



THE *nda* LIFE

## Dear Parents,

This is our final newsletter of the school year. I appreciate you taking the time to read the information that has been presented to you this school year. Communication is a very important component of our partnership in your daughter's education.

I am grateful to our students, parents, faculty and staff for all they have done to make the 2021-22 school year a success. As a school community we committed ourselves to academic excellence and achieved a great deal of meaningful learning. We also dedicated ourselves to *Living the Gospel with a Spirit of Compassion, Hope and Joy* and we learned to *mind the gap*. I am very proud of the way our students made an effort this year to recognize where there is need and figure out ways in which they could help others. Finally, we set a goal to provide as much normalcy as possible for our students this school year while continuing to keep our community safe and together we accomplished that objective.

Tomorrow is World Catholic Education Day. We are all part of SND Global Education as well as our global community of Catholic education. I can't think of a better way to celebrate Catholic education than to congratulate our Class of 2022 on all of their accomplishments. **As a class, they were offered \$24 million dollars in scholarships. An incredible 50% of them received offers of half tuition or more to the school they are attending in the fall.** Our recent graduates will be attending 51 different colleges and universities in 19 different states. They have been well prepared academically and they have been empowered spiritually. I have no doubt that these young women will make a tremendous difference in the world!

Tomorrow is also Cleaning Day at NDA. I would like to thank Mrs. Angie Middendorf and Mrs. Julie Morano for organizing this important annual tradition handed down to us from the Sisters of Notre Dame. It not only helps keep our building in excellent condition, it also gives our students some ownership and responsibility in maintaining our school building which is a great life lesson.

Although there is much to celebrate at NDA, after the tragic events that took place yesterday in Uvalde, Texas, I would be remiss if I did not ask you for your continued prayers for an end to gun violence in our country. I ask that you join me in placing your heavy hearts and troubled minds in God's capable and loving hands praying for all of the innocent victims and implore God's divine help for our nation at this time. I encourage you to pray with your daughters asking God to turn our sadness into compassion, our tiredness into advocacy and our fear and paralysis into action. In God's name we pray for an end to gun violence in our country.

It is clear to me and I hope to each of you, that at NDA, we are part of a tradition larger than any one of us, a strong academic tradition of empowering young women to make a difference in the world. Thank you for partnering with us. I look forward to seeing our students in August and I wish you and your family a blessed and safe summer.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

*"We consider Catholic education to be one of the most effective ways of making our world and history more human. Education is above all a matter of love and responsibility handed down from one generation to another." Pope Francis*

# SENIOR SEND-OFF

GOOD LUCK

## NDA WISHES THE CLASS OF 2022 WELL

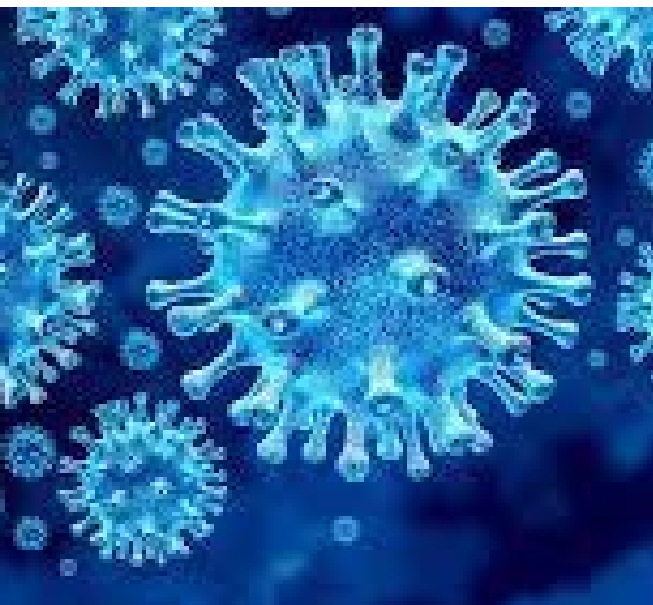
On Wednesday, May 18, the Notre Dame Academy community took time to say goodbye to our Class of 2022 with our traditional Alumnae Luncheon and Senior Send-off. At the luncheon, 2015 NDA grad, Shannon Wilson spoke to the seniors giving them sage advice for the years ahead. Following the luncheon, each grade level paid tribute to the graduating class with skits and videos.

Our community also bid farewell to two amazing members of our NDA faculty who are leaving after this school year - Mrs. Barb Benkert and Mrs. Barb Hahn. We would like to thank both of these outstanding educators for their dedication to our students at NDA over the years and their commitment to academic excellence. We will miss them both!



# CONGRATULATIONS





## WEEKLY UPDATE COVID-19

As of today, Wednesday, May 25 we have had 5 new reported cases of a member of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks. We have had 0 additional members of our community who are currently in quarantine due to a reported exposure to COVID-19.

**We will therefore, continue with a RECOMMENDED MASK POLICY at NDA. Masks are recommended at school and extra-curricular events but not required.**

**As we move forward, please keep NDA updated on any COVID-19 related issues involving your family.** In the event that someone in your household is being tested for COVID-19 or your daughter is exposed to or tests positive for COVID-19, please contact one of our school nurses, Tina Sizemore, RN. or Melanie Martin, RN., at 859.292.1843 | [ndanurse@ndapandas.org](mailto:ndanurse@ndapandas.org).

## FROM THE SCHOOL NURSES BE SAFE THIS SUMMER!

Dear Parents and Students,

We hope you have lots of fun plans for this summer but we want to make sure you stay safe and healthy!

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise in our community please:

- Stay up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccines
- Consider masking in indoor congregate settings
- Stay home when you are sick
- Get tested if exposed or have symptoms of COVID-19
- Follow isolation and quarantine guidance

Remember, you can always refer to the [CDC's COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation calculator](#). This online, mobile-friendly calculator provides a simple, easy-to-use way to help people follow CDC's Quarantine and Isolation guidance and get customized information that applies to their unique situation.

Also, be sure to stay safe and healthy in the sun. You can find some sun safety tips to protect yourself in the included graphic.

Thank you for your help this school year to keep our community safe and healthy!

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NDA School Nurse  
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# Student Life



## PLEASE NOTE

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

May 31 - June 3	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
June 6 - June 23	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
June 24 - July 8	Office Closed
July 11 - July 29	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Beginning August 1	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### 2022-2023 CALENDAR

[CLICK HERE](#) to access NDA's Google calendar which is accessible through the school's website. Some summer events are highlighted below.

#### Mark Your Calendars:

June 7	Freshman Meet and Greet
July 12	Freshman Service Day
July 21	Freshman Parent Meet and Greet
July 29	Athletic Department Golf Outing
August 1-4	Bridge Program for incoming Freshmen
August 1-5	Freshman iPad Set Up Session
August 9	Freshman Orientation
	Freshman Parent Night
August 10	Sophomore/Junior/Senior Parent Night
August 11	Faculty In-Service
August 12	Faculty/Staff In-Service
August 16	First Day of School

## CLEARANCE!

### BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

It's the end of the school year so Mrs. Brungs and Mrs. McLeod are marking down items right and left! Don't miss out on 25% off your entire order in the Bambootique [HERE](#).





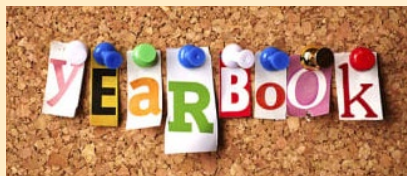
## SCRIBES AND SCHOLARS

# LATIN STUDENTS MAKE MANUSCRIPTS

The dual credit Latin students have been reading a variety of Latin authors in class this year, but this semester they have focused on the poetry of a Roman author named Catullus. You can read more about their work and see several photos of their Latin “manuscripts” [HERE](#).

## ORDER BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

# YEARBOOKS ON SALE!



The 2022 NDA Yearbook, *Make it Count*, is available for pre-order at [jostens.com](http://jostens.com) (pick up link if available). The book will cover the entire year through graduation and will arrive in the fall of 2022.

Senior parents, you're understandably proud of your daughter. Why not say it with a recognition ad in the yearbook? You get to choose your words and photos yourself, and designing ads is easy and fun! Just follow [this link](#) to get started! The deadline to submit an ad is June 15.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT NDA

# ASSISTANT CAFETERIA MANAGER/COOK

Notre Dame Academy is searching for an Assistant Cafeteria Manager. Primary duties include preparing and serving meals, operating the POS system, clean up after meals, inventory management, and interacting with school staff and students.

Organizational and interpersonal skills are essential to this position. The position requires the physical ability to walk and stand for long periods of time as well as the ability to lift and move containers and supplies up to 25lbs. A high school diploma or GED equivalent, background check, valid driver's license and Virtus training is required. The position is approximately 30 hours per week during the school year. Holidays and Summers off!

Please submit letter of interest and resume to [ndahr@ndapandas.org](mailto:ndahr@ndapandas.org).



# GRADUATION INFORMATION

## CUE THE POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE

# SENIOR GRADUATION INFORMATION

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the information regarding senior graduation activities. Also, you can watch our 2022 graduation ceremony live on Friday, May 27 at 4:00 p.m. [HERE](#).

# SUMMER AT NDA



JOIN US

## SUMMER ROSARY

Our NDA Alumnae Prayer Group will be meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month this summer (June 8, July 13, and August 10) at 9:30 a.m. to pray the rosary in front of school on Marian Circle. Please join us - all are welcome!



SUMMER ENRICHMENT

## SO MUCH TO DO THIS SUMMER AT NDA!

Whether you are a computer wizard, budding artist, a musician, a theatre buff, an athlete, or you are just looking for something fun to do this summer, Notre Dame Academy has all sorts of opportunities for you! [CLICK HERE](#) to find out more about summer enrichment opportunities at NDA.

NDA's Student Services Department has put together an [awesome list of Summer Enrichment Opportunities](#). Included in the list are resources for college and community enrichment programs available to students over the summer that students can register and sign up for. Program topics range from extracurricular interests all the way to career readiness! Students, feel free to come to the Quad and contact any counselor if you have any questions or need help applying!



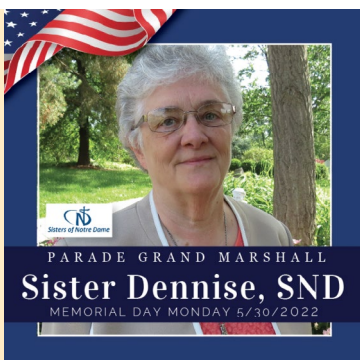
ARE YOU INTERESTED?

## SUMMER DONUTS AND MUSIC?

DON'T MISS OUT! Learn a band instrument this summer just like these Pandas

- IT'S FREE!
- ANYONE in Grades 7 - 12 can join!
- We have NEWER Instruments for you to use ( no charge )
- Flexible Tuesday and Thursday 8 - 9 a.m. in June and July @ NDA
- Donuts periodically!
- Bring a Friend!
- Judgement free zone! (Learn at your own pace)

EMAIL Mr. Cerimele TODAY: Gregory Cerimele <cerimeleg@ndapandas.org>



GET READY!

## STRIKE UP THE BAND!

Don't miss the NDA/CCH Band along with NDA's Color Guard and Dance Team at this year's Park Hills Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30 at 11:30 a.m. Sister Mary Denise Wagenlander will have the honor of representing SND USA as the Grand Marshall of this year's parade.

# Congratulations!



SND USA

## MR. VONHANDORF RECEIVES GOSPEL WITNESS AWARD

Special congratulations to our Principal/Interim President Mr. Jack VonHandorf! Mr. VonHandorf was chosen to receive the Gospel Witness Award from the SND USA National Sponsorship and Network Office. This award recognizes those who reflect and nurture the Notre Dame charism, spirit and mission within their professional communities and among all they minister. Mr. VonHandorf is a very worthy candidate for this award as he is a witness to God's goodness and provident care each and every day at Notre Dame Academy. Congratulations Mr. V!

TEACHING EXCELLENCE AT ALL LEVELS OF LEARNING

## CONGRATULATIONS DR. WOMBLE-ERICSON

On May 19, 2022, Dr. Jenifer Womble-Ericson successfully defended her doctoral dissertation entitled: "The Preparedness and Sustainability of 9th through 12th Grade General Education Teachers to Provide an Inclusive Classroom". Dr. Womble-Ericson earned her Ph.D. in Special Education Leadership from Concordia University Chicago. She hopes her research will influence and impact college pre-service training and education programs, K-12 in-service training and education programs, and general educators worldwide in providing and sustaining inclusive classrooms.

Dr. Womble-Ericson currently holds certifications in teaching English, Communications, Mathematics, English as a Second Language, and Exceptional Children. She has received specialized training as a diplomate with the American Academy of Special Education Professionals (AASEP), which has allowed her the opportunity to become a Board Certified Inclusive Education Specialist and Board Certified in Special Education. Dr. Womble-Ericson also serves on the National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASSET) Advisory Council for Board Certifications and Professional Developments. In addition, she is a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) and Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Dr. Womble-Ericson also holds the distinction of being a member of the Omega Gamma Chi Honor Society for Special Education Teachers.

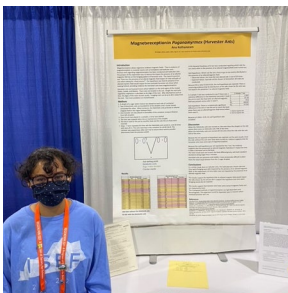


The highlight of Dr. Womble-Ericson's career has been revitalizing and facilitating the Academic Enhancement Program at Notre Dame Academy. She feels that "Notre Dame Academy provides all learners an educational experience that gives the students the foundation to become empowered, innovative, and inspired women". We are very blessed to have Dr. Womble-Ericson at Notre Dame Academy!

GLOBAL STAGE FOR SCIENCE

## NDA SCIENCE RESEARCH STUDENT COMPETES AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

Ana Kothandram joined high school scientists from around the world at this year's Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Atlanta, Georgia in May. Ana was invited to attend the international STEM competition after winning the "Best of Fair" award at the Science and Engineering Fair of Northern Kentucky (SEFNK) in February. Under the direction of Mr. Bill Stamm, Ana did a wonderful job representing NDA at the international level with her project, *Magnetoreception in Pogonomyrmex (Harvester Ants)*. You can see more photos of Ana's experience [HERE](#).



## NATIONAL SPANISH EXAM

# ¡MUCHAS FELICIDADES

¡Muchas felicidades to our many award winners! Students in all levels of Spanish participated in the National Spanish Exam. Check out our winners [here](#). We are so proud of you!

And more congratulations go out to our graduating senior Paige Donnelly for receiving the Global Citizen Scholarship for her gap year abroad. This scholarship was awarded to only one student in a competitive group for showing “great enthusiasm, aptitude, and commitment for learning and growing in a global community.” We are so proud of Paige and cannot wait to hear about her future adventures around the globe! ¡Enhorabuena!



## CONGRATULATIONS ACADEMIC AWARDS

On Tuesday, May 17 we celebrated our Academic Awards Night at NDA. We would like to congratulate those students recognized at this special event. Their commitment to academic excellence is a testament to their dedication to the mission of Notre Dame Academy!



2022-23

## HOMEROOM REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to our newly elected Homeroom Representatives for the 2022-2023 school year!

### SOPHOMORES

Greta Bitikofer  
Josie Bozeman  
Chloe Dunham  
Kate Harris  
Chanduni Herath  
Maya Lawrie  
Lauren Ott  
Josie Stallard

### JUNIORS

Jasmine Barczak  
Claire Coppage  
Sophia Graham  
Jackeline Otto  
Tessa Schulte  
Sam Spellman  
Paige Summe  
Rylie Wald

### Seniors

Aly Cain  
Lizzie Chun  
Megan Chun  
Chelsea Collins  
Sammi Flowers  
Natalie Janzaruk  
Anna Meade  
Natalye Nguyen



This will be the last Panda Press Weekly of the 2021-22 school year. Please check your email for the first issue of the Panda Press Weekly for the 2022-23 school year which will be sent on June 16 and include important information about our 2022-23 Common Reader, important dates and more.



# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY**  
2022 GOLF OUTING SCRAMBLE  
Friday, July 29, 2022 - 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 HERE**  
Games, Green Fees, Cart  
Auction  
Food & Reception  
Fun, Festivities and Fundraising!

## REGISTER TODAY NDA GOLF OUTING

NDA's annual golf outing is July 29 at Kenton County Golf Course. Enjoy the 18 hole event or come out for the fun 9 hole social that day to support NDA athletics. Register [HERE](#).

Feel like shopping? Head over the [NDA Golf Outing's Amazon Wishlist](#) and support the outing by helping to purchase items for the auction baskets!



## GO PANDAS! ATHLETIC NEWS

Lacrosse finished their season in mid May in the Region tournament. Congrats to the 12 seniors as they end their lacrosse career. Ellie Joyce was named 1st team and Addie Kahlig 2nd team all state.

Congrats Tennis Pandas! Tennis won the Region and heads to State next week!

Good luck softball Pandas! Softball has regionals this weekend and next week.

Good luck to Track Pandas! Track has regionals tomorrow night and heads to state June 4.

# COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



SUMMER ACT CAMPS

## TORCHPREP TEST PREP

There is still time to sign up for a summer ACT test prep session through Torchprep [HERE](#).

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PARTNERS WITH

*Summer Intensives*

**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY**

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ACT TEST PREP.

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<b>June Intensive</b> 9:00am-4:30pm 6/6 6/7 6/8 6/9	<b>OR</b>	<b>July Intensive</b> 9:00am-4:30pm 7/11 7/12 7/13 7/14
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LOCATION:  
Multiple Locations Available

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 5/30/22**



## RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

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

# ADVANCING OUR MISSION

## Alumnae Storyboard

### ALUMNAE STORYBOARD ◀

The Alumnae Storyboard is a feature which captures the everyday happenings of our alumnae. Each story is posted in the main hallway just outside the cafeteria so that you can see how our alumnae are truly continuing to make a difference in the world. The Storyboard serves as a source of inspiration and motivation just for you! You can read the latest NDA Alumnae Storyboard feature [HERE](#).



Special thanks to all of our [NDA Corporate Sponsors](#)! We truly appreciate their support of NDA! We encourage you to patronize these businesses and organizations.

Would you like to become a Corporate Sponsor of Notre Dame Academy? As a corporate partner with us, you will also have the opportunity to showcase your product and increase exposure to local consumers. You will be featured at the three major fundraising events sponsored by Notre Dame Academy: The Women Making a Difference Luncheon, the Annual Golf Outing, and Light the Night - NDA's fall fundraiser. For more information about how you or your company can become a corporate sponsor for 2022, please contact Denise Bowman at 859.292.1849 or [bowmand@ndapandas.org](mailto:bowmand@ndapandas.org).

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## SND 100TH JULY 4TH FESTIVAL

The Sisters of Notre Dame are looking for students (or parents) to volunteer at our 100th July 4th Festival. The SND festival runs from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., at Notre Dame Academy. We're in need of volunteers to help with setup, kids games, and cleanup. Below is a link to our google form you can complete if interested in volunteering or learning more about our opportunities - <https://forms.gle/EnoXvNW9Tv3KyU2p8>.

Student volunteers will receive free pizza, soft drink tickets, a t-shirt, and service hours. If you have any questions, please email Madeline Yaw at [myaw@sndusa.org](mailto:myaw@sndusa.org).





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

- Pro-Life Boot Camp
- Bringing the gift of music to students
- Calming the Chaos Workshop
- Postal Carriers Food Drive - May 14
- Be Calvin Kind 5K Run 7 Walk
- SND - 4th of July Festival - 100 years of Festival Fun!
- Volunteer this summer at Notre Dame Urban Education Center
- and more...

## Important dates

May 23-25	Exams
May 26	Cleaning Day
	Baccalaureate Mass 7:00 p.m. at St. Agnes
May 27	Senior Breakfast at Receptions
	Graduation at 4:00 p.m. at NKYCC
May 30	Park Hills Memorial Day Parade - NDA/CCH Band, Color Guard and Dance Team
June 2	First Day of Summer Beginners Band
June 7 - 12	NDA Trip to France
	Incoming Freshmen Meet and Greet
June 20-23	Student Leadership Summit
June 24 - July 10	Athletic Dead Period
July 4	SND 100th July 4th Festival!
July 12	Incoming Freshmen Service Day
July 21	Incoming Freshmen Parent Meet and Greet
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August 10	Sophomore/Junior/Senior Parent Night
August 11	Faculty In-Service Day
August 12	Faculty/Staff In-Service Day
August 15	Holy Day of Obligation - Feast of the Assumption
August 16	First Day of the 2022-23 School Year