



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

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THE *nda* LIFE

## Dear Parents,

Yesterday our community gathered for our annual Thanksgiving Prayer Service to give thanks for all that we have been blessed with at Notre Dame Academy. One of our faculty members, Mr. Chris Goddard, shared a wonderful reflection on gratitude with our community. We also celebrated the end of our "Clash of Cans" collection. Our students collected 15,600 canned goods this year beating CCH and Beechwood and I reluctantly took a pie in the face for the win.

It's easy to see the SND charism alive and well in our community. It was especially present Saturday night at our *Light the Night for NDA* fall fundraiser. The evening was filled with positivity and joy for all and it was a wonderful celebration of our mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world. Thank you to everyone who supported this important event for NDA. Whether you donated something for the event, attended LTN4NDA, attended a gift gathering party, purchased a raffle ticket or bid on an auction item, THANK YOU! Although we do not have final numbers from the event yet, we raised significant funds for our school. Additionally, I can tell you that it was an incredibly successful event in every respect and that can be attributed to our chairpersons - Cindy and Mike Hemsath and Jennifer and Jack Lenihan. These NDA parents were very intentional about their goals when they took on the leadership of this event. While they had a financial goal in mind, they also had a goal of building up our community and recognizing Christ's light among us. I am very grateful to all of them for the time and energy that they dedicated to *Light the Night for NDA*.

Parents, I am sincerely grateful for all you do for Notre Dame Academy and I am most appreciative for the opportunity to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



### PRAISE AND ADORATION

Praise the Lord.

I will extol the Lord with all my heart  
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

Great are the works of the Lord;  
They are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are His deeds,  
And His righteousness endures forever.

He has caused His wonders to be remembered;  
The Lord is gracious and compassionate.

He provides food for those who [reverently]  
fear Him;  
He remembers His covenant forever.

(Psalm 111:1-5)

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Have a great day and make good choices!



# ADVANCING OUR MISSION

OH WHAT A NIGHT!

## LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA

This year's fall fundraiser, *Light the Night for NDA*, was an amazing evening for everyone involved! A very special thank you to everyone who supported our fall fundraiser. Our chairpersons, Cindy and Mike Hemsath and Jennifer and Jack Lenihan did an absolutely amazing job reinvigorating this favorite annual event!

Thanks also to our Master of Ceremonies - Glenn Stansberry, our Auctioneer - David Wallace, Garren Colvin and St. Elizabeth Healthcare for the beautiful venue and all of our wonderful committee members, volunteers and our awesome student volunteers.

It was extraordinary to have so many members of our faith community come together in celebration of the mission of Notre Dame Academy!



# Student Life



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE CLASH OF CANS

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's canned food drive. We collected 15,600 canned goods beating CCH and Beechwood and Mr. V took a pie in the face for the Pandas.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION VIRTUS

Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky. Tuesday, November 29, 2022, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky. Thursday, December 1, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Diocesan Catholic Children's Home, 75 Orphanage Road, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. Thursday, December 1, 2022, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The November bulletin posted on Sunday, November 6 and will be due on Tuesday, December 6.

## ATTENTION SOPHOMORES CLASS RING INFO

Tuesday 11/29 Herff Jones will be in the foyer from 3-7 to meet with parents and answer any questions and to accept ring orders.

Wednesday 11/30 during lunch they will be here to collect class ring orders.

## 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!

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PANDA GEAR

## BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

Thanksgiving Week SALE: 15% off entire order. Shop online [HERE](#).

There's another way to get 10% off of your Bambootique purchases... Volunteer to work in the Bambootique! Please sign up to volunteer [HERE](#).

### BAMBOOTIQUE HOLIDAY HOURS:

Monday thru Friday. 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

November 19, 26, Dec. 10, 17. 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### BIG NEWS

## TRAVELING PANDAS

Travel opportunities for the summer of 2024 include the following:

French students are invited to travel with Madame Otto to Paris, Normandy, and London.

A trip to the Athens & Islands with Ms. Dooling is open to all students from the Classes of 2024, 2025, 2026. We will be going over all the details at the informational Travel Night meeting on 12/14. A parent MUST use this link to RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3eqARPh>. The meeting will run from 6-7 p.m. and parents and students can attend in-person at NDA or join virtually.

### PART TIME NURSE

## POSITION AVAILABLE AT NDA

Notre Dame Academy (NDA) is searching for a part-time Nurse (RN or LPN) to help manage and oversee the overall physical wellbeing of our students. The nurse is responsible for assessing students who are ill, administering authorized medications and performing basic first aid as needed. The nurse will also be responsible for accurate record keeping and maintaining and applying school protocols related to COVID-19, other illnesses and/or physical impairments.

Hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., two to three days per week during the school year. The position reports to the principal.

Strong communication and organizational skills are required. Proficiency with email and spreadsheets is also necessary. A current Kentucky nursing license is required. Current BLS CPR certification preferred. A background check, valid driver's license and Virtus training is also required.

Please submit letter of interest, resume, and salary requirements to [ndahr@ndapandas.org](mailto:ndahr@ndapandas.org).

JOIN  
OUR  
TEAM!



## DID YOU ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK? YEARBOOK SALES

Parents: You can pre-order Notre Dame Academy's 2022-23 yearbook, *Finding our Groove*, at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://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.



## BUSY WEEK

### PERSONAL FINANCE CLASS NEWS

Our Personal Finance classes have had a busy week. On Friday, November 18, speaker and alumna, Gwyneth Thomas, spoke to the classes about her college experience at University of Cincinnati. As an ambassador for the Lindner College of Business, she also presented on career opportunities for those seeking a Bachelor's degree in business.

On Monday, November 21, the Personal Finance students attended a mini Career Day in Alumnae Hall. Ten professionals from various fields spoke to small groups of students about their education, career paths, and day-to-day schedules as well as answering questions. Students attended 15-minute sessions with the professionals from the fields that interested them.





# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



## SERVING OUR PANDAS

### NDA SWIM TEAM NEWS

**The AquaPandas kicked off the swim season by finishing third in the Boone County-Conner Sprint Meet at Keating Natatorium (St. Xavier HS)** Many girls were competing in their first high school meet and a couple were competing in their first swim meet ever! The team recorded 23 individual and 14 relay split "best times". Top 8 finishers were:

200 Medley Relay - 4th (Marisa Kent, Peyton Quinn, Sammie Poulos, and Mary Reynolds)

100 Breaststroke - 2nd Peyton Quinn, 3rd Sammie Poulos, 7th Grace Summe

100 Backstroke - 6th Marisa Kent, 8th Megan McKeown

50 Freestyle - 4th Mary Reynolds, 7th Abby Otto

100 IM - 6th Sammie Poulos

100 Butterfly - 6th Abby Otto, 7th Mary Reynolds, 8th Marisa Kent

100 Freestyle - 4th Peyton Quinn, 6th Marlee Reynolds, 7th Grace Summe

200 Freestyle Relay - 2nd (Marisa Kent, Mary Reynolds, Peyton Quinn, and Sammie Poulos)

**The AquaPandas repeated as winners of the Flying Turkey Invitational at Keating Natatorium (St. Xavier HS) last weekend, besting 9 other schools from Northern Kentucky.** A win in the final event held off a strong St. Henry squad. The team recorded 18 individual and 1 relay split "best times". Top 8 finishers were:

200 Medley Relay - 1st (Sophie Anderson, Lainy Kruger, Riley Quinn, and Danaka Tucker)

200 Freestyle - 2nd Sadie Hartig, 6th Mary Reynolds

200 IM - 1st Lainy Kruger, 2nd Riley Quinn

50 Freestyle - 6th Danaka Tucker

100 Butterfly - 7th Sophie Anderson

100 Freestyle - 2nd Sadie Hartig, 3rd Riley Quinn, 6th Peyton Quinn

500 Freestyle - 2nd Danaka Tucker, 7th Grace Summe

200 Freestyle Relay - 3rd (Marisa Kent, Sophie Anderson, Mary Reynolds, and Sadie Hartig)

100 Backstroke - 1st Sophie Anderson, 4th Marisa Kent

100 Breaststroke - 1st Lainy Kruger, 6th Peyton Quinn

400 Freestyle Relay - 1st (Lainy Kruger, Danaka Tucker, Riley Quinn, and Sadie Hartig)

The next meet for the AquaPandas is Monday, November 28 at 6:40 p.m. vs. Seton HS at the Heidt Family Champions Center (Xavier University).



## RIGHT ON TARGET PANDA ARCHERY NEWS

Last Saturday, the Archery Pandas competed in our first tournament of the year at Scott High School. The team shot 3014 which included 76 tens. The Pandas were led by Keira Schneider at 281, Ellie Puglisi at 280, Ava Boertlein at 264, Lea Youtsey at 263 and Morgan Russell at 259. Next up the team will shoot at the NDA Panda Tournament on December 2 and 3. ARCHERY PANDAS ROCK!





# FINE ARTS

HONOR CHOIR at NKU

## PANDA TONES PERFORM

Five members of the NDA Panda Tones participated in a Tri-State Honor Choir workshop and concert at Northern Kentucky University. At this workshop, the girls worked with choral groups from other high schools, including Beechwood, Boone County, Covington Latin, Norwood, Cooper and many others; they performed with a group of 170 other high school chorus students; expanded their choral repertoire with difficult college-level pieces; and they performed with the prestigious Chamber Choir from Northern Kentucky University under the direction of the Director of Choral Studies, Mrs. Katie Barton. Congratulations to the Panda Tones and Mrs. Chandler!

The girls pictured are (from L to R) Katrina Hillebrand, Melissa Geiman, Kristina Dawson, Laila Janah and Abby Price





# COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



## COLLEGE REP VISITS

### 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.

### TIME TO STUDY

## EXAM SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Exams for students will be December 16, 19 and 20. We will dismiss no later than 12:50 p.m. on Friday and 11:50 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Please see the linked exam schedule [here](#) for times and which exams will occur for each day. You will need your student's schedule in order to determine the order of her exams. Please contact Mrs. Monohan with any questions regarding exams.

### CONGRATULATIONS

## BEST AWARDS

Congratulations to our BEST students from last quarter. They were all nominated by their teachers for the recognition:

Freshman: Alyssa Rankin

Sophomore: Andi Carothers

Junior: Gabby Baker

Senior: Mia Montello



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

- Sisters of Notre Dame Hiring
- Morning of Reflection
- Important EdChoice Information
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?

## Important dates

November 23	No School: Thanksgiving Break
	College Welcome Back Night
November 24-25	No School: Thanksgiving Break
November 28	Mass in Chapel 3:15 p.m.
November 29	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
November 29 - Dec. 1	Senior Retreat #2
December 1	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
	Alumnae Rosary in Chapel 12:50 p.m.
December 2	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
December 3	FR Semi Formal Dance at NDA
December 7	Christmas Choral Concert
December 8	No School - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 9	In School Band and Choral Concert (ADJ)
December 10	HSPT and ACT at NDA
	Silver Bells at Newport Car Barn
December 11	Band Christmas Concert
December 12	Advent Mass
December 13	Quilt Show
December 16, 19, 20	Exams
December 21 - January 2	Christmas Break