



Dear Parents,

On Monday we celebrated our Holy Week Prayer Service by praying the Stations of the Cross with our school community. We also invited a few of our students to share their service experiences from this school year with us. It was inspirational to hear how our students are making a difference in the lives of others in our community. It was also a great opportunity to reflect on the value of service in a community of faith and to prepare for the Easter Season of hope.

At Monday's prayer service, I reminded our students that as members of the NDA community, they are each called to live a life that proclaims God's goodness and provident care just as the Sisters of Notre Dame do so well. I recognize that it is difficult at times to live up to the amazing example that the Sisters have provided for us however, as I told our students, they should never think that they are unable to get to that point. Through their service to others, they are having an impact and living the mission of Notre Dame Academy by making a difference. I also challenged our students to take time during Holy Week to think about the example that Christ provided for us and to reflect upon the His words. That will look different for each of us but I think it's important that we all take time during this important week to explore our faith journey more deeply.

Today marks the beginning of our Easter break and as we enter into this time away from NDA, I hope you will encourage your daughter to take some time to reflect and reconnect. The third quarter of this school year has been very busy. As I think back on the many activities and events at NDA over the past three months, I think about the importance of balance. Our students are active and involved in so much, however, it is also important for them to take time for themselves and for reflection. We all need to look at our lives and strive to achieve balance. I hope you are able to take some time as a family over this break to be together.

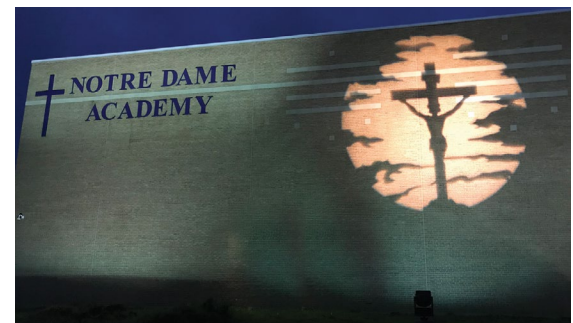
Congratulations to our 2023 Valedictorian, Katie Thomas, and Salutatorian, Megan Chun. These young women have excelled in their high school careers and this recognition is a sign of their ongoing commitment to academic excellence.

Please note that the applications for Financial aid and Work Study are due April 15. If you are in need of financial assistance OR are looking to do work study, the application with FACTS must be completed before anything else. You can find more information regarding financial assistance below. Also, Notre Dame Academy students are fortunate to have the opportunity to apply for a variety of annual scholarships. If you are interested in applying for one of these scholarships for the 2023-23 school year, please check our website for application information [HERE](#). The application deadline is April 15.

Please be assured of our prayers for you and your family during this holy season of Easter. On behalf of our faculty and staff, I wish you a safe and happy Easter and may the peace and joy of the resurrection fill your heart.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Congratulations!

BEST OF CLASS

NDA ANNOUNCES VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN AWARDS

Notre Dame Academy is proud to announce the Class of 2023 valedictorian, Katie Thomas, and salutatorian, Megan Chun.

Katie Thomas is the valedictorian for the Class of 2023. In addition to her academic success at NDA, Katie has been very active in many clubs and organizations. She serves as the Investment club co-president, plays varsity lacrosse, she is in the Drug Free Club, NHS, Mu Alpha Theta and Rho Kappa as well as NDA's Teen Leadership Club. In addition to her many co-curricular activities at NDA, Katie volunteers at Mary Rose Mission and the Cincinnati Animal Shelter. Katie is the daughter of Evan and Cheri Thomas of Edgewood, Kentucky. She will be attending Western Kentucky University this coming fall and intends to major Business Entrepreneurship.

Megan Chun is this year's salutatorian. Megan serves as the Co-President for Pandaversity Club, and she is a member of Spanish Club, Drug Free Club, Math Club, Physics Club, National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Rho Kappa, Social Studies Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Math Honor Society. She played both Freshman and JV Volleyball, Intramural Volleyball. She is a Home-room Representative for Student Council and she is the co-founder and Co-President of the Pickleball Club. Megan volunteers as a tutor at the Notre Dame Urban Education Center and as a St. Elizabeth Hospital Volunteer in the Outpatient Laboratory and Urology Nursing Unit. She is also the Head Coach of the 6th Grade and 8th Grade volleyball teams, was a HOBY Youth Leadership Seminar Volunteer and tutors for AP Biology Students. Megan is the daughter of Galen and Annie Chun of Villa Hills, Kentucky. She will be attending the University of Notre Dame this coming fall and intends to study Biological Sciences on a Pre-Med Track.

Congratulations to both Katie and Megan!



Student Life



NDA TRIVIA

FAMILY SYSTEM NEWS

Last Friday our students gathered with their Family to talk about leadership opportunities for next year within the Family System and to have some fun doing some Notre Dame Academy and Easter trivia! Did you know...

- In 1968 students all wore elbow length white gloves to Prom?
- In 1907, the Sisters of Notre Dame purchased 6 acres of land and one brick residence on Lexington Pike (now known as Dixie Highway) in rural Kenton County. That residence still stands and today and is now the Park Hills Animal Hospital.
- For the 1909-1910 school year the tuition at Notre Dame Academy for the commercial and scientific programs of study was \$3.
- The Panda became the Notre Dame Academy mascot in the 1974-1975 school year.



UPDATE

FAMILY COMPETITION

St. Hildegard of Bingen (Purple Family) was in the lead at the end of the 3rd Quarter and earned an out of uniform day on Tuesday. Whichever Family wins at the end of the year will earn free coffee from the Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck and our first ever Family Competition Trophy! The current standings are...

- 4th Place- St. Gemma Galgani (Green Family)- 404 points
- 3rd Place- St. Rose of Lima (Pink Family)- 551 points
- 2nd Place- St. Joan of Arc (Blue Family)- 657 points
- 1st Place- St. Hildegard of Bingen (Purple Family)- 713 points



SPRING CONFERENCE STU CO NEWS

On March 29 several of our Student Council members attended the Kentucky Student Council Association (KYSKA) Spring Conference at ECU. They had the opportunity to hear from JC Pohl, a motivational speaker for Teen Truth, share some of the projects that Student Council has done here at Notre Dame Academy, and network with other Student Council members from across the state. At the conference they also gave out end of the year awards. Congratulations to our Student Council for being named a KYSKA Silver Council of Excellence! Also, congratulations to Ellie Greenwell who was named the KYSKA Member of the Year!



QUILT TIME TEXTILES UPDATE

Our Textile 1 class is moving right along this semester with beautiful designs. Mark your calendar for the Quilt and Garment Show May 11-13 at NDA.



ANALYZING DONUT DATA TASTEFUL LEARNING

Our AP Stats students did some important breakfast research today!



EDGAR LEARNS LATIN: PART 2

HANDS ON LEARNING IN LATIN MAKING MOSAICS

Mosaics were a popular form of art and adornment in Roman buildings, bathhouses, shops and private residences. They were made from tesserae, which were small, colored stones, or from glass pieces. Countless well-preserved Roman mosaics have been uncovered not only around Pompeii, Ostia, Rome and other parts of Italy, but as far as the Roman Empire spanned, including the UK and Africa.

The Latin 1 and Latin 2 classes tried their hand at creating their own Roman mosaics this week, with the Latin 1 students using different colored dried beans to mimic the Romans' colored stones and the Latin 2 students using small squares of paper to their mimic glass tiles. While the project is still on-going in both these classes, the Latin 1 students made significant progress on theirs this week and they are turning out beautifully! Even Edgar (accompanied by Nurse Julie) stopped by for a bit to spend time with the students and lend a paw!





ATTENTION ALL FACULTY, STAFF, ALUMS NDA PARENTS, & FRIENDS OF NDA
ANNUAL BABY DAY INVITATION

Greetings from the NDA's Psychology Class!

NDA's Psychology Class is once again able to host the annual "Baby Day" activities on **Thursday, April 27, 2023**. This event will be held in Alumnae Hall so that we will have plenty of room to accommodate a larger number of children and so that parents & grandparents will have easier access with no steps involved.

There is one **40-minute** session available. The session begins at **9:45 a.m. and will conclude by 10:20 am.**

Please contact Michele Johnson at johnsonm@ndapandas.org, if you wish to participate. Please include the name(s) of your child/children and their ages.

Newborns through kindergarten age are welcome.

This opportunity allows psychology students who have studied child development to put into practice the theories/concepts they have learned. The activities are loads of fun for the children and very educational for the psychology students.

It is necessary that you remain with your child or grandchild unless you are a faculty or staff member at NDA.

Thank you,
The NDA Psychology Class



FUN FOCUS GIRL UP DAY!

This past Saturday, NDA invited 4th-8th grade girls to Girl Up Da! It was a great opportunity for these young women to learn all about leadership and female empowerment through games and leadership activities.





WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

SERVING OUR PANDAS

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!

A vertical banner with a light blue background. It features several yellow smiley faces of various sizes scattered around the text. The text is in a mix of blue and black fonts, some bold and some in cursive.

*A Sister's Smile
Lasts for Miles*

Panda Prowl 5K

**8 AM Saturday, April 22
at NDA**

**all proceeds from the event
will benefit our sister school
in Uganda**

cost: \$20
***race day shirt guaranteed if
registered by Wednesday,
April 5!**

SUPPORT OUR SISTER SCHOOL

UGANDA PANDAS 5K WALK/RUN

Get ready for this year's Uganda Pandas 5K walk/run on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Money raised from this event will benefit the Sisters of Notre Dame's Ugandan Mission. Just like our school in Park Hills, KY, this school was founded by the Sisters of Notre Dame. Money raised through the 5K will support the educational experience of the young women in our sister school in Buseesa, Uganda.

If you want to participate in the 5K, [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register. The cost of the event is \$20 per person, and a race day t-shirt is guaranteed if registered by April 5.

If you are looking for service hours or are interested in sponsoring this event, please contact club co-presidents Kayla Northcutt (northcuttk@ndapandas.org) or Sammi Flowers (flowerss@ndapandas.org) to sign up to help!



CUE THE POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Attention seniors and senior parents: fourth quarter is here, and graduation is nearing! [CLICK HERE](#) to view relevant graduation information, scroll to the second page of the document and mark your calendars accordingly. Graduates were notified today that they each will receive 12 tickets for the graduation ceremony. Talk to you daughter about the details!



TIME TO REGISTER

SENIOR DINNER DANCE

On April 28 we will hold our Senior Dinner Dance here at Notre Dame Academy. This is a fun event for our senior class that will include dinner and dessert, entertainment, and we will share everyone's Senior Superlatives. The cost for the event is \$25. Registration information was emailed out to our seniors and is due TODAY, April 5.



CONGRATS

NDA SENIOR NAMED OUTSTANDING STUDENT

Congratulations to graduating senior Britton Murphy who was awarded the Heritage Bank Scholarship for being an outstanding student in the community! Britton was hand-selected to receive this scholarship after a competitive application and interview process that highlighted her character, values, work ethic, academic achievement, and community service. Great job Britton and we are excited to see what you continue to accomplish in the future!



WORLDSTRIDES' FESTIVAL OF CHICAGO PANDAS COMPETE AT CHICAGO ORCHESTRA COMPETITION

Melissa and Monica Geiman recently traveled to Chicago with the Immanuel School of Music (ISM) for the Chicago World Strides Orchestra Competition. ISM did very well winning Gold ratings along with the Outstanding Orchestra Award and the Adjudicator Award. Additionally, Monica Geiman received the Ovation Award for *truly displaying the spirit of music in her program and community*. Congratulations for this prestigious recognition!

DEADLINES COMING UP SOON

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Work Study Job Application Deadline: April 15, 2023
Financial Aid Applications & Academic and Tuition Assistance Scholarships



The application for work study jobs is available on the website [HERE](#) and is due by April 15, 2023. When you click on the link, you will be prompted to create your own copy of the spreadsheet as a Google Sheet so you are able to type right into it. Completed applications should be emailed to workstudy@ndapandas.org.

Financial aid applications are also now open and will remain open until **April 15, 2023**.

If you are in need of financial assistance OR are looking to do work study the application with FACTS must be completed before anything else. Financial assistance requests increase each year. We cannot stress enough the importance of getting your application in early. Late applications run the risk of financial aid funding being exhausted. You can access the Financial Assistance page of the website [HERE](#).

If a family receives financial assistance, a family member is expected to have a work study job.

We are currently accepting applications for Academic Scholarships. Applications can be found on the website [HERE](#) and are due in the front office no later than April 15, 2023.

CREATE AN AD FOR YOUR SENIOR! YEARBOOK RECOGNITION ADS

Mr. Glynn and NDA's Publication students do an amazing job capturing the school year in our yearbook. Each publication is a wonderful keepsake for our students. Parents: don't miss out on the opportunity to order your 2022-23 yearbook, Finding our Groove, at jostensyearbooks.com. Senior Parents, recognize your daughter with a yearbook recognition ad. You can read more details below:

DEADLINE: 05/11/2023

Notre Dame Academy

Dear Panda Parents,
Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate your senior's achievements, and revenues from Recognition Ads help our school create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions listed below. Jostens is responsible for our school's yearbook ad sales. Please do not contact or send materials to the school. All orders must be placed by 05/11/2023.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD TODAY!



ORDER BY 05/11/2023

COLOR AD

Full Page	\$ 200.00
1/2 Page	\$ 120.00
1/4 Page	\$ 75.00
1/8 Page	\$ 45.00

*Tax, service and delivery fee(s) will be added if applicable.
*Credit card installment plan available for orders of \$30 or more.

EASY PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE*

IT'S EASY! Create your ad online at www.jostensadservice.com/student

- 1. Choose your ad size and layout.**
- 2. Enter your text and upload your photos.**

Important information about Yearbook Recognition Ads

- Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines.
- We retain the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.
- For the ad to appear in the yearbook, your ad must be purchased by the order deadline.
- Color photographs uploaded for black-and-white ads will appear in black and white.
- We will make every effort to use your layout and text as indicated. A proof will not be provided and no changes can be made after purchase.

GUIDELINES SURROUNDING RECOGNITION AD CONTENT.

NDA reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

Frequently Asked Questions

How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?

Ad prices are determined by our school. The revenue from Recognition Ads helps support our yearbook and keep it affordable for everyone.

How is the ad deadline determined?

The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?

Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.

Can I send my materials to the school?

No, please do not send your materials to our school. Our school has selected Jostens to assist with our ad program. Please call our customer service number (800-358-0800) if you have questions or need assistance in creating your ad.

More questions? Call Jostens at (800) 358-0800.

www.jostensadservice.com/student



**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
PLEASE READ**

ATTENTION PARENTS ATTENDANCE EMAIL

We have created an attendance email for parents to call in a sick child or if a student is leaving early from school. Please use this email if your daughter is sick or needs to leave school early: attendance@ndapandas.org. Remember you can always call the school office with any questions 859-261-4300.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

HEART HEALTHY

NDA HOSTS HEART SCREENING FOR STUDENTS

NDA will be hosting a heart screening through MCore on May 12 here at school. MCore's onsite screenings are provided at the highest level outside of the hospital with pediatric cardiac sonographers doing all the imaging and those are all read by pediatric cardiologists. The goal is to provide a baseline evaluation of each child's heart health. You can find sign up for a screening for your daughter here: https://www.mcoreathletes.com/scheduler_schedule/?school=316.



MCore FOUNDATION

MCore FOUNDATION CARDIAC SCREENING OPPORTUNITY

Notre Dame Academy Heart Screenings for Students!!

WHEN: Friday, May 12, 2023
 TIME: 8 AM - 4 PM
 COST: \$79

ALL MCore FOUNDATION SCREENINGS INCLUDE:

- An ECG and limited Echo test performed by registered cardiac sonographers
- Results read by our team of pediatric and general cardiologists
- Images stored within your secured account for future access or to send to your medical provider

Each test is approximately 10-12 minutes and you may use your healthcare spending account or flex care spending account for payment.

We encourage you to watch our [video](#) to learn more about MCore Foundation.

If you would like to get involved with our mission, please visit or donate at: mcorefoundation.org

TO RESERVE YOUR SCREENING PLEASE CREATE AN ACCOUNT AND SIGN UP TODAY

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is a life-threatening emergency that occurs when the heart suddenly stops beating. SCA is not a heart attack.

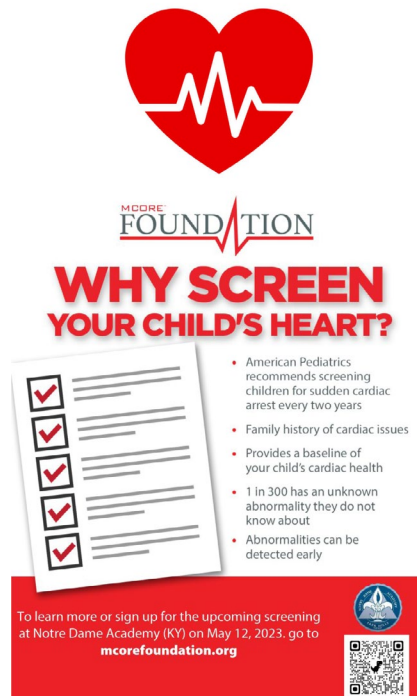
SCA strikes people of all ages who may seem to be healthy, even children and teens.

SCA is preventable. The purpose of our preventative screening program is to detect underlying heart abnormalities.

Why Screen Your Child's Heart?

- American Pediatrics recommends screening children for sudden cardiac arrest every two years
- Family history of cardiac issues
- Provides a baseline of your child's cardiac health
- 1 in 300 has an unknown abnormality they do not know about
- Abnormalities can be detected early

To learn more or sign up for the upcoming screening at Notre Dame Academy (KY) on May 12, 2023, go to mcorefoundation.org

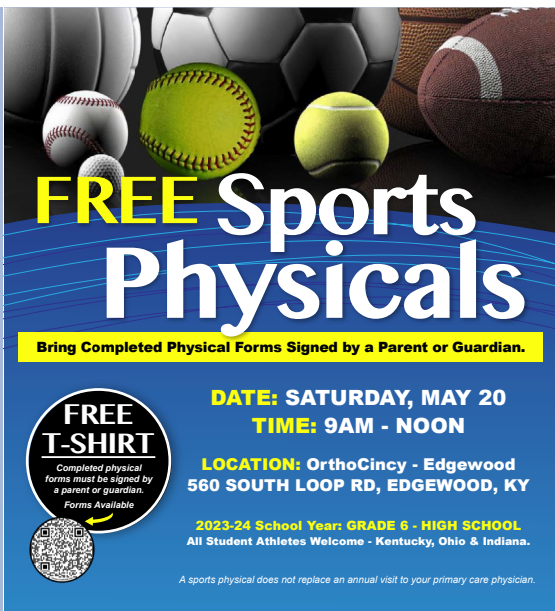


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FREE Sports Physicals

Bring Completed Physical Forms Signed by a Parent or Guardian.

FREE T-SHIRT
 Completed physical forms must be signed by a parent or guardian. Forms Available.

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 20
TIME: 9AM - NOON

LOCATION: OrthoCincy - Edgewood
 560 SOUTH LOOP RD, EDGEWOOD, KY

2023-24 School Year: GRADE 6 - HIGH SCHOOL
 All Student Athletes Welcome - Kentucky, Ohio & Indiana.

A sports physical does not replace an annual visit to your primary care physician.

ORTHO CINCY & ST. ELIZABETH FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS

OrthoCincy & St. Elizabeth are happy to announce this year's date for our FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS! Our Kentucky day will be held at the EDGEWOOD OFFICE (560 South Loop Rd.) on SAT, MAY 20 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. All student athletes are welcome. We'll be handing out a free t-shirt for the student athletes choosing to participate. Attached is a flyer with all the important information & details of the event – we encourage you all to hand out and/or place these flyers around your schools to encourage participation and spread the word!

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.



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

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

COMMUNITY



NEWS

SHARING OUR

Community News

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

- Intern in SND Mission Advancement Department
- Positions Available for Students and Parents
- House Bill 174 - Pro-Educational Choice Constitutional Amendment
- Ed Choice
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?

Important dates

April 6	Holy Thursday - No School
April 7	Good Friday - No School
April 9	Easter
April 10-14	Spring Break
April 17	School Resumes
	Mass in Chapel at 3:15 p.m.
April 18	Mass in Chapel at 7:20 a.m.
April 20	Mass in Chapel at 7:20 a.m.
	Rosary in Chapel during PPT 12:50 p.m.
	Athletic Signing
April 21	Mass in Chapel at 7:20 a.m.
	Mid quarter
April 22	Uganda Panda Prowl
April 23	Orange and White Game at St. Ursula 4:15 p.m.
April 27	Baby Day
April 28	Food Truck Day
	Senior Dinner Dance
April 30	Band Concert
May 1	AP Exams begin
May 5	May Crowning
May 6	Incoming Freshmen Language and Math Placement Test