



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

Advent is a wonderful time of the year! On our Advent journey we are reminded of the significance of prayer and community in our lives. While time seems to pass even more quickly than usual throughout the holidays, it is important for us to take time out during this busy season to pause and remember the blessings of people and community.

Yesterday, as part of our Giving Tuesday initiative at NDA, our community donated at total of \$27,216 to our 2022-23 Annual Fund. We are truly grateful for the continued support of our alumnae, families and friends. I am especially appreciative of our faculty and staff as well as our Board of Directors who were overwhelmingly generous to our Annual Fund on Giving Tuesday. It speaks volumes that those people who already give so much of themselves to our school community support each other and our mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world. As the President/Interim Principal, I am truly humbled by their generosity.

Parents, if you have not yet made a donation to our 2022-23 Annual Fund, I ask that you please consider doing so. Your support helps "fill the gap" and allows us to continue to provide a premiere Catholic education to the young women of our community. You can make a donation online [HERE](#).

Monday was an exciting day for us at Notre Dame Academy we announced Trish Miller as the fourth president of Notre Dame Academy. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Miller to our faith community of Notre Dame Academy! You can read more about her on the following page.

I suggest that you encourage your daughter to take some time during this season of Advent for joyful preparation and peaceful reflection of the importance of prayer and community in our lives and the coming of our Lord on Christmas day.

As you begin your Advent journey this week, may God's blessing come upon you and your family!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

*Prepare the
Way of
the Lord*



Welcome!

Dear Notre Dame Academy Parents and Students,

Following an extensive nationwide search, Notre Dame Academy's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Trish Miller as the new president of Notre Dame Academy, effective July 1, 2023. Trish currently serves as the associate principal of La Salle High School in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Trish has both educational and business leadership experience. She began her career as principal owner of Brands Insurance and subsequently co-founded West Chester Permit and Transportation Marketing Services in West Chester, Ohio. After 20 years, Trish found herself with a rare opportunity to discern what she was really called to do. Since education had always been a very strong focus for her and her family, she made the decision to teach. She joined Teach for America giving her the opportunity to develop as an educator, which she found to be both challenging and humbling. Her experience enhanced her passion for teaching. This work also reinforced her fundamental belief that every student is entitled to a quality education. Trish went on to teach at Withrow University High School and Aiken New Tech High School. As a Catholic, however, she very much wanted to be involved in Catholic education in a leadership role. She subsequently joined the La Salle High School community as associate principal. Working with the principal, she has focused on the advancement of La Salle's mission and vision.



Trish is truly a mission focused leader who is grounded in her Catholic faith. Also, she understands at a personal level the transformative experience that a school such as Notre Dame Academy can provide. As a young woman, she was blessed with the opportunity to attend Ursuline Academy in Cincinnati, an all-girls Catholic high school sponsored by the Ursuline Sisters. This experience empowered her with the confidence and the desire to pursue excellence without reservation in all aspects of her life. It laid the groundwork for a successful, rewarding and faith-filled life journey.

Trish is now looking forward to being part of our NDA community and, in collaboration with the Board of Directors, faculty, staff and administration, continue to provide for a transformative experience for our young women. She is very excited to return to an all-girls environment where she sees the impact that a school such as Notre Dame Academy has on students in their academic, social and faith development. She knows that schools such as Notre Dame Academy are significant in the formation of young women especially with everything that is going on in the world today. She believes that she has been given the gift of experience both as a business and educational leader that will serve her and Notre Dame Academy well in the role of president.

"I feel truly blessed to have the opportunity to serve in the role of president at Notre Dame Academy and given my background in educational and business leadership, I feel that I am in a unique position to make a positive impact at NDA," says Trish. "Over the past several years, I have been able to leverage many of the professional strengths I developed in my business career to effect positive change in a variety of educational settings. As a graduate of Ursuline Academy, and a parent of four children, all of whom attended Catholic schools, I truly value the academic rigor and character development that a Catholic education provides."

The Board of Directors thanks the Presidential Search Committee for the vast amount of time they dedicated to this important endeavor. We also thank the many other members of the Notre Dame Academy community, including faculty, staff, administrators, students, parents and alumnae for providing your thoughtful feedback on the finalists. Your emails and survey comments reinforced the choice of Trish Miller as the next president of Notre Dame Academy.

We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to Jack VonHandorf who has ably served as our interim president. His commitment to Notre Dame Academy and our students is truly remarkable and we are grateful for all that he has done. We look forward to his continued work as Notre Dame Academy's principal. The Board of Directors is grateful for his commitment to partnering with all members of the school community to ensure a smooth transition in leadership.

We are excited to welcome Trish to the Notre Dame Academy community. We look forward to working with Trish to continue to foster our Sisters of Notre Dame spirituality and Notre Dame Academy's commitment to excellence, promoting our ideals of educating young women to make a difference in the world and graduating transformative women leaders embracing God's goodness.

Sincerely,

Mark Hausfeld
Board of Directors
Chair

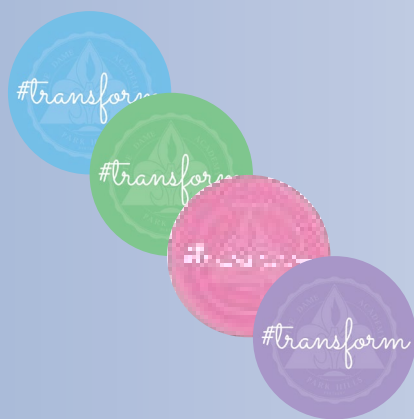
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Board of Directors
Search Committee Chair

Student Life



ALL ARE WELCOME MORNING MASS

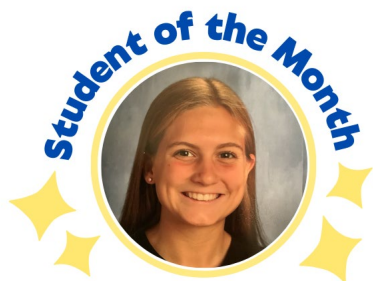
We will be celebrating Mass in our chapel on Thursday and Friday this week at 7:20 a.m. and praying the rosary with our alumnae on Thursday at 12:50 p.m. in the chapel. All are welcome to join us!



EXCITING NEWS FAMILY SYSTEM UPDATE

We have been working towards choosing Patron Saints who our four Families will be named for throughout the 2nd Quarter. The Pink and Purple Families have already voted on their choices and the Blue and Green Families will vote this Friday. We hope to be able to announce the permanent names of our Families before Christmas Break! Below is an update on the Family Competition.

4th Place- Green- 327
3rd Place- Purple- 374
2nd Place- Pink- 378
1st Place- Blue- 487



NOVEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to sophomore Anna Mayer who is November's Student of the Month. You can read more about Anna [HERE](#).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

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.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE CLASH OF CANS

Throughout the month of November Student Council held their annual can food drive. This year we competed with Covington Catholic and Beechwood. Between our three schools we brought in 21,678 food items supporting St. Vincent de Paul, Be Concerned, and GoPantry. Mr. VonHandorf and Mrs. Grayson offered an incentive that if Notre Dame collected over 15,000 items that a student could choose one of them to pie in the face. Freshman Megan Fedor had the privilege of throwing a pie at Mr. VonHandorf after our Thanksgiving Prayer Service last Tuesday. Great job Pandas for your commitment to feeding the hungry this year!



SOLIDARITY AND SUBSIDIARITY

MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH MICRO FINANCING

Mrs. Wagner's Catholic Social Teaching classes have been learning about solidarity (we are all connected) and subsidiarity (solving problems at the lowest competent level of authority) for the last several weeks and how we can make a difference in people's lives with those concepts in mind. The way that they are doing that is through partnering with Kiva, a microfinancing organization, to help fund small loans for people around the world that will allow them to improve their lives, the lives of their families, and the lives of their communities. Each student brought in money to help finance a loan of their class's choosing. They chose to help finance loans for Vannak and Iroda, women in Cambodia and Tajikistan, who need help paying medical bills for their family members so that they can continue to provide for their family's daily needs. These women will pay back these loans over the next year. Mrs. Wagner's classes have been doing this project since 2017 and have been able to loan over \$2,500 to individuals all over the world between their donations and re-lending what has been repaid from previous loans.



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. 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.





TRAVELING PANDAS

SUMMER TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES 2024

Big news, NDA parents! Travel opportunities for the summer of 2024 include the following:

French students are invited to travel with Madame Otto to Paris, Normandy, and London and to learn more about this opportunity, register to attend the informational meeting using the following link: <https://bit.ly/3fY1ADj>.

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 register for this informational meeting: <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.

An RSVP is mandatory to attend either meeting AND will qualify you for a \$200 discount. Please join the meeting to hear all the details including the itinerary, dates, and cost of this trip. The meeting will also mark the official opening of enrollment!



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.

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!





PANDA GEAR

BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

DEAL OF THE WEEK: 20% off long sleeve t-shirts. 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. Dec. 10, 17. 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



UPDATED

PANDA FAMILY DIRECTORY

Please check your email for an update to the Panda Family Directory. After the directory was first distributed, some additional families requested to be included. Two emails went out on Tuesday. One included the updated directory as a PDF attachment and the second contained the password necessary to open the directory. The layout of the directory was intended to be viewed on a smartphone, but will open also on a tablet or computer.



HSPT REGISTRATION

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

Attention parents of 8th grade girls!

Don't forget to register your daughter for the High School Placement Test (HSPT) at Notre Dame Academy!

THE HSPT REGISTRATION DEADLINE AT NDA IS THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2.

The HSPT will be given at NDA Saturday, December 10 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. You can find the registration form online [HERE](#).

All incoming freshmen are required to take this test. If the test is taken at another location the results can be sent to Notre Dame Academy; however, priority for academic scholarships will be given to students who take the HSPT at Notre Dame Academy.

REGISTER TODAY!

SILVER BELLS

Don't forget to register for Silver Bells! You can register online [HERE](#).



SILVER

bells

Theme: Masquerade

DATE: DECEMBER 10TH, 8-11PM

**LOCATION: THE NEWPORT CAR BARN
(1102 BRIGHTON STREET, NEWPORT, KY,
41071)**

PRICE: \$18/PERSON -CREDIT ONLY

Registration closes December 7th @3pm

FINE ARTS

THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

SIGN UP TO AUDITION FOR THE SPRING MUSICAL

Auditions:

- Fill out audition form [here](#)
- Monday, Dec 12 from 3:30-6:30pm sign up [here](#)
- Tuesday, Dec 13 from 3:30-6:30pm sign up [here](#)
- Wednesday, Dec 14 callbacks (if needed)



What to prepare:

- Fill out audition form and sign up for a time slot
- Memorized 60-90sec contemporary monologue from a play, musical, or TV show (select a monologue that show cases a character with a strong personality!) Miss Smith can help you prep for this, please email.
- Memorized 16 bars (16 measures) of a MUSICAL THEATRE song, must bring printed SHEET MUSIC with the starting and ending of 16 bars clearly marked (we will have Alan play the piano while you sing, we will not be using an instrumental track on the speaker). Mrs. Chandler can help you prep for this, please email.
- There is no dance call for these auditions, but there will be dance/movement in the show.

Important Dates:

- January private voice lessons individually scheduled with Alan
- Feb 6 Rehearsals begin from M-F from 4:00-6:30pm
- Mar 20-23 Q2Q from 4:00-6:30pm
- Mar 25 Tech from 12:00-8:00pm
- Mar 26 Tech from 12:00-10:00pm
- Mar 27 Tech from 2:15-8:00pm, dismiss early from school
- Mar 28 Tech from 2:15-8:00pm, dismiss early from school
- Wed Mar 29 Dress rehearsal from 3:15-10:00pm, show at 7pm
- Thurs Mar 30 Opening Night from 3:15-10:00pm, show at 7pm
- Fri Mar 31 Evening Show from 4:00-10:00pm, show at 7pm
- Sat Apr 1 Evening Show from 4:00-10:00pm, show at 7pm
- Sun Apr 2 Matinee Show and Strike from 11:00am-10:00pm, show at 2pm, strike to follow

For a complete list of musical numbers and characters [CLICK HERE](#).

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



RIGHT ON TARGET

PANDA ARCHERY NEWS

The 2022 NDA Panda Archery Tournament is this Friday and Saturday starting at 5:00 p.m. Friday and 9:00 a.m. Saturday. There are 532 archers representing 28 schools, including 4 teams from Wheeling West Virginia, participating.



GREAT NEWS!

BOWLING NEWS

Congratulations to Haley Pelstring!!! Hayley was named the Northern Kentucky Girls Bowler of the Week!



NOTHING BUT NET

BASKETBALL NEWS

Basketball won their home opener against NCC last night! JV also beat NCC and the Freshmen team beat Mount Notre Dame in an away game yesterday. Go Pandas!



SWIM AND DIVE

AQUA PANDA NEWS

Our Aqua Pandas won the Flying Turkey meet and beat Seton in their dual meet this week. They host a tri-meet at Xavier on the 7th!

ADVANCING OUR MISSION



THANK YOU!

LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA

Our fall fundraiser, *Light the Night for NDA*, was a tremendous success in every sense of the word! Although the final numbers aren't all in, this year's event appears to be the most profitable fall fundraiser ever hosted by Notre Dame Academy!

In addition to the significant funds raised for NDA, *Light the Night for NDA* provided a great opportunity for our faith community to gather in celebration of our mission. Most of all, the evening was fun! Our new venue and more casual atmosphere made the evening enjoyable for all who attended.

THANK YOU to all of our generous parents who supported this important fundraiser. From our raffles to our online auctions, our parents were certainly there for their Pandas! Thanks for making a difference in the lives of our students!

In addition to our parents, many of our local businesses supported *Light the Night for NDA* and we would like to take an opportunity to thank them for their generosity as well. Please take a look at the program from *Light the Night for NDA* [HERE](#) and help us thank our corporate and event sponsors by supporting their businesses.

THANK YOU!

GIVING TUESDAY

To our parents who have already given to our 2022-23 Annual Fund - THANK YOU! Notre Dame Academy is blessed with many generous benefactors!

To those parents who have not yet offered their support of NDA's [2022-23 Annual Fund](#), we ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to this important fund today.

By not charging the full cost of education, Notre Dame Academy has allowed students from all socioeconomic backgrounds to benefit from the excellence in Catholic education offered at NDA. The financial difference, or gap, between the cost of education and tuition has been made up through fundraising and the support of generous benefactors like yourself to our Annual Fund.

We humbly ask your support in ensuring that a Notre Dame Academy education continues to be accessible to all young women of our region through your gifts of prayer, involvement and financial participation.

Your support of NDA's Annual Fund will make a significant difference and help us build a strong founDAation for the young women of Notre Dame Academy.

11.29.2022



Thank You!

#GIVING TUESDAY

#SupportOurPandas



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 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