



THE *nda* LIFE

## Dear Parents,

I hope your daughter is enjoying her day off tomorrow for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This holy day of obligation is not just an important day in the Catholic church, its is an essential day in the Catholic church. The Immaculate Conception was the beginning of our salvation and is now one of the central doctrines of our faith stating that, "The Most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first instant of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, preserved exempt from all stain of original sin." Tomorrow we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception to call attention to the significant place Our Lady has in the history of our salvation. We look to our patroness, Mary, as the ultimate example of what we can do if we put ourselves in God's loving and capable hands and we try to emulate her by saying "yes" to God's will.

It's hard to believe we are in the final stretch of the second quarter. Students and faculty are busy completing their semester work and preparing for exams. Our student council has done a terrific job decorating our school building with all sorts of holiday cheer to prepare us for the upcoming holidays. Exams will begin next week on Friday, December 16. Information about exams can be found in the announcements below. Students are dismissed for the day at the end of the last exam. Please make sure your daughter gets plenty of rest and has a good breakfast for each exam day as it can be difficult to manage the stress of exams this time of year.

Please encourage your daughter to take time during this holy season of Advent for joyful preparation and peaceful reflection of the birth of our Lord on Christmas day. The second week of Advent is a great time to think about how we can become the best versions of ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

*Prepare the  
Way of  
the Lord*



# Student Life



## ALL ARE WELCOME MORNING MASS

We will be celebrating Mass in our chapel on Friday this week at 7:20 a.m. in the chapel. All are welcome to join us!



## ORDER TODAY AND \$AVE 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 December 16 to take advantage of the early-bird discounted 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.

## Athens & the Islands Coming Summer 2024



## TRAVELING PANDAS SUMMER TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES 2024

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 can attend in person at NDA or join virtually.

An RSVP is mandatory to attend the 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!

Give the gift of travel this year and come to our Travel Night

*December 14th at 6PM in the auditorium*

for all the information!

A Parent RSVP is mandatory to attend using this link:

<https://rsvp.eftours.com/kvb6n5u>

**PLEASE NOTE**



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR EXAM SCHEDULE

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.

## PANDA GEAR BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

Christmas shopping is easy at the Bambootique! 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.

## 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!

# HSPT High School Placement Test REGISTRATION

## 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 HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 8.**

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.

**FRIDAY REMINDER: Wear your Christmas attire (festive sweaters, accessories, tights, pants) with your uniform skirts!**

# FINE ARTS

SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER

## HERE WE COME A-CAROLING

Students from Miss Smith's theatre class and Mrs. Chandler's choir class went Christmas Caroling at the Heights for the students at St. Julie Learning Center and the Sisters of Notre Dame. Audience members ranged from ages 4 - 101 years old were happy to join in singing "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph"!



# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

**VOTE**  
**VOTE**  
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GOOD LUCK!

## VOTE FOR OUR PANDAS

Please take a minute to vote for your Pandas!

VOTE [HERE](#) for the following

Top NKY/IND girls basketball team of the week,  
Notre Dame – The Pandas are 2-0 after beating Newport Central Catholic 62-41 and Mercy McAuley 47-42.

Top girls winter team of the week  
Notre Dame swimming – Notre Dame won all but one individual swimming event in a meet with Seton, earning a 168-105 team victory.

Top girls archer of the week  
Ellie Puglisi, Notre Dame – The senior shot 280 to finish fourth in the girls division at the Notre Dame Academy tournament Dec. 3.

Top NKY/IND girls swimmer/diver  
Sadie Hartig, Notre Dame – She won the 200 individual medley and 100 backstroke, plus helped win two relays to help the Pandas beat eton in a dual meet.

CONGRATULATIONS

## NDA COACHES RECOGNIZED

The American Volleyball Coaches Association is proud to announce the 40 Girls High School Region Coaches of the Year. The 2022 recipients are a diverse group, as they represent teams from 33 states and a wide range of schools—large and small, urban and rural, public and private. This year's winners which include NDA's Leslie Litmer and Jenna Leister, will be recognized at the AVCA Convention in Omaha during the High School/Club Celebration on Friday, December 16.



ORDER TODAY

## STATE VOLLEYBALL T-SHIRTS!

Get your State Volleyball T-shirt! Order at the link below. The store **closes at midnight on Sunday December 11** so please get your orders in before then. We are very hopeful that we will have everything at NDA on the 20 so you can pack it up for Christmas gifts. [ORDER ONLINE HERE.](#)

## COUPON BOOKS

# FUNDRAISER STEPS

When you sell the books please **download** and fill out the attached [tally sheet](#) and then upload [here](#).  
(The tally sheet and upload sheet are available on the NDA website.)

Once you have completed the tally sheet and upload please bring your money (checks and cash) to the athletic office or front office in an envelope marked with your name on it. **Money is due by December 16.**

*Coupon Book  
Fundraiser Steps*

**FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW**

- 01 GET BOOKS**  
Pick up and sign for your books by Tuesday **11/22**
- 02 SELL BOOKS**  
Sell to family and friends \$25/  
book.
- 03 FILL OUT TALLY SHEET**  
Download and fill out the Tally Sheet with customer info including check and cash amounts collected
- 04 UPLOAD TALLY SHEET**  
Upload here MUST be an excel or google sheet.
- 05 TURN IN MONEY**  
Turn your money into the athletic office marked with your name **BY FRIDAY 12/16**

Questions? Email Myanna or Mrs. Colvin!



## RIGHT ON TARGET PANDA ARCHERY NEWS

A special thank you to everyone who volunteered last weekend and made the NDA Panda Tournament such an awesome success and a great experience for 525 archers and 1200 spectators. 28 Schools participated in the tournament.

The Panda Archery team had a great tournament scoring 3051, including 86 tens. 16 Panda Archers scored their season high. The team was led by Ellie Puglisi at 280 (4th high school girl), Keira Schneider at 272 (9th high school girl), Ava Boertlein at 268 (14 th high school girl), Lea Youtsey at 262 (23rd high school girl) and Anna Neubacher at 255 (30th high school girl.)

Next up for the Pandas is this weekend at Twenhofel Middle School.

Also please vote for Ellie Puglisi as Enquirer Archery Athlete of the Week.



# ADVANCING OUR MISSION



YOUR CONTRIBUTION HELPS TO:

## BRIDGE THE GAP

# \$1800

In order to ensure that a Notre Dame Academy education is accessible to all young women, tuition is set at only 80% of the true cost of education. Every student at NDA benefits from this tuition gap of \$1800. Contributions made to the Annual Fund directly reduce this tuition gap and are tax deductible.

## PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

# \$869,409

In addition to the \$1800 tuition gap benefit, approximately 25% of our families receive further financial assistance at NDA. The total amount of financial assistance and tuition allowances given by Notre Dame Academy in the 2021-22 school year was \$869,409. This number is due largely in part to the financial contributions made to the Annual Fund and the support of our fall fundraiser each year.

## BUILD A FOUNDATION

# 518

A gift to the Annual Fund helps to create a solid foundation for the 518 young women who attend Notre Dame Academy. Your gift, no matter the size, will make a significant impact on each and every student at NDA.

Please join us in our mission  
to educate young women  
to make a difference in the world  
by prayerfully considering  
a donation to the  
2022-2023 Notre Dame Academy  
Annual Fund.



Scan the QR code to the  
left donate online or  
[CLICK HERE](#)





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

- Diocesan Bambinelli and Christmas Tree Blessing
- Sisters of Notre Dame Hiring
- Morning of Reflection
- Important EdChoice Information
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?

## Important dates

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| December 7              | Christmas Choral Concert  |
| December 8              | No School - Feast of the Immaculate Conception                              |
| December 9              | Mass in the Chapel 7:20 a.m.<br><br>In School Band and Choral Concert (ADJ) |
| December 10             | HSPT and ACT at NDA<br><br>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   |