



THE *nda* LIFE

## Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family enjoyed a blessed and joyous Easter break. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect, think and pray. It was also a great chance for our students to relax a bit before the final weeks of the school year.

It is with much excitement that I announce the valedictorian and salutatorian of the class of 2022. Congratulations to Ana Kothandram who is the class Valedictorian and Katie Crail who is the Salutatorian. These young women have excelled in their high school careers and this recognition is a sign of their ongoing commitment to academic excellence.

As you know, our students have been working hard to make a difference at Notre Dame Academy and at our sister school in Buseesa, Uganda with this year's student fundraiser, the Panda Prowl 5K. This annual student fundraiser benefits our tuition assistance program as well as a variety of student and program needs at NDA. It also benefits our sister school in Buseesa, Uganda by assisting with a student's education, health needs and other basic necessities. While those are worthy benefits, perhaps even more beneficial are the lessons this fundraiser teaches our students. By working to raise money for their school and our sister school in Uganda, our students learn the significance of giving back. Through this lesson in philanthropy, NDA students are developing empathy, organizational skills, collaboration and leadership. They are also learning how to promote a sense of community through their work as they become witnesses to the differences they make when we provide them a platform to cultivate change.

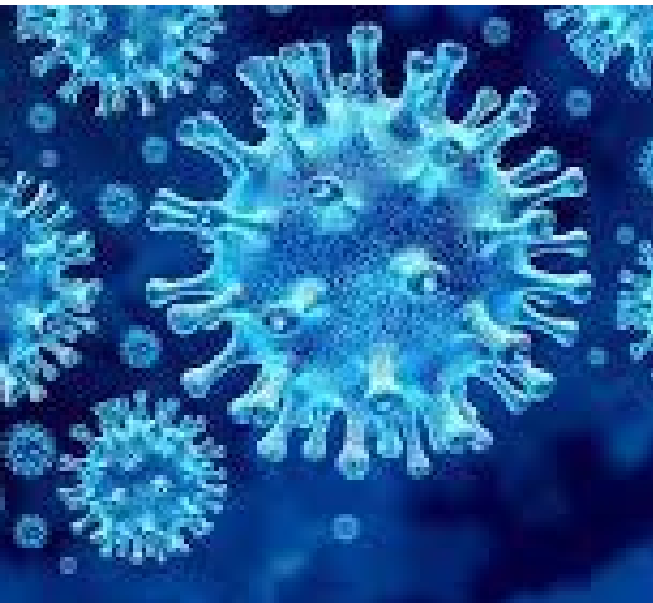
This Friday our students will participate in the Panda Prowl but they need your help to reach their goal and make a positive impact. If your daughter has not yet reached her goal of raising \$100 for this year's student fundraiser, please [CLICK HERE](#) to make a donation to support her efforts. I thank you in advance for your support!

Enjoy this special time of year. As always, thank you for sending your daughters to Notre Dame Academy. We are blessed to have each and every one of them as part of our community *Living the Gospel with a Spirit of Compassion, Hope and Joy!*

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





## WEEKLY UPDATE COVID-19

As of today, Wednesday, April 27, we have had 4 new reported cases of a member of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week. 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 COVID-19 CASES RETURN

Dear Parents,

As you can see in the report above, after several weeks of reporting no COVID-19 cases at NDA, we have 4 new reported cases this week. This is reflective of the uptick in cases in our community and around the country. While the positivity rate in Kentucky is up to 4.35% this week, the [NKY Health Department COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#) is still showing our COVID-19 community level as low which suggests that people stay up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccines and get tested if they have symptoms.

We are doing our best to keep our community safe and healthy the remainder of this school year. Please be vigilant if your daughter is experiencing symptoms and let us know if someone in your household is being tested for COVID-19 or your daughter is exposed to or tests positive for COVID-19.

MCORE Foundation will be back at Notre Dame Academy on Saturday, May 21, 2022, to provide our preventative heart screening program. We have worked with MCORE to provide a screening program to our community since 2019. This is an amazing opportunity for a student to have their heart evaluated for any abnormalities in a cost-effective and convenient manner, especially if they have had Covid-19. We encourage anyone interested to [watch their video](#) to learn more about MCORE Foundation.

You can register for your daughter's heart screening [HERE](#).

Be Well!

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### MCORE FOUNDATION CARDIAC SCREENING OPPORTUNITY

**Notre Dame Academy Heart Screenings for Students**  
WHEN: Saturday, May 21, 2022  
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](http://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 programs is to detect underlying heart abnormalities.


 If you have questions or need help registering: 866.382.2319  
[mcorefoundation.org](http://mcorefoundation.org)

# Student Life



## SCHEDULE CHANGE

### PANDA PROWL

School will begin at 8:30 a.m. this Friday, April 29 and end at 11:30 a.m. All students should report to their homerooms before the festivities begin. Juniors and seniors attending Prom/After Prom are expected to be in attendance for the duration for the Panda Prowl.

## CRITICAL THINKING SCENARIOS

### EMERGENCY TRAINING

This past Monday, all freshmen through juniors engaged in a critical thinking activity focused on emergency protocols and responses. The session is one of several throughout the year that promote situational awareness and get the Pandas thinking about what they would do in hypothetical situations. A copy of the school's emergency protocols is available and accessible to parents in the front office.

## PLEASE NOTE



## DEVELOPING CONFIDENT FEMALE LEADERS

### LEADERSHIP SUMMIT APPLICATIONS

Each summer, NDA hosts a week-long Leadership Summit for its students along with 1981 graduate, Sue Wehrman, who currently serves as the Global Supply Chain Development Leader with General Electric Power Division. At the Leadership Summit, students are challenged to grow as reflective, goal oriented, communicative and confident leaders who can successfully lead, motivate and influence their teams, committees and clubs. This summer's Leadership Summit will be held June 20- 23, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about NDA's Leadership Summit, including application information, [CLICK HERE](#). Applications are due to Mrs. Grayson by May 4.



*Just a friendly reminder...*

## SUMMER TEST PREP

### ACT BOOTCAMP

Torchprep is partnering with NDA to provide ACT test prep this summer. You can find out more information [HERE](#).

# NOTRE DAME ACADEMY AFTER PROM

GET EXCITED!

## AFTER-PROM REGISTRATION

This year's Prom will be held on Friday, April 29 at the Music Hall Ballroom in Cincinnati. Immediately following is NDA After Prom that will be held at Northern Kentucky University Campus Recreation Center from 11:30 p.m. - 3:30 a.m. NDA After Prom at NKU will be a fun filled evening for juniors and seniors and their guests! There will be roller skating, swimming, dive-in movie and more! You can find all of the information about After Prom and register for this fun event [HERE](#).

# GRADUATION INFORMATION

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## SENIOR GRADUATION INFORMATION

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the information regarding senior graduation activities.



TIME TO CELEBRATE

## SENIOR SWAG

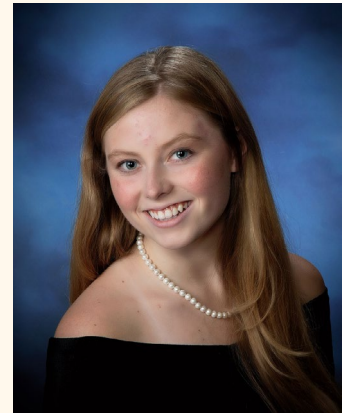
Seniors, you are just weeks away from graduating from NDA! Make this time extra memorable with NDA graduation items. You can check out all of sorts of fun items and order them [HERE](#).



WAY TO GO!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our 2022 Valedictorian, Ana Kothandram, and our 2022 Salutatorian, Katie Crail!



ALL ARE WELCOME

## MORNING MASS

This week we will celebrate Mass in our beautiful *Mary, Mother of the World* Chapel at 7:20 a.m. tomorrow and Friday. Tomorrow's Mass will be said for Sr. Dolores. All are welcome to join us!



## 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!



## SERVING OUR PANDAS

# CAFETERIA REMINDERS

Parents, please check your daughter's lunch account balance. There are many overdue accounts that need to be paid by the end of the school year.

You can find NDA's lunch menu below and on our website [HERE](#). Please note: the menu is subject to change as there are many shortages in the food industry.



## 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.

## VOTE VOTE VOTE

## GO PANDAS!

# PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Vote Jaiden Ford for Northern Kentucky lacrosse player of the week and Kylie Aytes for track athlete of the week [HERE](#).

# FYI

## BIWEEKLY

# PANDA PRESS

The Panda Press Weekly is moving to a biweekly publication for the remainder of the school year. Our goal is to continue to publish an e-newsletter for NDA families which provides essential information to parents and students and keeps our community connected without overloading them with information. We are moving to distributing the Panda Press Weekly every other week to help us reach that goal. You can always find out what's happening at NDA on our website calendar and news feed.

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

## PANDA ATHLETIC SIGNING

### CELEBRATING STUDENT ATHLETES ATHLETIC SIGNING

NDA's annual athletic signing will be held in the Auditorium today at 4:30 p.m. Come support your Pandas that will be continuing their academic and athletic endeavours at the collegiate level.



**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.

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!

# 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](#).



### STUDENT FUNDRAISER PANDA PROWL

Our students have been working hard on our student fundraiser - the Panda Prowl 5K. On Friday, students will participate in the Panda Prowl, a 5K walk around campus and the surrounding area. Our student fundraiser is one of the main fundraisers at NDA and benefits our tuition assistance program as well as a variety of student and program needs. This year we are teaming up with our Uganda Pandas Club and a portion of our proceeds will be donated to our sister school in Buseesa, Uganda. The money donated will assist with a student's education, health needs, and other basic necessities. Click [HERE](#) to make a donation or to sponsor a student and help us reach our goal of \$45,000!

Students - check out the incentives for tomorrow for those of you who have met your goal: out of uniform and snack cart during PPT!



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

- 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
- Expand School Choice Before Time Runs Out
- Job Opportunity for Students
- Job Opportunity for Alumnae
- Clean up Ft. Wright Day
- and more...

## Important dates

April 28	NDA Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Softball Grade School Night or Prospective Pandas 5 p.m.
April 29	Panda Prowl (ADJ) no classes; early dismissal Junior/Senior Prom at Music Hall AfterProm at NKU
May 1	Band Concert: 6-6:45 in the NDA Theatre
May 3	AP Exams begin
May 4	Quilt Show
May 6	May Crowning
May 10	Academic Signing
May 12	Choral Concert
May 16	Food trucks for lunch
May 17	Academic Awards
May 18	Senior Luncheon/Senior Sendoff
May 19	Pandas Night Out Alumnae Event
May 19,20,23	Senior Exams
May 23-25	Exams
May 26	Cleaning Day Baccalaureate Mass
May 27	Senior Breakfast Graduation
June 20-23	Student Leadership Summit
June 25 - July 10	Athletic Dead Period