



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

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THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

We continue *Discovering our purpose - Transforming the world* at NDA this school year. It's been another busy week with all sorts of wonderful learning opportunities for our students. I hope your daughter shares some of her experiences with you each day.

If you would like to learn more about what your daughter's daily school schedule looks like, I invite you to join us for our annual Parent Mini-Night next Wednesday, September 7. The evening is designed to give you a shortened "day in the life" of your student. This is a great chance for you as parents and guardians to visit NDA and walk through your daughter's schedule. It is also a good opportunity for you to meet your daughter's teachers and get better acquainted with other NDA parents. You will be following your daughter's Monday schedule on Parent Mini-Night. Students were provided with a mini-night schedule template that they will fill in for you to make sure you get to the right classrooms that evening. Our faculty and administration hope that this night will be both informative and enjoyable for you. I look forward to seeing you next Wednesday evening!

PLEASE NOTE: Due to Parent Mini-Night, school will dismiss at 2:30 p.m. next Wednesday, September 7.

I am happy to report that our parents get an A+ on parking in the correct spots in the parking lot each afternoon for pick-up. This has made for a safe and efficient daily dismissal and would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to our parents and students for following our afternoon dismissal plan so well.

I hope our freshmen and transfer students are beginning to feel right at home at NDA. A new school can be a challenging transition for some students. The health and well-being of our students is very important to us so please don't hesitate to reach out to our Student Services Department if you feel like your daughter could use some extra support during her transition to NDA.

Thank you for choosing Notre Dame Academy for your daughter's Catholic education. It is our privilege to educate the young women of NDA in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Have a great day and make good choices!

Student Life



ALL ARE WELCOME MORNING MASS

We will celebrate the Mass in chapel at 7:20 a.m. tomorrow. All are welcome to join us!



ATTENTION JUNIORS AND SENIORS HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHT

College/Career Days for juniors and seniors are considered excused and can be taken until the end of April. Students are given 6 total days between the two years, and verification forms can be picked up in the front office.



SOUNDS YUMMY DONUTS AND BAND!

Hey Pandas don't miss Donuts and Band EVERY TUESDAY at 7:30 a.m. in the band room. All are welcome - that includes you too freshmen!

PLEASE NOTE!
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR PARENT MINI-NIGHT

School will dismiss at 2:30 p.m. on September 7 due to Parent Mini-Night in the evening. Parent Mini-Night will be in person starting at 7:00 p.m. and a wonderful opportunity to walk your daughter's schedule and meet her teachers. Students were provided with this schedule and should make a copy and create their own schedule for you. We will follow a Monday class schedule.

TRAVELING PANDAS! CONGRATULATIONS



Bella Kampinga, has earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs by receiving the National Hispanic Recognition Award. The College Board's National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them meaningfully connect to colleges and stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs identify students awarded National African American, Hispanic, Indigenous and/or Rural/Small Town Recognition through College Board's Student Search Service.

"We're thrilled that Bella has earned this recognition," said NDA Principal/Interim President, Mr. Jack VonHandorf. "We are very proud of her for her achievements in the classroom and on her College Board assessments."

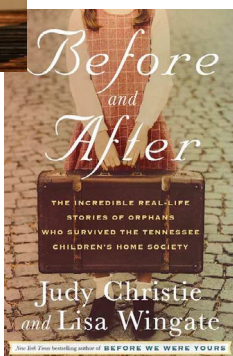
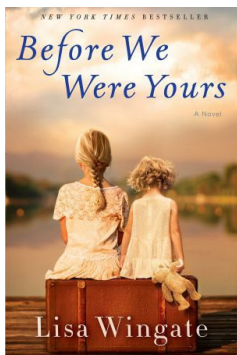
Students who may be eligible have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10 or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town.



TRAVELING PANDAS! COLORADO SKI TRIP



Registration is open for NDA's Ski Trip to Winter Park, Colorado (January 12-16)! Fill out the form [HERE](#) to save your spot! There are ONLY TWO spots left! Registration is first come, first serve and will be open until September 2 (or earlier if all the spots have been filled, then a wait list will be created). Ms. Dooling, Madame Otto, and Mrs. Grayson are looking forward to skiing the slopes of Winter Park with you!



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 COMMON READER DAY

To gain the most from our Common Reader Day, all students should have read *Before We Were Yours* by September 7. If anyone is interested in learning more about the children and families whose lives were altered by Georgia Tann and the Tennessee Children's Home Society, we also recommend reading *Before and After* by Judy Christie and Lisa Wingate.



Lisa Wingate and Judy Christie

There will be a short assessment of the common reader book that will be given after Common Reader Day. The assessment will open endedly assess the broad themes of *Before We Were Yours*.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

SWIFTK12

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION ALERT

Notre Dame uses SwiftK12 to communicate emergencies to the school community or to push out messages very quickly. The system syncs up with PowerSchool and uses the phone numbers and emails we have in the system (the same information that families submitted or updated using FinalForms). **A practice alert will be conducted this Thursday at 3:15 p.m.** If you do not receive the message or if there is an error in receipt, please contact the school office, so we can make any necessary changes.

SCHOOL SAFETY

ALICE TRAINING

ALICE

Yesterday, freshmen attended a school safety session that focused primarily on ALICE – NDA's response to an active, internal threat situation. The ALICE program defines response options during active threat situations and mentally prepares our school community to respond in ways that will increase chances of survival.

ALICE is one part of our school's comprehensive safety program and stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. If an internal threat exists, NDA will go into lockdown and all will employ ALICE. If evacuating the building, students, faculty and staff should report to one of two Rally Points, and from there, buses will transport them to NDA's Family Reunification Center where parents/guardians or emergency contacts will be permitted to pick up their daughters.



PANDA GEAR

YEARBOOK SALES

Parents: You can pre-order Notre Dame Academy's 2022-23 yearbook, *Finding our Groove*, at jostensyearbooks.com. Order by September 16 to take advantage of the early-bird discount price of \$70. NDA's 2021-22 yearbook, *Make it Count*, will ship this fall. A limited number of extra copies will be available for purchase at the school when books arrive.



PANDA GEAR

BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP



Don't miss this week's sale on sport wick T-shirts in the Bambootique - 10% off! Stop in or shop online [HERE](#). You can't pass this deal up Pandas!



SERVING OUR PANDAS 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 throughout the school year to avoid overdue account issues. Thank you!

ATTENTION FRESHMEN!

PANDA PRIME TIME

Freshmen will begin Panda Prime Time (PPT) this Thursday. View the info graphic for more information about what PPT is all about!

PANDA PRIME TIME

Panda Prime Time | pandə prīm tīm |
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a flexible time period built into the school day giving students opportunities for enrichment, support, collaboration and the personal learning.

AVERAGE WEEK

Monday	Homeroom
Tuesday	PANDA PRIME TIME
Wednesday	Delayed Start
Thursday	PANDA PRIME TIME
Friday	Homeroom



During
PANDA PRIME TIME
PLEASE:

- Meet with a teacher for extra help
- Make up a test
- Work on a group project
- Talk to a counselor
- Work on homework
- Academic enrichment

PANDA PRIME TIME PLACES:

Auditorium

Cafeteria

Gym (by announcement only)

Marian Circle

Chapel

Classrooms with teachers

CLC - JR & SR

Mentor Center 112 - Opening Soon

Theatre

PPT PLACES NOISE LEVELS:

Regular Talking Permitted

Minimal Talking Permitted

NO Talking Permitted

DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Regular Schedule (R)

(47 Minute classes, 28 minute lunches)

8:00	-	8:47	1st Class
8:51	-	9:38	2nd Class
9:42	-	10:29	3rd Class
10:33	-	11:01	First Lunch
11:05	-	11:52	4th Class
10:33	-	11:20	4th Class
11:24	-	11:52	Second Lunch
11:56	-	12:43	5th Class
12:47	-	1:17	HR PANDA PRIME TIME
1:21	-	2:08	6th Class
2:12	-	2:59	7th Class

Wednesday

Delayed Schedule (D)

(43 Minute classes, 28 minute lunches)

9:00	-	9:43	1st Class
9:47	-	10:30	2nd Class
10:34	-	11:17	3rd Class
11:21	-	11:49	First Lunch
11:53	-	12:36	4th Class
11:21	-	12:04	4th Class
12:08	-	12:36	Second Lunch
12:40	-	1:25	5th Class
(*2 minutes added for announcements)			
1:29	-	2:12	6th Class
2:16	-	2:59	7th Class

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

VOTE VOTE VOTE

**COUPON
BOOKS!**

GO PANDAS!

GOOD LUCK

Take a minute and vote for Clara Heberling for cross country, Natalie Lovell for golf, Sydney Nolan for volleyball and the volleyball team for team of the week!
[VOTE HERE.](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENT ATHLETES ATHLETICS COUPON BOOK FUND-RAISER

The Athletics Coupon Book Fund-raiser is required for every NDA Athlete in addition to their athletic participation fee dues.

Coupon Book Selections - Review your selection and sign in Final Forms

Coupon book selections for students participating, or planning to participate, in athletics must be made by September 2nd, 2022. Selections should be made in Final Forms. **If no option is selected by a family for your athlete you will automatically fall into the "Sell NO coupon Books option and owe the full amount for selling no books.**

If you have already selected an option and signed in Final Forms, you can leave it or log in to Final Forms and edit your selection prior to September 2nd.

You will have 3 options to choose from to fulfill the coupon book fund-raiser requirement for student athletes. You will have the opportunity to:

- 1) Sell 18 books for one daughter, 14 books for a second daughter and 8 for a third daughter participating in athletics**
- 2) Pay a fund-raising fee and sell half of the books**
- 3) Pay a fund-raising fee and sell no books**

For one daughter, the selling book option would be to sell 18 books. The half option would be a \$140 fund-raiser fee and selling 9 books. The full fund-raising fee and selling no books for one daughter would be a \$280 fund-raising fee.

For a second daughter, the selling book option would be to sell 14 books. The half option would be a \$110 fund-raising fee and selling 7 books. The no selling book option would be a fund-raising fee of \$220.

For a third daughter, the selling book option would be to sell 8 books. The half option would be a \$65 fund-raising fee and selling 4 books. The no selling book option would be a fund-raising fee of \$130.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

NDA COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE

[CLICK HERE](#) for a list of college visits specifically for NDA students/families. The visits are in the hallway outside the cafeteria. All students are welcome to visit the reps.

NDA OFFERS SUPPORT

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS ARE FORMING

Notre Dame Academy offers Family Support Groups for students who are challenged by a family divorce, separation, or non-traditional family arrangement. The goals of the groups are to improve self-awareness, enhance communication skills, develop confidence, increase problem-solving ability, develop coping strategies, increase friendship, and support healthy choices. If you think your student would benefit from this, or to learn more about our groups, contact Mrs. Maggard or Mrs. Hildreth.

SIGN UP TODAY!

DRUG FREE CLUB AT NDA

Parents, did you know:

1. Children of parents who talk to teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't?
2. Only 25% of teens report having these conversations with their parents.
3. 70% of children who abuse prescription drugs get them from family or friends?

What can you do?

- Educate yourself and your child about the most commonly abused drugs.
- [Enroll your child in NDA's Chapter of Drug Free Clubs of America](#). Applications accepted through Oct. 28. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.
- Talk to your children about the dangers of drug use and drug abuse; once is not enough.
- Set clear boundaries and rules, and monitor behavior.
- Secure your prescription medications in places your child cannot access
- Take inventory of the name and amount of medications you currently have and check regularly to see that nothing is missing.
- Properly dispose of old and unused medications.
- Work with the parents of your children's friends to set common boundaries and monitor behavior so that rules are respected and enforced
- Set a good example for your family and friends. Your children ARE watching!



CLEP

COLLEGE-LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM

CLEP (College-Level Examination Program), is a credit-by-examination program that allows students to earn college credit. CLEP exams are offered year-round at more than 2,000 test centers, and anyone can take a CLEP exam. CLEP is sponsored by College Board, the same organization that sponsors Advanced Placement (AP) Exams.

Students can earn credit for what they already know with qualifying scores on any of the [30+ Exams Available](#). Many of the CLEP tests satisfy various General Education requirements at colleges, and cost ~\$90/test. For more information visit the [CLEP Web-site](#). Contact individual prospective colleges to learn their specific CLEP policies.

GSP

THE KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM

GSP is a 5-week summer residential program for outstanding KY students after completing their junior year of high school. Established in 1983, the program provides academic and personal growth through a strong liberal arts program balanced with a full co-curricular and residential life experience while living on a college campus. Students complete an application and compete with others from across the state. The Program's mission is to enhance Kentucky's next generation of civic and economic leaders. Those selected attend the program free of charge. The [GSP website](#) has basic information and will be updated in September with information for GSP 2023.

A GSP Informational Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22 after school in Alumnae Hall for those interested in learning more. Applications are due November 21. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.

GSA

THE KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

GSA is a free arts-intensive three-week residential summer program held on the campus of the University of Kentucky. The program is for Kentucky student artists in the 10th and 11th grades at the time of application. GSA offers instruction and immersion in nine different art forms: Architecture, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Instrumental Music, Musical Theater, New Media, Visual Art, and Vocal Music.

A GSA Informational Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 29 after school in Alumnae Hall for those interested in learning more, but prospective applicants can learn more by visiting the [GSA Website](#). Application and ArtShop registration will become available online in the fall.

GSE

THE KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS

GSE exposes young aspiring entrepreneurs to the mindset, culture, innovative thinking, and skills necessary to start a company. This free 3-week summer residential program gives Kentucky high school students (in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades at the time of application) a hands-on opportunity to turn their ideas into business opportunities. Visit the [GSE website](#) or come to an Informational Meeting on Thursday, October 6 after school in Alumnae Hall to learn more.



ADVANCING OUR MISSION



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 19 LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA!

Light the Night for NDA (formerly the Autumn Gala) is our annual celebration of Notre Dame Academy and our mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world. This year will take the opportunity to shine a light not only the amazing Catholic education Notre Dame Academy provides for the young women of our area but also on the beautiful Northern Kentucky region. This entertaining evening will consist of a sit-down dinner, live and silent auctions, specialty raffles and it is a wonderful opportunity for our community to gather in support of NDA! Funds raised at this important annual event are critical to helping NDA bridge the gap between tuition and the growing costs of educating our students.

Please plan to attend *Light the Night for NDA* in support of Catholic education at Notre Dame Academy! If you are unable to attend, you can still support the event with a donation, event sponsorship, purchasing a raffle ticket, bidding on the online auctions OR you could volunteer to help plan the event. We are still in need of volunteers to serve on the *Light the Night for NDA* planning committee and this is another great way to meet people in our community and it's fun!

If you have any questions about *Light the Night for NDA* or you would like to get involved with a great group of parent volunteers who are planning the event, please contact one of our Co-Chairs, [Cindy Hemsath](#) or [Jennifer Lenihan](#).

We look forward to seeing you at Light the Night for NDA on November 19!

SAVE THE DATE

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

**HOMECOMING
2022**

REGISTER
ONLINE
TODAY!



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
FROM 5-9 PM**

There will be all sorts of fun for your whole family!
Kids Games • Table Games • Food Trucks • Concessions

**See NDA's State Soccer
Champions in action!**

NDA Pandas vs. Highlands
Freshman 4:00 p.m. | JV 5:30 p.m. | Varsity 7:00 p.m.

Special Class Reunion Recognition will take
place between the games.

Don't miss the opportunity to see NDA's new field lights!



SHARING OUR Community News

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

- Sisters of Notre Dame Hiring
- Important EdChoice Information
- Seeking student volunteers: Opportunity Day for Differently-Abled Persons
- Cafeteria Managers Needed in Diocese of Covington
- Molly Mayer's Studio of Dance Registration
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?

Important dates

September 1	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. PPT begins for FR
September 5	No School: Labor Day
September 7	Common Reader Day (ADJ) Parent Mini-Night (in-person)
September 9	Picture Day
September 13	St. Pius X Shadow Day
September 15	Blessed Sacrament Shadow Day
September 16	Club Orientation (ADJ) Mid-quarter
September 17	Junior Retreat #1
September 21	Super day- FR/SOPH- Cert, JR Practice ACT/ SR College Planning
September 23	Fall Sports Pep Rally Playing for a Purpose
September 24	NDA Homecoming
September 26	Food Truck/Rally Point walk - during Homeroom
September 27	St. Joseph Crescent Springs Shadow Day
September 28	Benefactor Breakfast
September 29	St. Agnes/Prince of Peace Shadow Day
October 2	Golden Girls
October 3	Foundations Day Mass