

# **Dear Parents,**

With just a couple of weeks left in the school year, our Pandas are working hard and finishing the school year strong. You can see by the many pages to follow just how busy they have been this past week.

We celebrated our annual May Crowning on Friday. It was a special day to honor our patroness, Mary, and to reflect on our educational mission as a school dedicated to Mary. I would like to congratulate Katrina Hillebrand on receiving the honor of crowning Mary. I would also like to thank the Sisters of Notre Dame for being at NDA to give Miraculous Medals to all of our freshmen and new students and faculty/staff members as is our tradition following May Crowning.

Yesterday we held our annual Academic Signing in honor of the Class of 2023 for their outstanding academic achievements. Each of the seniors signing at this year's event is receiving at least half the cost of tuition through scholarships and grants at the institution she plans to attend. We will have more about yesterday's event in next week's Panda Press Weekly as we celebrate the Class of 2023 on their Senior Send-off day.

As a school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame, we strive for excellence in all we teach and do. From our academics to our athletics and co-curricular activities, we teach our students to aspire to use their God-given talents and do their personal best each and every day. Nothing is more important however, than the health and well-being of our school community which ALWAYS comes first and our desire for excellence begins there. To that end, we have worked very hard this school year on two very important initiatives and on Monday we took time to celebrate both. It was an exciting celebration Monday afternoon as we received our "Heart Safe School" designation from Cincinnati Children's Heart Institute and Project ADAM. Notre Dame Academy is the first school in Kentucky to receive this national distinction. At the celebration we also showcased our new Hope Squad and the fact that NDA is the first school in Kentucky to establish this school-based, peer to peer, suicide prevention program. I would like to thank everyone in our community for supporting these two important initiatives at NDA and helping our school stay on the forefront of implementing mental, physical and emotional wellness programs for our students.

If you haven't already reserved your spot, I would like to once again invite you to join us for our Panda Fan Zone Breakfast on

Friday, May 12 at 7:30 a.m. in our Collaborative Learning Center. We are excited to share the news about how NDA Athletics is taking it to the next level for our elite athletes with our upcoming Buenger Sports Complex Upgrade. You will find an invitation on the following page with a link to reserve your spot the breakfast. I hope to see you there!

In Notre Dame,

Jack Von Handorf





# Notre Dame Academy

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RESERVE YOUR SPOT HERE

# **May Crowning**

### **CROWING OUR QUEEN**

# **HONORING OUR PATRONESS**

On Friday, May 5 we gathered as a school community for our final all school liturgy for the 2022-23 school year. very year, all seniors are invited to write a reflection on their devotion to our Blessed Mother and why they would like to crown Mary. This year, Katrina Hillebrand's reflection was chosen and she received the honor of Crowning Mary at the beginning of our celebration. At this mass we also gift each of our freshmen and new students and faculty members with a Miraculous Medal. The Sisters of Notre Dame are present to hand out these medals to each of the students after Fr. Kunath blest them. Honoring Mary is a great way to begin the month of May as well as kick off the end of year celebrations.















# First In State!

LIVING OUR MISSION

# NDA FIRST SCHOOL IN KENTUCKY TO BE DESIGNATED A HEART SAFE SCHOOL & HAVE HOPE SQUAD

Monday was a great day to celebrate at Notre Dame Academy! That afternoon we gathered to celebrate two important initiatives: becoming a Heart Safe School and establishing a Hope Squad at NDA!

Through the help of one of our alumnae, we partnered with Cincinnati Children's Heart Institute in November to help NDA achieve a fully functioning school-based CPR-AED program and today we received the national distinction as a "Heart Safe School" by Project ADAM and Cincinnati Children's Heart Institute. The Project ADAM team from Cincinnati Children's came to NDA today to present our student body with a banner for this special recognition and congratulated our school community on becoming the **FIRST SCHOOL IN KENTUCKY** to receive this distinction.

We also took time to celebrate the fact that Notre Dame Academy is also the **FIRST SCHOOL IN THE STATE OF KEN-TUCKY** to have a HOPE Squad which is a school-based, peer to peer, suicide prevention program that emphasizes suicide prevention fundamentals, self-care and anti-bullying.

We had several local television news station cover the story. You can see Fox19's HERE and WKRC's HERE.







# **Student Life**



#### ALL ARE WELCOME

# **MORNING MASS**

We will be celebrating Mass in our chapel on Thursday and Friday at 7:20 a.m. All are welcome!



#### **THANK YOU!**

### **FACULTY SEND OFF**

On Friday we held our Faculty/Staff Send Off for faculty and staff members who will be moving on from Notre Dame Academy at the end of this school year. It was a great opportunity to honor these people who have given so much to NDA over the past several years and was an appropriate end to Teacher Appreciation Week. We wish a fond farewell and good luck to our faculty and staff members who will be moving on to new adventures next year. They will be greatly missed!

Gurrie Frisbie Chris Goddard Patty Mueller Theresa Van Auken Myanna Webster



#### **GOOD LUCK!**

# STU CO NEWS

Good luck to our students who will be running for Student Council Grade Representative positions for next year. The election will be held next Monday during homeroom.

#### **Sophomores**

Grace Panko
Chanduni Herath
Kate Harris
Josie Bozeman
Chloe Fullenkamp
Greta Bitikofer
Cameron Kirtley
Ciara Carroll

#### Freshmen

Phoebe Desch Lila Harris Teagan Kruer



#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

# FINALFORMS UPDATES NEEDED FOR THE 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Notre Dame Academy partners with FinalForms, an online forms and data management service which allows you to complete and sign forms for your daughter(s) online. FinalForms saves data from year-to-year, meaning you will never need to enter the same information twice! You may review your data at any time throughout the year to verify that it is current. All parents and students are expected to use FinalForms and complete their updates for next year by June 1, 2023 (if participating in athletics, this will include needing a valid, signed KHSAA physical uploaded in Final Forms before participating in any athletic activities.

If you do not have a FinalForms account, please create one account at: <a href="https://notredameacademy-ky.finalforms.com">https://notredameacademy-ky.finalforms.com</a> and follow the prompts to create the parent account, begin your daughter's account and sign your forms. Your daughter's NDA gmail should be used when setting up her account. Once the parent/guardian creates the account, the student will be prompted in her NDA email to submit her forms. Please note: if you have already turned in your daughter's immunization record, you do not need to upload separately. School personnel will upload for you.

#### If you already have an account for a returning student:

Login to your account and click MY STUDENTS to get started. Make sure you are updating information for the 23-24 school year.

If you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Grayson at graysona@ndapandas.org.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD TODAY!

DEADLINE: MAY 12



CREATE AN AD FOR YOUR PANDA

# YEARBOOK RECOGNITION ADS

Parents: don't miss out on the opportunity to order your 2022-23 year-book, Finding our Groove, at <u>jostensyearbooks.com</u>.

Parents, recognize your daughter with a yearbook recognition ad. **THE DEADLINE IS MAY 12!** You can read more details <u>HERE</u>.



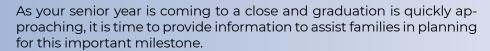
#### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

# **ORANGE AND WHITE UPDATE**

The numbers are in! This year's Orange & White Game raised \$8,438.05 to help fund research for pediatric cancer! Thank you to everyone who attended the game and gave their support to this wonderful event. Mark your calendar for next year's game on Sunday, April 28 at Notre Dame Academy.

#### **ATTENTION SENIORS**

### **GRADUATION INFORMATION**





The graduation celebration begins with the **Baccalaureate Mass** at 7:00 p.m. on May 25. The Mass will be held at St. Agnes Church. All seniors should attend the Mass and will sit together as a class. Parents/Guardians are invited to attend as well. Seniors should report to the undercroft by 6:45 p.m. They are to wear their graduation gowns but no graduation caps.

On May 26, the **Senior Breakfast** will be held at Receptions for seniors and their parents/guardians. The breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. All seniors will be individually recognized and future plans announced. We realize that many parents/guardians may have to take off work in order to attend the Senior Breakfast, and I hope you will be able to make those arrangements. The cost of the breakfast is \$30.00 per parent. The student cost is included in the graduation fees. Please note that due to space limitations, only parents/guardians may attend the breakfast and seats will be assigned based on preferences. To register go **HERE**. Registration is due no later than Friday, May 12, 2023.

**Graduation** will begin on May 26 at 4:00 p.m. at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. Students should arrive by 3:00 p.m. and doors for ticketed guests will open at 3:15 p.m. Tickets are required for graduation. Each student will receive 12 tickets.

Please go HERE for more information about all graduation activities, appropriate dress and practices that are required

#### SAY CHEESE

# ATTENTION JUNIORS...

## START EARLY SAVE BIG!!

All students MUST come to Prestige Portraits for the yearbook photo.

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Don't wait! Limited appointments available first come first served.

Deluxe Session includes
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2 more outfits of your choice:
Casual, Formal, Sports,
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Need more outfits? No problem, upgrade to the

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## NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Requirements

Drape

Deadline photographed by October 12, 2023

Drapes provided by studio. Pearls available if needed.









#### **FUN LESSON**

## MEDIEVAL MANUSCRIPTS

Last year, the Latin 3 and 4 dual credit students did a unit on medieval Latin manuscripts. After studying numerous virtual copies of real Latin manuscripts of literary texts from the Vatican online manuscript collection, the students used calligraphy markers and ancient-looking brown card-stock to create and decorate their own Latin manuscripts of the author's poems they had been reading, Catullus. This project was one of the students' favorite things they did that year and their manuscripts turned out beautifully. It gave the students valuable insight into how ancient literature was once preserved and the care, artistry, and time that went into it.

This year, the dual credit students followed up that unit with a field trip to the UC Classics library back in the fall, where the got to see and flip through some real life Latin manuscripts and get a tour of UC's 'scriptorium' where the manuscripts are kept, in addition to their rare book collection.

As yet even further follow up to that, a couple of months ago, NDA alumna Marlene Steele (who also took Latin as a student at NDA) spent a class with the Latin 4 dual credit students teaching them about calligraphy, sharing with them about her decades worth of experience as a professional calligrapher, designer of greeting card lettering and messages, and court room artist in the tristate area. Armed with a tool box full of supplies, she even modeled for the students how to write letters in different scripts and allowed them to try their hand with professional-level bottles of ink and and an oblique wooden calligraphy pen.

The students enjoyed the chance to see modern-day use of fancy scripts and writing still in action, and the care, skill, and time that goes into it -- not dissimilar to how monks used to craft carefully scripted and adorned manuscripts during the Middle Age which preserved our literary texts. Marlene's visit was a fun lead in to spring break, valuable insight into an on-going interest for the dual credit students, and a refreshing chance to do some art in Latin class!

### **SCHOLARLY WRITINGS**

# LATIN CLASSES GO "OLD SCHOOL"

Latin Classes recently took a stab at going old school with their manuscript studies and attempted to write with jars of ink and feathers. Mrs. Barnes's parents sent pelican feathers that they collected from the beach and Mrs. Barnes brought in a jar of "feather pen ink" from Amazon to get her students started on this fun project. They cut the tip from some of the feathers and to their surprise it worked! To the left you can see Kira Kent looking all scholarly with the jar of ink and feather. Although it may not be the most efficient manner of writing, what a wonderful and full circle lesson for our Latin students!



#### **MAGNIFIED GIVING**

# DEVELOPING FUTURE PHILANTHROPISTS

Ms. Hilbert and Mrs. Middendorf's Personal Finance classes teamed up with Magnified Giving to educate our students about philanthropy, local non-profit organizations, and about getting involved through donating of time and grants. Magnified Giving provided two \$1000 grants and two \$500 grants that our classes could donate to any of the verified non-profit organizations through Magnified Giving.

Our students researched local non-profits, contacted the organizations, and built a presentation showing their peers what the organization has to offer and why our grants should go to them. At the end of the presentations, the students voted on who received the grants. There was a Zoom call where we presented the organizations with the checks. This process opens the eyes of our students to all the social causes and needs in our community and how we can make an impact.











Recently all of Ms. Barnes's Latin classes got to learn about Pompeii, the ancient city preserved by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD, from a UC doctoral student in Classics, Michelle Lessard, who visited with her presentation "Pompeii: Life from the Ashes," as part of the University of Cincinnati Classics Departments Community Outreach Program. Michelle taught the students more about Pompeii, how the eruption occurred, and what archaeologists are able to learn about the Romans from their excavations at Pompeii. Michelle brought a collection of ancient artifacts excavated at Pompeii by the UC archeological team over the years, including pieces of pottery, miniature oil lamps, a little perfume jar, and parts of a sewing loom, for students to pass around and touch - an experience not typically possible with artifacts more than 2,000 years old!



### **EXPRESSING GOD'S TRUTH AND LOVE**

## THE VOCATION OF MARRIAGE

Deacon Pete Caccavari recently visited Mr. Goddard's Religion classes to talk about marriage as vocation. Thanks for the great insights Deacon Pete!



### **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

# EDGAR TO THE RESCUE

Edgar has been busy bringing smiles to Pandas throughout our campus this spring. Recently, he provided some cuddles and comfort for Mrs. Otto's French 2 class as the girls were preparing for a quiz!







### **IMPACTFUL PRESENTATION**

# DIFFERENT, NOT LESS

Sandy Knollman, along with her daughters, Shelby and Sam, were guest speakers in the Freshman Honors English classes as part of their Autism Unit. Having watched the film, *Temple Grandin*, and completed reading of Mark Haddon's *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*, 65 students learned first-hand what it is to live with an autism diagnosis. The Knollman family members informed the classes about the challenges the school system poses for ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) children, the misconceptions that many neurotypical people have about autism, and the possibilities that exist for those who are neurodivergent. It was a compelling presentation that focused on the theme of "Different, not less."



#### **FUN TRADITION**

# **BABY DAY 2023**

NDA's long-standing tradition, Baby Day, sponsored by Mrs. Johnson's Psychology Class, occurred on Thursday, April 27 with lots of newborns, toddlers, and preschoolers in attendance. The children participated in a variety of activities including an obstacle course, and face painting, along with many other games, and fun mini-projects.

Children were also invited to participate in a taste test, a marshmallow game, and several food-related activities which are always very popular Students enjoyed working with the children and learned much more than any textbook could ever teach them. Baby Day certainly allowed all of us to experience education at its finest! A huge shout out to our Baby Day coordinators, Katie Graves and Addyson Osborne who kept everything organized and running smoothly.

In addition to our usual Baby Day festivities, we were blessed to welcome NDA graduate Tiffany Pangallo Hoh '03 along with her preemie daughter, Mabel, who was less than 1 month old at the time of her visit. Tiffany came the day following Baby Day and Mabel got plenty of cuddles from several Psychology students. Tiffany answered many questions and concerns about preemies and shared her vast knowledge on the subject since 2 of her 3 daughters were born prematurely. It was a pleasure to welcome Tiffany and Mabel!



















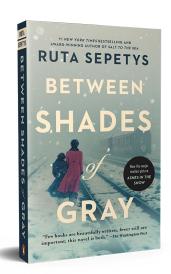




#### **UPDATE**

## **SND USA**

Don't miss the latest from SND USA. You can read the latest newsletter from the National Sponsorship and Network Office **HERE**.



#### 2023-2024

## **COMMON READER BOOK**

Notre Dame Academy has selected next year's Common Reader book which is *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys. *Between Shades of Gray* tells a story from 1941 where fifteen-year-old Lina Vilkas is arrested by the Soviet secret police and deported to Siberia with her mother and younger brother. The author's website says Lina is a young woman who fights for her life, vowing that if she survives she will honor her family, and the thousands like hers, by burying her complete story in a jar on Lithuanian soil. Lina's writings and drawings chronicle her fight for survival, her difficulty accepting help from a Soviet guard she's supposed to hate, and her struggle to retain faith in mankind amidst the terror. We look forward to bringing this story to all students, faculty and staff at Notre Dame Academy and celebrating the book's theme when we return next fall.



### 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!



#### MOTHER'S DAY SALE

# **BAMBOOTIQUE**

Don't forget your mom this weekend. Buy her some Panda Gear - everything is 20% off! Shop online **HERE**.



#### **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: <a href="mailto:attendance@ndapandas.org">attendance@ndapandas.org</a>. Remember you can always call the school office with any questions 859-261-4300.

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



#### HONOR AN ATHLETE

# SUPPORT THE NDA GOLF OUTING

Get a life size cutout of your student athlete! This is a great way to honor our Panda athletes and can be used at senior nights, graduation parties and more! We will have a picture day May 9 and 10 after school in the CLC. Parents can send their daughter to get a picture to be used for the cut out or use your own picture.

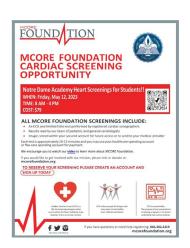
Reserve your picture spot for May 16

# **VOTE VOTE!**

#### **GOOD LUCK**

### **VOTE FOR OUR PANDAS!**

Vote for NDA - softball, tennis and track! **VOTE HERE** 



#### **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: <a href="https://www.mcoreath-letes.com/scheduler\_schedule/?school=316">https://www.mcoreath-letes.com/scheduler\_schedule/?school=316</a>.



#### **GREAT OPPORTUNITY**

# NDA ATHLETES' SPORTS PHYSICALS

Any student planning to participate in a sport at Notre Dame Academy must have a KHSAA sports physical on file prior to any participation. It is highly recommended to get your daughter's sports physical in May - July prior to the start of the school year. A sports physical in this time frame ensures your daughter's physical is good for the entire school year and for any sport.

KHSAA Physical Form: https://khsaa.org/forms/ge04complete.pdf

OrthoCincy is offering FREE Sports Physicals for all student athletes for the 2023-24 school year. This will take place on Saturday, May, 20 from 9:00 am - noon.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to get your daughter ready for any sport at NDA for the 2023-24 school year!



# NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

2023 GOLF OUTING SCRAMBLE

Friday, July 28, 2023-Kenton County Golf Course Swing Into Action and support NDA Athletics! 18 Hole Outing 8a Shotgun

@ Willows \$125

Fun 9 Hole Social 10:30a Shotgun

@ Pioneer \$90

Register for Golf Here

Games, Green Fees, Cart
Auction
Food & Reception
Fun, Festivities and Fundraising!

<u>Check out sponsorship opportunities here!</u>

# **COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES**





#### SUMMER BOOTCAMP

# **TORCHPREP**

Summer is just around the corner and it tends to be a great time for students to focus on ACT® test prep. You can find Summer ACT Test Prep Options from TorchPrep <u>HERE</u>.

<u>TorchPrep - June ACT 1-week training in Florence</u>

TorchPrep - June ACT Weekend Warrior in Cincinnati

### FREE One-on-One ACT Tutoring for June and July ACT

Timothy Ward, founder of Free Test Prep Online will be offering some free test prep opportunities for the ACT. If your student is currently a junior and missed out on the 2 FREE sessions earlier this year, now is your chance to take advantage of this opportunity the second time around. If your student is currently a sophomore, you can get them off to a great start learning the most successful ACT strategies!

To sign up your student for the 2 FREE tutoring sessions:

- · Text Timothy at 502-269-8447
- Include your name, the student's name and current grade level (Sophomore or Junior), our school name, and the most recent test scores if applicable (composite and individual subjects)

He has room in his schedule to take on 20 new clients the first few weeks of May and will take them on a first-come, first-served basis.



#### **RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS**

# NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

NDA's counselors have put together some very useful tools for our parents HERE.

# **ADVANCING OUR MISSION**



#### **GIRLS' SCHOOLS UNITED**

# THANK YOU TO OUR NDA ALUMNAE AND PARENTS!

A very special THANK YOU to all of our amazing alumnae and parents who stepped up last week to support Catholic education at NDA! Your participation in the 4th annual Girls' Schools Unite campaign was outstanding!

If you are interested in how your class did, you can find a list of class totals on our **website!** 

If you were unable to participate in Girls' Schools Unite, there is still time to support our students by giving a gift to the **2022-23 Annual Fund**.

# ALUMNAE MENTORING

Class of 2024
Class of 2025

Program for Rising
Juniors & Seniors
for the 2023-2024 School Year

### ATTENTION RISING JUNIORS AND SENIORS

# ALUMNAE MENTOR PROGRAM

There is still time so sign up for the Alumnae Mentoring Program at NDA. This program gives juniors and seniors an opportunity to learn more about the real world experiences of professionals in the student's career field of interest.

Our Alumnae office will match you with an Alumnae Mentor. From there you will meet with her monthly and you will talk about:

Life | School | College Choices | College Applications | Career Paths

Click **HERE** for the application.



#### **SHARING OUR**

# **Community News**

You can find a complete list of community news HERE.

- Duke Energy to host leadership and energy career fair for young women Social Media and the Adolescent Digital Tribe
- · SND 4th of July Festival
- · Donate to the SND 4th of July Festival
- · 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

May 26

May 11	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
	Alumnae Rosary in Marian Circle 12:50 p.m.
May 11-13	Quilt & Garment Show
May 12	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
	Panda Fan Zone Breakfast in CLC 7:30 a.m.
	Spring Sports Pep Rally
May 16	Late Start Tuesday 9:00 a.m.
May 17	Senior Luncheon and Senior Send Off
	Academic Awards in evening
May 18	Senior Exams begin
	Spring Showcase 6 p.m. with Intro Theatre Class, Dance
	Pandas, PandaTones
May 20	Theatre Banquet
May 22	Exams begin
May 25	Cleaning Day
	Graduation Practice
	Baccalaureate Mass

Senior Breakfast

Graduation