYBALL AVCA TEAM ACADEMIC AWARD

The 2023-2024 NDA Varsity Volleyball team earned the AVCA Team Academic Award, sponsored by INTENT, after maintaining a year-long grade-point average of 3.811 on a 4.0 scale. This is a tremendous addition to the list of accomplishments by the State Runner-Up squad. Congratulations girls! Great job committing to excellence on the court and in the classroom!

Thank you also to our teachers and coaches for supporting our student-athletes in their academic and athletic endeavors! The actual press release can be found [HERE](#).

ADVANCING THE MISSION

Save The Date...
November 16
at The Grand
in Covington!

LIGHT
the NIGHT
for NDA

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LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA: A CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

We are excited to announce our upcoming fall fundraiser, *Light the Night for NDA*, which will be held at The Grand Ballroom in Covington, Kentucky, on Saturday, November 16, 2024. This cherished event brings together our current and past parents as well as alumnae and community members for an evening of drinks, music, dinner and merriment.

This year, we are thrilled to welcome our new community partner and neighbor, Performance Lexus of Northern Kentucky, as our title sponsor. We extend our heartfelt thanks to them for their generous support, which helps make this event possible.

This year's event promises to be an unforgettable celebration of the excellence at Notre Dame Academy. With a long-standing tradition of providing crucial funds to support Catholic education at NDA, our fall fundraiser is a cornerstone of our efforts to continue offering exceptional educational opportunities for the young women of our community. Your presence, support and generosity are what make this possible and we are immensely grateful for the incredible support we have received over the years.

There are numerous ways to get involved and support *Light the Night for NDA*. You can attend gift-gathering parties, explore sponsorship options, participate in online bidding, or simply attend the event. Each contribution, no matter the form, plays a vital role in helping us fulfill our mission to educate young women to make a positive difference in the world.

We look forward to seeing you on November 16 as we come together to celebrate the transformative power of Catholic education and the excellence that defines Notre Dame Academy. Your support ensures that NDA continues to provide an exceptional all-girls Catholic education, fostering the development of future leaders who will impact our community and beyond.

Join us for this fun celebration of our mission, and let's *Light the Night for NDA* together! For more information, contact [Myanna Webster](#).



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

August 6-9	Freshman Bridge Program
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September 6	Picture Day
September 7	Playing for a Purpose Volleyball
September 12	Alumnae Rosary 12:50 p.m. - All are welcome!
September 18	Donor Scholarship Breakfast
October 1	Foundation Day
October 11	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day