



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

I hope your Advent has been filled with peace, hope, joy and the many special blessings of this holy season. This past Sunday we celebrated Gaudete Sunday. Oftentimes people recognize Gaudete Sunday with the third, and often pink, candle on the advent wreath. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This week of advent is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

Our students, faculty and staff gathered on Monday for our annual Advent Mass. It is always a very nice way for everyone in our community to come together to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Our students and faculty are also rejoicing in the fact that the completion of the semester is near. They have just one more day of classes before exams and then they will enjoy a well-deserved Christmas break.

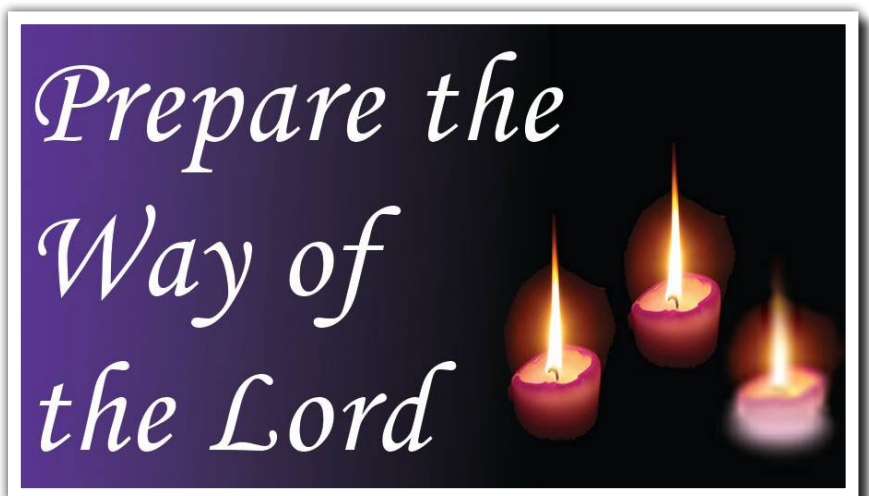
I hope your daughter takes time to relax over the Christmas break and reflect on the good work she has done this semester. I am very appreciative of our students' hard work and commitment to their Catholic education. I am also grateful to our faculty and staff for their dedication to keeping our students engaged in meaningful learning this school year. Our community has done an excellent job of reflecting God's light and love to each other and the world this school year.

During the holiday season, it is important for us to remember that Christmas is more than simply the celebration of God becoming Man in a historical moment; it is also a reminder to all of us that He continues to be present in our world today. I see God present in our students, our faculty and staff, and in all that we do at Notre Dame Academy. Thank you for your continued support of our community.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of NDA, I wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



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. in the chapel. All are welcome to join us!



THE EARLY BIRD DEADLINE IS THIS FRIDAY! YEARBOOK SALES

Parents: You can pre-order Notre Dame Academy's 2022-23 yearbook, *Finding our Groove*, at 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

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

Only 6 days to shop and to pick up your orders. 20% off your entire order until 12/19/22 (midnight). Remaining hours are Thursday, Friday, Monday, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Tuesday (7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) Saturday hours are 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sue says, "Shop, shop, until you drop!" 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](#).



LIVE TRAINING DATES

VIRTUS

If you are new to Virtus and need to attend a live training, here are some opportunities:

The Diocesan Catholic Children's Home, Training Room, 75 Orphanage Road, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. Thursday, December 15, 2022, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky. Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky. Thursday, January 12, 2023, 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Remember:

The November bulletin posted on Sunday, November 6 and was due on Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

The December bulletin posted on Sunday, December 4 and will be due on Tuesday, January 4, 2023.



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!



PANDAS HELPING PANDAS

PREPARING FOR EXAMS

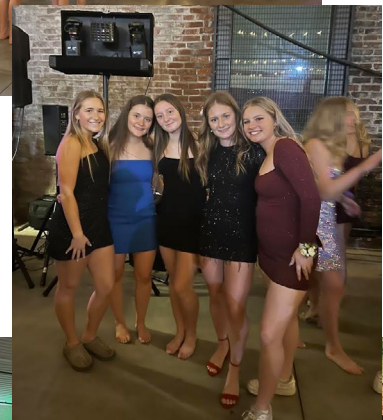
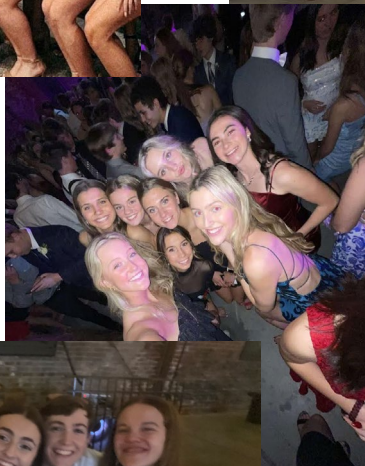
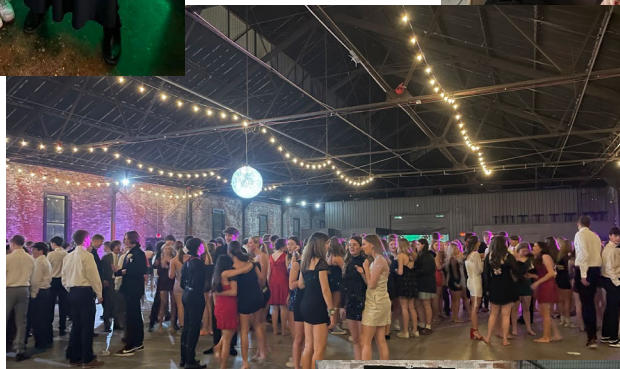
Math Club and Mu Alpha Theta held an exam prep session for students on Monday! Students received help from Mu Alpha Theta members in all math subject areas, from Algebra 1 to Calculus. Thanks to the counselors for providing pizza for our students and their tutors. Good luck on exams!

Silver Bells

DANCING PANDAS!

SILVER BELLS

The sophomore, junior, and senior classes enjoyed the Silver Bells dance last Saturday at the Newport Car Barn. A big thanks to the sophomore student council members for planning this fun event. Another thanks to our teacher and parent volunteers. This would not have been possible without your help and support. Lastly, thank you to Mrs. Grayson, Mrs. Wagner and Ms. Tucker for the leadership and support they offered during the dance and throughout the planning process! We hope everyone had fun and we can't wait for next year!



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



SWIM AND DIVE AQUA PANDA NEWS

NDA vs. Calvary Christian and Covington Latin Tri-Meet...

Last Wednesday 12/7, the AquaPandas came away with victories against both Calvary Christian and Covington Latin in a tri-meet at the Heidt Family Champions Center (Xavier University). The team recorded 20 individual and 11 relay split "best times".

Eastern High School Holiday Care-A-Van Meet...

On Saturday 12/10, while the upperclassmen were attending the Silver Bells dance, the freshmen swimmers (Piper Ramsey, Hope Dierker, Peyton Quinn, Marisa Kent, Olivia Wallace, and Danaka Tucker) represented NDA in the Eastern High School Holiday Care-A-Van Meet at the Ralph Wright Natatorium (University of Louisville). The freshmen AquaPandas finished 7th (out of 16) despite having only six swimmers and no divers. The team recorded 7 individual and 6 relay split "best times".

Girls Night Out...

This Friday 12/16, the AquaPandas will be traveling to Ralph Wright Natatorium (University of Louisville) to compete in the Girls Night Out meet hosted by Trinity HS. Warmups are at 6:30pm and the meet starts at 7:25pm. Admission for spectators is \$5.00 per person.

SHDHS Winter Classic...

On Saturday 12/17, the AquaPandas will be competing at Keating Natatorium (St. Xavier HS) in the 2nd Annual SHDHS Winter Classic hosted by St. Henry District High School. Warmups are at 1:00pm and the meet starts at 2:15pm. Admission for spectators is \$5.00 (\$3.00 for seniors and children ages 10+).



RIGHT ON TARGET PANDA ARCHERY NEWS

Last weekend the Archery Pandas competed in the Twenhofel Middle School Tournament. The team shot a 3006 which included 78 tens. The Pandas were led by Keira Schneider at 283, Ellie Puglisi at 272, Lea Youtsey at 257, Morgan Russell at 254 and Ava Boertlein at 253. 11 Archers shot their season high score: Ivy Mullins +75, Phoebe Desch +15, Megan Ahern +30, Reagan Carman +9, Madison Krueer +23, Sarah Beckham +76, Kate Weber +2, Caitlin Minning +20. Next up for the Pandas is this weekend at the Dixie Heights Tournament. ARCHERY PANDAS ROCK!



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

GET BOOKS

- 01** Pick up and sign for your books by Tuesday **11/22**

SELL BOOKS

- 02** Sell to family and friends \$25/
book.

FILL OUT TALLY SHEET

- 03** Download and fill out the [Tally Sheet](#) with customer info including check and cash amounts collected

UPLOAD TALLY SHEET

- 04** [Upload here](#) MUST be an excel or google sheet.

TURN IN MONEY

- 05** Turn your money into the athletic office marked with your name **BY FRIDAY 12/16**

Questions? Email Myanna or Mrs. Colvin!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



GSA

THE KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

THE GSA 2023 APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN.

DEADLINE: Sunday, January 8th, 2023 @ 11:59 p.m.

Click [HERE](#) for Application Guidelines

GSE

THE KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS



The Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE) **IS NOW OPEN UNTIL Jan. 23!** GSE brings teens together from around the state of Kentucky, immerses them in a creative space, and arms them with the tools they need to unleash their entrepreneurial spirits. All participants gain vital entrepreneurial skills through the program to use as they enter the workplace or continue into higher education. As a direct result of their participation in GSE, participants qualify for scholarship opportunities from Kentucky's universities and colleges. Visit www.KentuckyGSE.com to learn more and to apply:

Virtual Learning Events for GSE: [Register here](#)

Wednesday, December 14 from 4:30-5:30

Wednesday, January 4 from 4:30-5:30

ADVANCING OUR MISSION



Dear Parents,

For more than 117 years, Notre Dame Academy has provided a rich history of excellence in education for young women within our region. Our formation, infused with the spirit of the Sisters of Notre Dame, has created an environment for our students to thrive as women making a difference. Currently 518 young women grace the halls of NDA with access to an affordable top-notch Catholic education, endless leadership opportunities and a sisterhood bond that will last a lifetime!

In order to ensure that a Notre Dame Academy life is accessible to all young women, tuition is set at only 80% of the true cost of education. Every student at NDA benefits from a financial difference, or gap, of \$1800, due to the many generous donations to our Annual Fund. This year we are encouraging each family to participate in the Annual Fund by either "filling the gap" or giving a gift that works for your family. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference in the lives of our students, demonstrates a belief in our mission and is a symbol of pride for your daughter's NDA experience.

Your support will make a meaningful difference and help us build a strong foundation for the young women of Notre Dame Academy. Please know that I am deeply grateful for your investment in Notre Dame Academy for helping to pave the way for future students.

Thank you for your support,

Jack VonHandorf
NDA Principal/Interim President



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ANNUAL FUND
2022-2023

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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

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| December 15 | Mass in the Chapel 7:20 a.m. |
| December 16 | Mass in the Chapel 7:20 a.m. |
| December 16 | Exams |
| December 19 | Mass in the chapel 7:40 a.m. Exams |
| December 20 | Mass in the Chapel 7:40 a.m. Exams |
| December 21 - January 2 | Christmas Break |
| January 9 | HSPT Results Night for incoming freshmen |
| January 10-12 | Senior Retreat #3 |
| January 11 | LTN4NDA Wrap Party in the CLC 6:30 p.m. |
| January 12 | CO Ski Club Trip begins |
| January 16 | No School - Martin Luther King Day |
| January 26 | Free Dress Rehearsal for <i>Not Your Average Battle of the Bands Showcase</i> at 7 p.m. |
| January 27-29 | <i>Showcase</i> Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. |