



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving break with family and friends. Our students, faculty and staff are *Radiating God's Goodness* during this season of giving. Last Monday, the NDA community came together in prayer at our annual Thanksgiving Prayer Service with gratitude for all that God has given to us. During our prayer service, senior Claire Coppage gave witness to the meaning and importance of gratitude. In her speech, she emphasized the connection between gratitude and wellness, noting that "practicing gratitude brings us to peace with God and within ourselves." After the prayer service, Student Council members presented the results of this year's Clash of Cans canned food drive to the student body.

Speaking of this year's Canned Food War, I would like to congratulate our NDA Pandas on their incredible efforts to make a difference for those in need this winter by collecting canned goods. Our students collected a total of 13,469 canned food items which have been donated to St. Vincent de Paul. Our partners in this canned food competition at St. Henry collected 7,298 items. NDA would like to thank the St. Henry Crusaders for helping us make a positive difference in the world and feeding families in need. I would like to express my gratitude for your support and generosity this year to our annual food drive as well. I am always amazed by the spirit in which your daughters take ownership of this annual event. Since our students began this canned food drive in 2010, our students have collected 137,713 canned good. What an incredible testament to our servant leaders at NDA.

Our students are very generous in sharing their gifts and talents with others. They find great joy when partaking in the service work that is so much a part of NDA. We feel honored and blessed to partner with you in the Catholic education of such an incredible and spirited group of young women committed to making a difference in the world!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Student Life



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

INCLEMENT WEATHER

As December approaches, it comes with the possibility of school closings and delays due to natural elements, hazardous road conditions or power outages. The decision to close or delay school is made with the safety of students, parents and faculty/staff in mind. If there is a need to delay or close school, NDA will use the emergency notification system SwiftK12 to communicate to all school community members through email, text and phone. This decision will also be publicized on all of our social media accounts along with the website.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY ADVENT

During this special time of the year, we are very fortunate at NDA to have dedicated staff and students who remind us of the beauty of the season. Our building will be decorated by the members of the Student Council, the moderators and the maintenance staff (who constantly take such good care of our building). As you drive through the circle, may you also be reminded of the beauty of the season as you notice our decorated foyer and beautiful tree.

Our students will also continue to join in the holiday spirit as they will enjoy the Christmas Concert next Thursday, December 7. We are looking forward to hearing our PandaTones and Band perform.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

CLASH OF CANS

Congratulations to our amazing Pandas on winning this year's Clash of Cans canned food competition and collecting an incredible number of canned food items for St. Vincent de Paul. This year, St. Henry's 425 students collected 7,298 cans in total averaging 17.17 cans per student and our 492 NDA students collected 13,469 cans averaging 27.38 cans per student!

Every NDA family made amazing contributions to this canned food drive:

- St. Joan of Arc - 4195 cans
- St. Gemma Galgani - 3886 cans
- St. Hildegard of Bingen - 2749 cans
- St. Rose of Lima - 2639 cans

We are very proud of everyone's diligence and support towards the Can Food Drive this year. As a competition within our school and also with St. Henry, our students' acts of kindness and servant leadership have shown through! NDA's contributions to St. Vincent de Paul will last through next summer which is a tremendous accomplishment and help to those in need!





TIME TO STUDY

EXAM SCHEDULE

Students and parents can find the midterm exam schedule [HERE](#). Students, please look over it and make a copy for your own schedule. Note that we will not go to Homeroom but you will have a break time where you can get a snack or study or whatever you may need to do in the common areas of the school. Best of luck with exams!



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

There will be no school on Friday, December 8 as the Feast of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - a holy day of obligation.



SILVERBELLS

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

Student Council will offer Silver Bells for students who are sophomores, juniors and seniors. The event will take place at the Newport Car Barn from 8-11 p.m. on December 8. The cost is \$18 per person. Tickets can be purchased from November 20 until December 4.

WE NEED YOUR HELP AT SILVERBELLS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The preparations have begun for a night of dancing and celebrating with friends at the annual Silver Bells Dance. This dance is planned by the sophomore class and is for all students from the sophomore class and up. We are looking for Virtus trained parents to help give out drinks and snacks during the dance. If you are interested in helping us on December 8 from 7:30 - 11:00 p.m., please contact Lisa Timmerding at timmerdingl@ndapandas.org. Thank you in advance for your help.

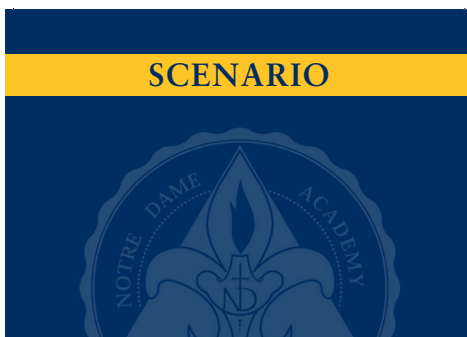


ATTENTION FRESHMEN

WINTER WONDERLAND DANCE

The Drug Free Club of NDA will offer a semi-formal dance for the freshmen students. The Registration Form for NDA's Winter Wonderland Semi-formal Dance is now open and was sent to students (Registration Form [HERE](#)). It is set for Saturday, December 2 from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Academy in the Auditorium. The cost is \$15/person.

*The ladies were all informed regarding the appropriate attire required for each dance, so please make sure that your daughter's dress meets the guidelines that were shared this week.



EXERCISE IN SAFETY

CRITICAL THINKING!

On Friday December 1, our students will engage in a critical thinking exercise centered around the ALICE protocols. The students will be given hypothetical scenarios and situations that could occur and impact the safety of our school. With groups, the girls will have to determine how to respond to these situations to uphold the safety of themselves and others. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. Our students were introduced to ALICE earlier this year and most likely are familiar with it from grade school. Sadly, it is crucial that our girls are prepared for various situations and this activity is a great exercise in doing so.



ATTENTION SOPHOMORES

CLASS RINGS

Attention Sophomores: Please use [THIS LINK](#) to order a class ring by Friday, December 1.

Orders will still be accepted after December 1 however, we cannot guarantee that you will receive your ring at the Ring Ceremony scheduled for March 12 if you order after this deadline. If you have any questions, please contact Herff Jones.

MEMORIES FOR LIFE

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY

NDA's 2024 yearbook, 24 hOURS, is on sale now for the early price of \$77 through December 15. Buy now to take advantage of early-bird pricing at the NDA store at jostens.com. This is a must have for all Pandas! Mr. Glynn and our Publications team does an AMAZING job capturing all of the wonderful happenings at NDA throughout the year and students will look back at their yearbook for years to come.



NDA's 2023 yearbook, Finding Our Groove, is on track for fall delivery! Be sure to check the Panda Press for updates and a special '23 graduate welcome back/yearbook pickup event!

ST. NICK SPECIAL DELIVERY

BAMBOOTIQUE

Spread the joy of Christmas! Order a Cookie or S'more Kit by 12/05/23, and let St. Nick deliver a sweet surprise to your favorite student, faculty or staff Member! Don't forget to include their name in the order note for a personal touch. For a St. Nick cookie, order online [HERE](#). For a St. Nick S'More kit, order online [HERE](#).

HOLIDAY BAMBOOTIQUE HOURS:

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

Saturday hours are 9:30 to 2:00 (dates are below)

December 9 & 16



We are looking for volunteers for the Bambootique. If you can help out, please sign up [HERE](#).



DELICIOUS NEWS

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. We have many overdue accounts and some are quite large.

PLEASE NOTE

ATTENDANCE EMAIL

If your daughter is going to be late, out for the day or if she is leaving early, please contact the office through is attendance@ndapandas.org or call the main phone line 859-261-4300.

PLEASE NOTE! →



ROMAN FOOD DAY

BENE SAPIT!

The Latin 3 Dual Credit class started a new class tradition this year - the first-annual Roman food day - and it was a huge hit!

The students read about Apicius, a famous ancient Roman cook who wrote an entire cookbook of recipes, then they got to experience a taste of real Roman recipes by reading a couple of Apicius' together in class from the original Latin text of his cookbook. For Roman food day, each student chose a food or recipe that was eaten by the Romans or had Roman origins, did a little research on its prevalence during Roman times and wrote up a short report on it, and created it at home and brought it into school.



The last period of the day before we went on Thanksgiving Break, the Latin 3's enjoyed the fruits of their labors, sitting down to a Roman-style meal together in the cafeteria, complete with their recipes to share, plenty of food to go around, cards telling what each of their food was, desert, fake candles and sparkling grape juice, guest appearances from Mr. VonHandorf, Mrs. Timmerding, Mrs. Miller, Ms. Neubacher, and Mrs. Kleier, and lots of joy and laughter had by all. The menu included common Roman foods and recipes as well as a few modern Italian twists to add to the mix, and everyone enjoyed getting to share their food with one another, try new foods, and spend quality time together. We finished the class meal by saying what we were grateful for before parting ways for the break and decided that a tradition had been born! Gratias vobis ago, discipulae!





FAITH IN ACTION

A JOURNEY OF PRAYER, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP

The National Catholic Youth Conference took place on Nov 16-18 in Indianapolis. During this 3 day event - 13,000 high school youth participated in prayer gatherings and service projects, heard from Catholic speakers and visited booths of Catholic Universities and various other religious organizations and communities. They also played games and shared fellowship with students from across the country. NDA had 45 students take part in this uplifting and inspiring conference along with 200 other students and chaperones from the Diocese of Covington. During the 3 days, participants explored what it means to be "Fully Alive". We look forward to attending NCYC 2025!



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

GRATITUDE IN ACTION

Last week, Blessed Sacrament gathered 91 Thanksgiving meals, generously donating them to Catholic Charities for distribution to families in need. NDA's Alexis Abdrabbo played a crucial role, dedicating an hour before school to assist with the heartfelt drop-off. Thanks for making a difference Alexis!



ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE

JETS CLUB PREPARING FOR THE TEAMS COMPETITION

Meet Anna Blair and Clare Shay, the dynamic Co-Presidents of the JETS (Junior Engineering Technical Society) club. Passionate about hands-on learning, they're gearing up for the TEAMS Competition in February, ready to tackle the Build and Design challenge along with Lucy Bailey and Sam Spellman. Armed with their knowledge of physics and chemistry, these talented engineers recently showcased their skills by designing and building innovative egg drop contraptions.



OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN THE YOUNG MARINES NDA SENIOR AWARDED NATIONAL AWARD/SCHOLARSHIP

NDA senior, Sergeant Emmalyn Martin, has been honored with the national Jimmy Trimble Scholarship from the American Veterans Center. As a dedicated member of the Young Marines, a national youth organization for youth aged eight through high school graduation, Emmalyn, who joined the Northern Kentucky Young Marines in 2019 at the age of 12, stands out for her commitment and leadership. Emmalyn received this prestigious award during the 26th Annual Conference of the American Veterans Center on November 4 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The Jimmy Trimble Scholarship is bestowed annually upon a Young Marine who embodies the admirable qualities of James "Jimmy" Trimble III. Trimble, a talented athlete, chose to serve in the Marines over pursuing a career in professional baseball. Known for his focus and dedication to serving his country, Trimble tragically lost his life at the age of 19 on March 1, 1945, during combat on Iwo Jima. The award recognizes Martin's commitment to the values and principles exemplified by Jimmy Trimble, honoring her dedication to service and leadership within the Young Marines organization.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP AUDITIONS FOR SOUND OF MUSIC ARE NEXT WEEK

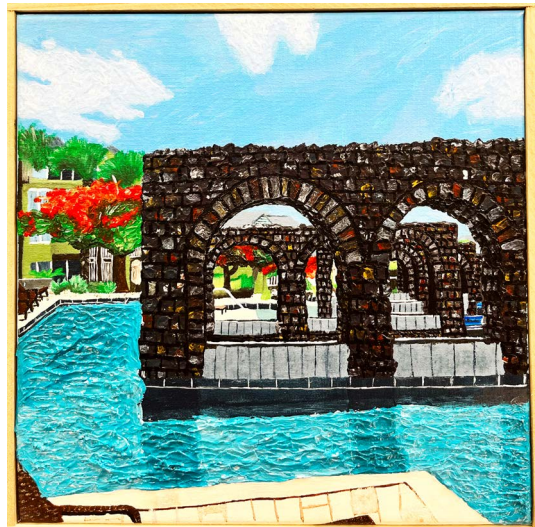
Sign up by Monday, December 4 for Auditions on Tuesday, December 5 and Wednesday, December 6 after school in NDA's theatre. Callback auditions will be Thursday, December 7 after school. Callbacks may include a brief dance call.

ARTISTIC ACCOLADES CELEBRATING NDA ARTISTS IN THE DIANA TAYLOR ART SHOW

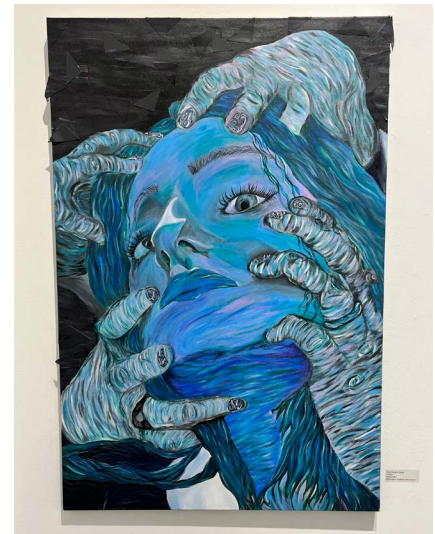
Congratulations to Hannah Renaker, Jasmine Barczak, and Keira Laudick for having their paintings selected to show in the Diana Taylor Art Show at Behringer Crawford. Special congratulations to Hannah Renaker for earning Best in Show!



Hannah Renaker



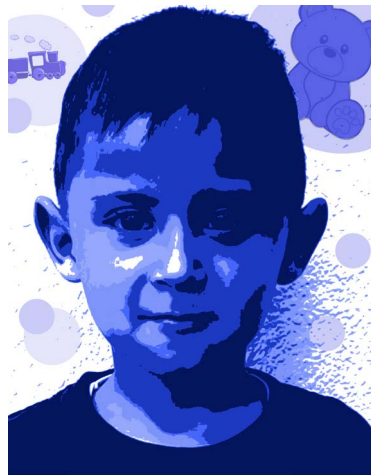
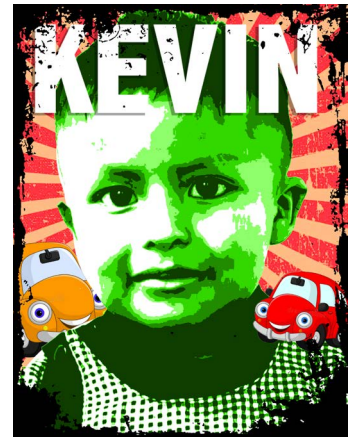
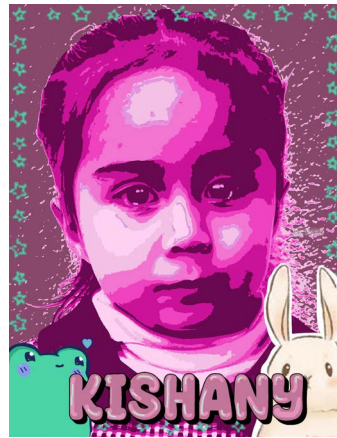
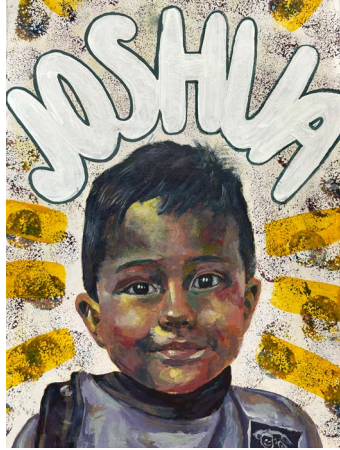
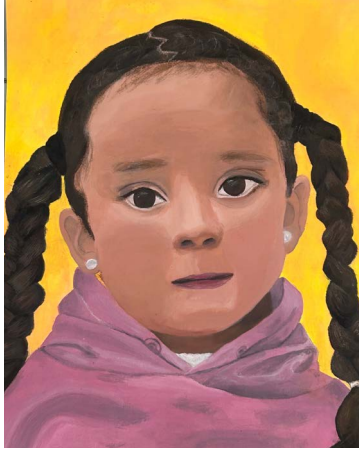
Jasmine Barczak



Keira Laudick

NDA ART STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN MEMORY PROJECT

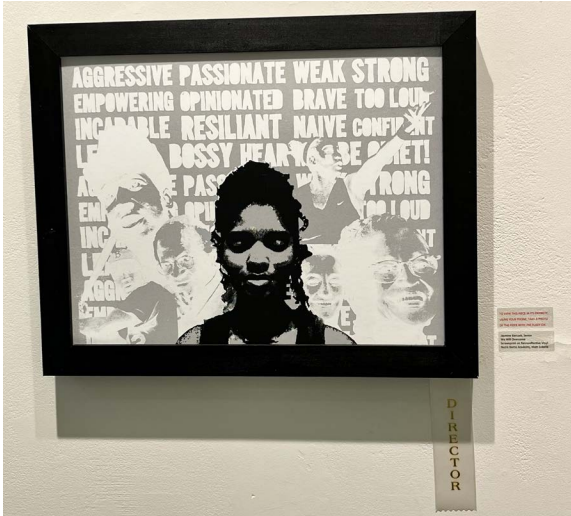
The Art students at Notre Dame Academy have successfully concluded another year of participating in the Memory Project. In this project, students receive a photograph of a young child living in an orphanage from around the world. They then craft portraits based on these images and send the completed pieces to the respective child.



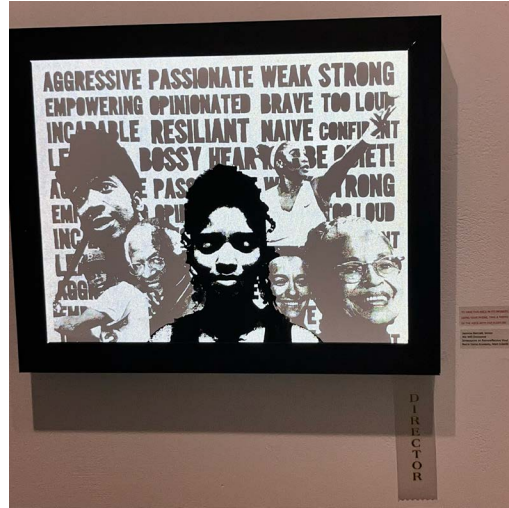
ARTISTIC PANDAS

NDA TALENTS SHINE IN TMU HIGH SCHOOL JURIED EXHIBITION

A big congratulations to every NDA artist who participated in the Thomas More University Annual High School Juried Exhibition! Your representation of NDA and the Arts was truly outstanding. Special kudos to Kimmie Woeste, Janie McManus, Keira Laudick, Lacey Mack, Hannah Renaker, and Jasmine Barczak for having their exceptional works chosen for the exhibition. A special mention to Jasmine Barczak, who earned the Director's Choice award for her incredible piece, 'We Will Overcome.' Well done to all!



Jasmine Barczak



To view Jasmine's piece in its entirety, you have to take a photograph of it using your flash on your camera (images appear in the background) as shown here.



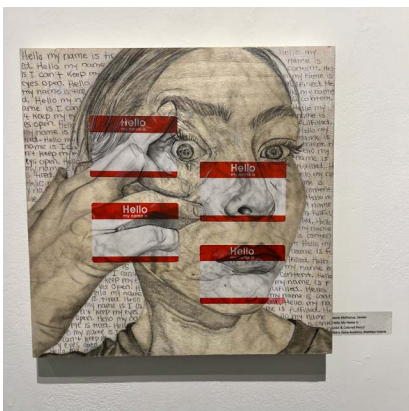
Lacey Mack



Hannah Renaker



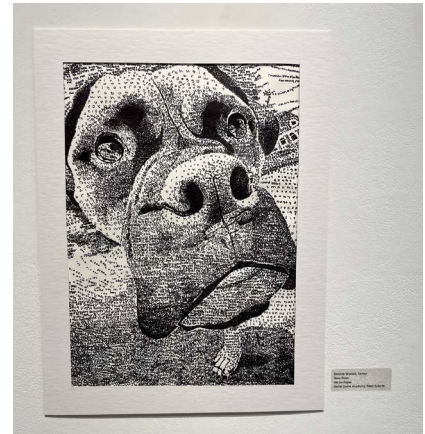
Keira Laudick



Janie McManus



Hannah Renaker



Kimmie Woeste

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

GO PANDAS!

HELLO SPORTS FANS

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Don't miss any of the action with our Panda athletes! [Here](#) is the calendar for the upcoming week.

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

VOTE! - Don't forget to vote Pandas!

Grace Summe - NKY/IND girls swimmer/diver of the week

Notre Dame Academy Swimming - top girls winter team of the week

[VOTE HERE](#)



Bowling - Congratulations to our Panda Bowlers on their first tournament - 3rd seed in qualifying and missed the final 4 by 51 pins but bowled the highest baker game of 226!

Swimming and Diving - The AquaPandas kicked off the swim season by winning Boone-Conner Sprint Meet on Saturday, November 11 and then outlasted Beechwood and St. Henry to win their 3rd straight Flying Turkey Invitational this past Saturday, November 18. Both meets were contested at Keating Natatorium on the campus of St. Xavier HS. Many girls were competing in their first high school swim meet and some were competing for the first time as an AquaPanda. Lots of great swims! You can read more about how the AquaPandas are off to a fast start [HERE](#).

Archery - Congratulations to the Archery Pandas who competed Saturday, November 18 at the Ryle Tournament. The team shot 3104. The Pandas were led by Ava Boertlein at 288 2nd HS Girl with 2 perfect 50's, Lea Youtsey at 272 10th HS Girl, Sarah Beckham at 271 11th high school girl, Lucy Siegert at 270 11th high school girl and Emma Lange at 265 14th high school girl. Eight Pandas shot over 250 (300 is a perfect score). You can find more pictures [HERE](#).



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.

CHECK IT OUT!

THE KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

[Creative Writing](#) - [Dance](#) - [Design](#) - [Drama](#) - [Instrumental Music](#) - [Vocal Music](#) - [Musical Theatre](#) - [Visual Art](#) - [Film + Photography](#)

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- GSA is a tuition-free residential summer program for passionate and talented artists from across the Commonwealth.
- GSA Alumni receive access to scholarships at nearly 30 colleges/universities, as well as life-long mentorships and a transformative summer experience.
- Click [HERE](#) for Applicant Guides
- Only two GSA 101 Webinars are left:
- Wednesday, December 6 - 5:00 p.m. Click [here](#) to register!
- **Applications due January 14, 2024.**

YOU'RE INVITED

THE KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The [GSP website](#) has applications and information for GSP 2024. Applications for NDA students are due November 20. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.



RESOURCES TO UNDERSTAND & HELP TEENAGE GIRLS

NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

NDA's counselors have put together some very useful tools for our parents [HERE](#).



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

- 2023-24 Thomas More Dual-Credit Information Sessions
- Molly Mayer's Studio of Dance

Important dates

November 29	Sophomore Retreat
December 1	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
December 2	Freshman Semi-Formal Dance
December 3	Junior Retreat #2
December 4	HSPT Prep
December 5-6	Musical Auditions
December 7	In School - Christmas Band & Choral concert Musical Auditions Call Backs
December 8	Silver Bells Dance - Newport Car Barn
December 9	HSPT at NDA
December 10	NDA to the Bengals game Band and Color Guard Christmas Concert 4:30-5:30
December 11	HSPT Make-up date
December 13	Panda Tones & Dance Pandas Christmas Concert 6:30-7:30
December 14	Quilt show
December 15	Alumnae Event - Cookies with Santa (6-8:00 p.m.)
December 18	Exams begin
December 19	College Welcome Back Night - Class of 2023
December 20	Faculty/Staff Christmas party End of 2nd Quarter
December 21- January 2	Christmas Break
January 3	Classes Resume