



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

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THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

Our students and faculty have returned from the Labor Day break re-energized and ready to continue *Discovering our purpose - Transforming the world!* I hope you enjoyed the long weekend and are feeling refreshed as well.

Our mission at Notre Dame Academy clearly states our goal...

"Notre Dame Academy, a Catholic high school dedicated to Mary and committed to academic excellence, exists to educate young women to make a difference in the world."

In line with our mission, we strive to provide our students with an exemplary education. We see the fruits of our labor in many ways at NDA. We see it throughout the school year as so many of our students receive awards and accolades for their hard work. We recognize it as our seniors are accepted into distinguished programs and notable colleges, many of them receiving half tuition or more in scholarships. Our NDA community continues to live our mission and I am privileged to witness this throughout our campus each and every day. I see it in the classrooms, on the field and in the cafeteria. Today I saw it as our community came together for Common Reader Day. It was wonderful to see our community gather to discuss what we learned from reading *Before We Were Yours* this summer. We talked a great deal about the importance of families - those we are born into and those we are lucky enough to become part of. Our students heard first hand today that their story is important and that they can truly make a difference in the world.

Every day at NDA I see your daughters thriving as they learn the true value of an NDA education which inspires them to share their God-given gifts. Thank you for partnering with us in this important work and for your continued support of Notre Dame Academy. In that spirit of partnership, I invite you to join us tonight for our Parent Mini-Night. We are looking forward to once again having our parents on campus to walk through their daughter's schedule and meet their teachers.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the mission of Notre Dame Academy!

See you tonight!

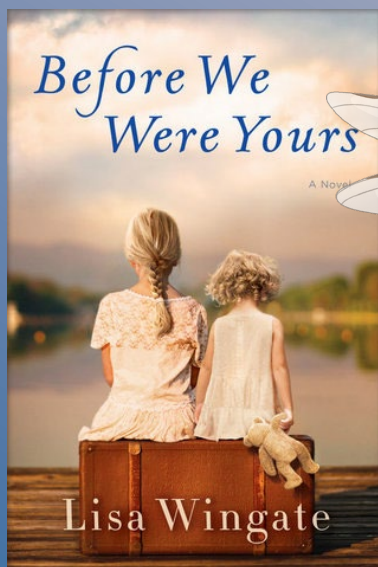
In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

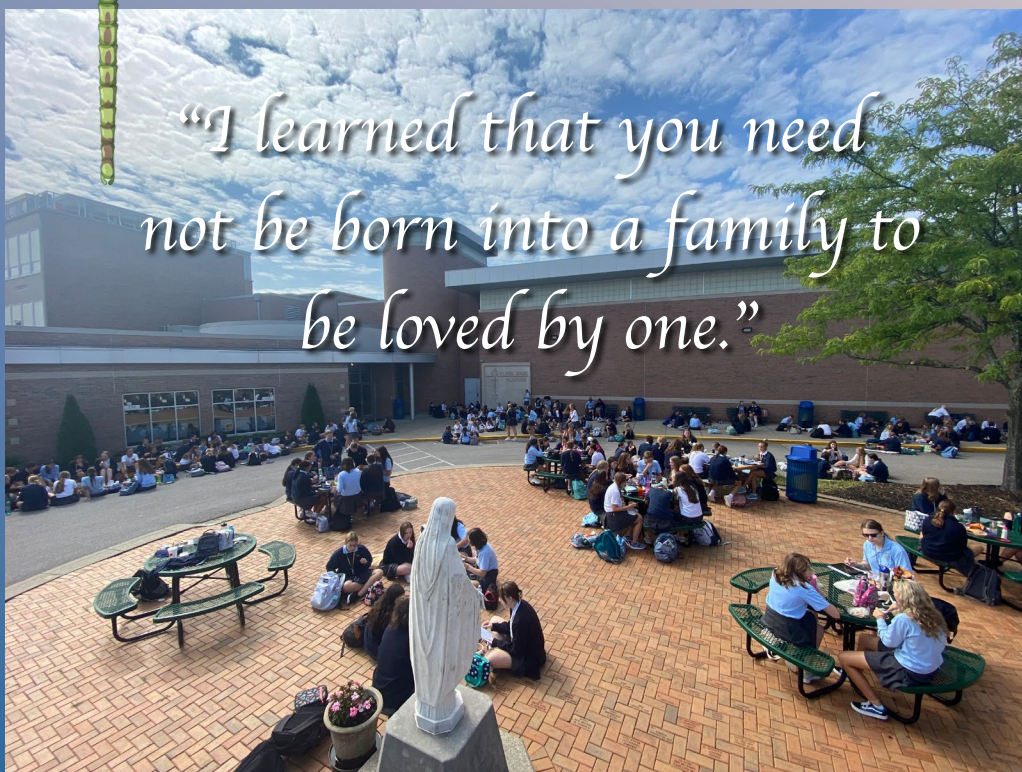


Have a great day and make good choices!

Common Reader Day 2022



*"I learned that you need
not be born into a family to
be loved by one."*



Student Life

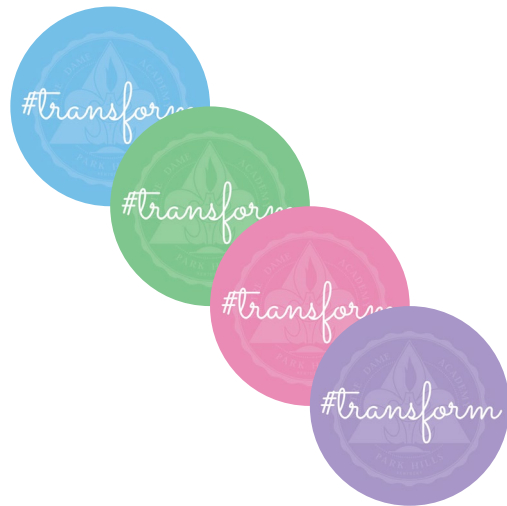
LET THE GAMES BEGIN

FAMILY COMPETITION HAS BEGUN!

As a part of Notre Dame Academy's new Family System we will be having a "Family Competition" that lasts throughout the school year. Students will be able to earn points for their Family through a variety of methods including...

- GPA
- School Attendance
- Event Attendance
- Doing Service
- And More!

The winning Family at the end of the year will receive a trophy and a free visit from a coffee truck! Students received all of the information and the competition officially began on Friday. May the best Family win!



CONNECTED AS FAMILY

COMMON READER DAY PREP

On Friday during Homeroom we began preparing for our Common Reader Day. The book we read this year is *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. An important part of the story is dragonfly bracelets that four sisters who had been separated by adoption have made after they reconnect many years later. Our students took time to make their own dragonfly bracelets to remind us of our connection to one another as an NDA family.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

MORNING MASS

We will celebrate Mass in our beautiful *Mary, Mother of the World* Chapel tomorrow morning at 8:20 a.m. All are welcome to join us!



JOIN US

ROSARY IN MARIAN CIRCLE

In honor of the Blessed Mother's birthday, our NDA Alumnae Prayer Group will meet tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. to pray the rosary in front of school on Marian Circle. Please join us!



JUNE 11-17, 2023

SUMMER NDA MISSION TRIP TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



*"Service is the language of the heart
and the knowledge gained is engraved there . "*

Notre Dame Academy is offering a mission trip to the Dominican Republic this summer from June 11, 2023 to June 17, 2023. The purpose of this trip is to serve the poor and learn from them as we offer our talents, our work and our love as need dictates in the area where we are sent. Students will be staying in a house for volunteers on the grounds of an orphanage. Activities include working in the kitchen, gardening and whatever building or construction needs there may be. A large part of the time is playing with the children. The trip is in collaboration with Catholic Missions. Those interested should fill out an application by September 12. See flyer for more details or email Sister Maria Francine at stacymf@ndapandas.org



[Flyer for Dominican Republic Mission Trip](#)

[Application form](#)

SOUNDS LIKE FUN!

JOIN THE BAND OR COLOR GUARD!

Thinking about joining the band? Check out their first quarter performances and see all of the fun they are having!

1st Quarter Band / Color Guard / Dance Team Shows:

SEPT	16	FRI	6 - 8:15	Halftime Show	CCH Football
SEPT	24	SAT	6 - 8:15	Halftime Show	NDA Soccer
OCT	14	FRI	6 - 8:15	Halftime Show	CCH Football



ORDER TODAY

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.



SEE YOU TONIGHT

PARENT MINI-NIGHT

Parent Mini-Night will be in person this evening starting at 7:00 p.m. Parent Mini-Night is 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.



REMINDER FOR TOMORROW

LATE START THURSDAY

NDA will begin classes at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow (Thursday) due to this evening's Parent Mini-Night starting at 7:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE!



SAY CHEESE!

PICTURE DAY

Don't forget - Picture day is this Friday, September 9. Students can dress out of uniform on this day. Seniors you will not be given the option to purchase (disregard the order forms you may have received last week). Your photo will be used, however, for transcript purposes.



PANDA GEAR

BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

Mrs. McLeod says, "who can't use a deal on a t-shirt?" Don't miss this week's SUEper sale: 20% off all t-shirts in the spirit shop! Shop online [HERE](#).



SUPPORT NDA

AMAZONSMILE

If you shop on Amazon, you should know about AmazonSmile! AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. All you need to do is sign up [HERE](#) and 0.5% of your purchases will be donated to Notre Dame Academy! Thanks for supporting NDA!

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FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

COVID-19

Please keep NDA updated on any COVID-19 related issues involving your family. In the event that your daughter is exposed to or tests positive for COVID-19, please contact our school nurses, Tina Sizemore, RN. and Melanie Martin, RN., at 859.292.1843 or ndanurse@ndapandas.org.



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!



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

ORDER YOURS TODAY!

PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE SHIRTS

Get ready to support *I Have Wings* and represent NDA and SHDHS coming together for a great cause with the 2022 P4P shirt. Order now and pick up at school.

The online store is open through Thursday September 8 and a small amount of additional shirts will be sold closer to the match on September 23. To guarantee you get a shirt, order now!

[P4P Shirt Store](#)



GO PANDAS!

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Please vote for Kamden Schrand (volleyball player of the week) and Tess Lenihan (runner of the week)! [VOTE HERE](#)

VOTE VOTE VOTE

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



NAVIGO SCHOLARS

CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAMS

NaviGo Scholars is a fantastic program to allow students to explore careers in our community. This Program is free and offers opportunities to explore careers in Technology (US Bank), Engineering (Toyota and Duke Energy), Business, Health-care (St. E) and Education, Skilled Trades/Construction, Education. Hands on and group meeting opportunities are associated with all of the areas.

Students are encouraged to apply to this program based on their interest and which ones were offered for different grade levels. There is an application to be considered. **The deadline to submit the application is September 12.**

More information and the applications for each area can be found here: <https://navigoprep.com/navigo-scholars/>



ORDER IN THE COURT

TEEN COURT PROGRAM

A division of District Court, Teen Court enables local high school students from Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties to experience the wheels of justice first-hand. Student participants serve in all roles of the court system – prosecuting attorney, defense attorney, juror, bailiff, and court clerk – with Campbell County District Judges Karen Thomas and Cameron Blau, as well as local practicing attorneys presiding over the court proceedings. It is a big commitment as it lasts until April. It meets weekly now and then 2x/mos after the semester.

If your daughter is interested in a career in Law or Criminal Justice this is a really good program. Students were told that they have to come to the Quad to get a packet and sign the master log to apply for the program. **The documents must be returned to Mrs. Monohan no later than September 12.**



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.



ATTENTION NDA JUNIORS AND SENIORS

FREE ACT PREP SESSIONS

If you are looking for some help with preparing your daughter for the ACT, we would like to let you know that Timothy Ward, Founder of [Free Test Prep Online](http://FreeTestPrepOnline.com), will be offering 2 free online one-on-one tutoring sessions on a single ACT subject of the student's choice. This program is open to any students who haven't already worked with Timothy in the past and doesn't require any commitment beyond the free sessions.

Here's how you can sign up:

- Text Timothy at 502-269-8447 (preferred)
- Email him at tward@freetestpreponline.com

He has room in his schedule to take on 20 free clients this month and will take them on a first-come, first-served basis.



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

STUDENTS who never start using drugs, never have to stop!

- Students become DFCA members after passing a simple, confidential drug test.
- Only Parents/Guardians receive test results - NEVER the school.
- Last year 83% of Pandas joined.
- Members can rely on testing as an "out" for drug related situations by saying, "I can't, I might get tested."
- Parents are notified via email about perfect moments and ways to talk to your children about drugs.
- Members receive a full color photo ID card to show to local merchants to receive community rewards for their drug free lifestyle.
- Retesting of random members continues throughout the school year.

Cost is only \$25/year...

(because Notre Dame Academy pays the cost of \$10 for every student member!)

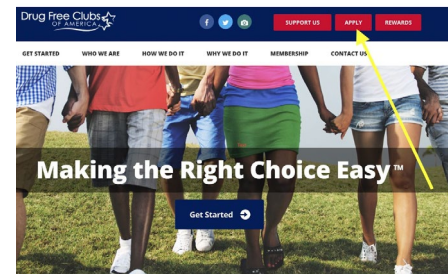
but,

Freshman can pay \$75 for 3 years, and have their Senior year FREE!

Applications for Notre Dame Academy's Drug Free Club are available online

[HERE](#) or through paper applications available at school.

Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.



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.



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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 been updated 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

SAVE THE DATE



**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

**REGISTER
ONLINE
TODAY!**



**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!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 19

LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA!

Light the Night for NDA 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!





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 7	Common Reader Day (ADJ) Parent Mini-Night (in-person)
September 8	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. Alumnae Prayer Group Rosary in Marian Circle 12:50 p.m.
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
October 4	Information Session for Prospective Families
October 7	No School: Faculty/Staff Day of Reflection
October 10	Non-Feeder School Shadow Day
October 12	Super Day; no classes (ADJ)
October 13	Information Session for Prospective Families
October 14	First Quarter Ends