



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

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THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your daughter are enjoying the summer break and opportunities for quality time with your family. As we prepare for the start of the new academic year, I would like to share some important information and upcoming events that will help us start the school year on a positive note.

I am pleased to announce that we have filled the role of Assistant Principal for the 2023-24 school year. Lisa (Ruwe) Timmerding, Class of 1997, will be stepping into the role of Assistant Principal for Student Life at NDA this school year. Mrs. Timmerding has been serving as the Principal at Holy Cross Grade School for the past six years. She brings 21 years of experience in education in a variety of roles. We are also taking this opportunity to establish the Assistant Principal for Academics role at NDA. Molly Proudfit will take on this position to continue our work with curriculum and faculty evaluations. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Timmerding back to NDA and congratulating Mrs. Proudfit on her new role.

I am also happy to announce the return of Myanna Webster to NDA as the Associate Director of Advancement. Mrs. Webster, who previously served as our athletic director, will be taking on the crucial responsibilities of development and major gifts. Mrs. Webster's past experience as our athletic director has left a lasting impact on the NDA community and we are truly fortunate to have her bring her enthusiasm and passion for advancing our institution to this new role. You will learn more about more exciting changes in our Advancement Department in the coming weeks.

This school year will begin on Wednesday, August 16 at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. I want to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to both returning and new families. We are excited to have you all as part of our NDA community and are committed to providing a premiere Catholic education for your daughter.

Please note that our Parent Nights will take place next week at NDA. These events present valuable opportunities for us to communicate important information to our NDA families and cultivate a strong partnership between home and school.

Freshman Parent Night: Tuesday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. in NDA's theatre

Sophomore/Junior/Senior Parent Night: Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. in NDA's theatre

During these Parent Nights, we will cover a variety of topics pertinent to each grade level, including academic programs, extracurricular opportunities, important dates and events and ways you can actively participate in your daughter's educational journey. Parent Nights also serve as an excellent platform for you to learn about what's new at Notre Dame Academy this school year. I highly encourage all parents and guardians to attend these events as your presence and engagement are essential to your daughter's success. We value your input and believe that a strong partnership between school and home is integral to creating a thriving educational experience for our students. If you have any questions or concerns before the start of the school year, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school office.

As we prepare for the 2023-24 school year, I want to express my gratitude for your continued trust and support. It is a privilege to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Parent Nights next week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

See you
Wednesday,
August 16
for the first day
of school!

Have a great summer and make good choices!

From the Desk of
Mrs. Trish Miller



Dear NDA Parents,

It is with immense pleasure and excitement that I extend a warm welcome to you and your families as we prepare to embark on a new school year filled with promise and opportunity at Notre Dame Academy. I am truly honored to be joining the Notre Dame Academy community and look forward to working closely with each of you to provide the best possible educational experience for your daughter.

As a newcomer to NDA, I am deeply impressed by the school's rich history, strong values and dedication to developing the academic and personal growth of every student. I am eager to collaborate with all of you to continue the legacy of excellence that defines our school.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our Parent Nights next week at NDA. These sessions are designed to be brief but informative. Your support and engagement are fundamental to the success of your daughter and our school community.

Please know that my door is always open and I welcome your feedback, suggestions and ideas as we partner in the important work of educating your daughter in the Catholic tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

See you next week!

Proclaiming God's goodness and provident care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trish Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive.

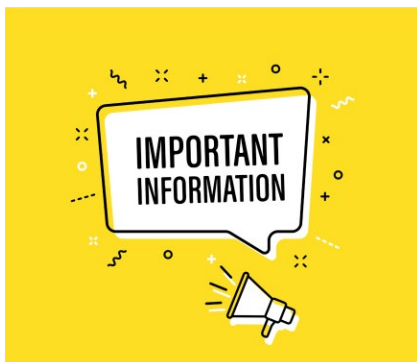
Trish Miller
NDA President

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK AT...
PARENT NIGHTS

Please take note of our upcoming Parent Nights in August:

- Freshman Parent Night will be held on Tuesday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m.
- Sophomore/Junior/Senior Parent Night will take place on Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m.

We hope to see you there, as these events provide valuable opportunities for us to connect and share important information.



Student Life



WELCOME BACK!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

We look forward to welcoming the Pandas back to campus on Wednesday, August 16! Classes will begin at 8:00 a.m., and students will go to their **first period classes upon arrival**. We will hold our opening all school assembly in the morning, and the adjusted schedule will be shared with students in the Padlet which will be emailed prior to the start of school.



PANDA GEAR

BAMBOOTIQUE

NDA's spiritwear shop, the Bambootique, is offering 10% off all school uniform pieces. Shop online [HERE](#).

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

UNIFORMS FOR 2023-24

Pandas should keep the following dress code in mind when shopping for uniforms this summer:

- a gray uniform skirt or uniform slacks. **Skirt should extend be low 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 (students will receive these on the first day of school)

Optional items are many, so please review to the handbook for more information. One example is gray, black, or navy blue leggings that are close fitting and tapered at the ankle. These can be worn under the uniform skirt for an extra layer.

Visit <http://www.schoolbelles.com/myschool/M37/s1935> if you need to purchase uniform pieces for this school year.



FINALFORMS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FINALFORMS ACCOUNTS

All parents and students are expected to use FinalForms and complete their updates for next year by the first day of school. If participating in athletics, this will include needing a valid, signed KHSAA physical uploaded in Final Forms before participating in any athletic activities.

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 should 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 separately. School personnel will upload for you.

If you already have an account for a returning student:

Login to your account and click MY STUDENTS to get started. Make sure you are updating information for the 23-24 school year.

If you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Kirn (kirn1@ndapandas.org) in the front office or Mrs. Colvin (colvins@ndapandas.org) in the athletic office.



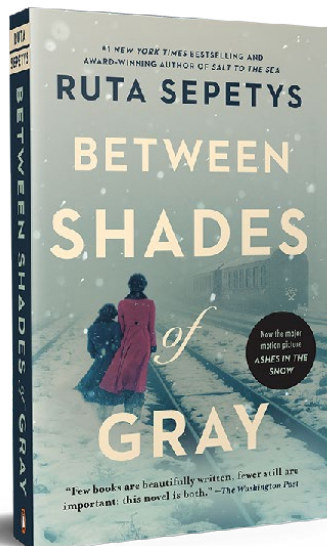
LUNCH AT NDA

ORDER LUNCH FOR NEXT WEEK

Enjoy eating lunch in the Longshore Dining Hall!

A hot lunch and salad bar will be available for purchase each day. There are many a la carte items available for purchase at the same time.

You can view the lunch calendar [HERE](#).



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 this fall.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DISMISSAL/CARPOOL INFORMATION

We will continue the staggered dismissal as well as traffic light support from Park Hills Police Department this school year to help our dismissal run smoothly. Below are the times for our staggered dismissal:

- **SR (and their carpools) dismiss at 2:59 p.m.**
- **JR (and their carpools) dismiss at 3:03 p.m.**
- **FR/SO pickups dismiss at 3:06 p.m.**

If your daughter plans on riding with an NDA student driver at the end of the day, please complete the carpool form found [HERE](#). Once the form is completed, your daughter will receive a new colored ID holder during homeroom on the first day of school. She will need to show the blue or gold colored ID holder to her last period teacher each day in order to dismiss with an earlier grade.

Please note: Colored ID holders are not provided if you are picking up your daughter at the end of the school day. Your daughter will be dismissed with her grade level.

Have your daughter see Mrs. Timmerding if she has any questions.



PANDA PADLET

STUDENT BULLETIN

Each Sunday throughout the school year, our students will receive the NDA Student Bulletin for the week. It's in the a Padlet format that will make the week easy to follow for students.



ATTENTION JUNIORS AND SENIORS

PARKING PASSES

We will be sending out the parking pass sign up on Monday, August 7 to the seniors and on Wednesday, August 9 to the juniors via their school email.

Students will sign up online through a Cognito form. If they are unable to do so online, we will have them available for purchase in the front office on the first day of school.



REGISTER TODAY

PANDA SKI TRIP

Registration is now open for NDA's Ski Trip to Colorado (January 11-15)! Fill out the form [HERE](#) to save your spot!! Registration is first come, first serve and will be open until August 30 (or earlier if all the spots have been filled, then a waitlist will be created).

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

NDA SOFTBALL CAMP

LOCATION: NDA SOFTBALL FIELD

WHEN: AUG 8-10 FROM 6-8 P.M.

OPEN TO INCOMING 4 - 8TH GRADERS

\$35 BEFORE AUG 4 | \$40 AFTER AUG 4

FREE T-SHIRT FOR ALL CAMPERS!
HOSTED BY NDA SOFTBALL COACHES & PLAYERS

REGISTER TODAY!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER NDA SOFTBALL CAMP

Notre Dame Academy Softball camp registration is now open!

Sign up today [HERE](#).

Any questions - please reach out to Chris Schreiber at schreiberc@ndapandas.org.

ADVANCING THE MISSION



Summer Alumnae Rosary

Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
in the Marian Circle at NDA

*In the event of inclement weather, we will pray the rosary together in the Mary, Mother of the World Chapel

Upcoming Dates: September 14



JOIN US SUMMER ROSARY

Mark your calendars for our next Alumnae Rosary on August 10. All are welcome!



SHARING OUR Community News

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

- Molly Mayer's Studio of Dance

Important dates

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| August 1-4 | Freshman iPad set up |
| August 8-11 | Bridge Program |
| August 8 | Freshman/New Student Orientation |
| | Freshman Parent Night |
| August 9 | Sophomore/Junior/Senior Parent Night |
| August 16 | First Day of School! |
| August 18 | Opening Mass |
| August 26 | Student Council Fall Mixer |
| September 4 | NO SCHOOL: Labor Day |
| September 6 | Parent Mini-Night |
| September 8 | Picture Day |
| September 15 | Mid-quarter |
| | Club Orientation |
| September 20 | Super Day: JR Practice ACT |
| | SR College Planning |
| | FR/SO CERT Test |
| September 22 | Fall Sports Pep Rally |
| | Playing for a Purpose VB Game |