



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

I am grateful for the many ways we are connected through our mission at Notre Dame Academy. In the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame, our goal is to produce young women who have a fundamental desire to seek excellence and make a difference not only for themselves, but also for the world at large. We do this by offering challenging academic programs and a multitude of co-curricular opportunities which include community service, student life, fine arts, leadership and athletics. We are blessed with the support of so many parents, families, alumnae and friends of NDA who deeply believe in our mission. We appreciate your continued support in our efforts to provide a premiere education rooted in the Catholic faith.

I hope you are planning to join us for this year's Women Making A Difference Luncheon on March 2 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. This event is a wonderful celebration of our mission and a great opportunity to hear the extraordinary experiences of some of our alumnae. You can [click here](#) to learn more about our 2023 recipients and make your reservations for the event. The deadline to reserve tickets is Monday, February 20.

We are ready to begin our scheduling process for the 2023-24 academic year. Our students are currently talking with their teachers about courses for next year. Teachers will be entering their recommendations into PowerSchool soon and then students will go there to choose elective courses the week of February 20 - February 24. Counselors will be available to discuss scheduling questions at lunches and before school in the Quad today and February 22. Each grade level will also have group scheduling meetings during a homeroom period.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission. I am grateful to partner with you in this important work!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Educating Women to Make a Difference

Student Life



ALL ARE WELCOME MORNING MASS

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2023-2024 NO SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 16	First Day of School
September 4	Labor Day
October 6	PD Day
November 1	All Saints' Day
November 22	PD Day
November 23	Thanksgiving Break
November 24	Thanksgiving Break
December 8	Immaculate Conception
December 21-January 2	Christmas Break
January 3	School Resumes
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 19	Presidents' Day
March 28-April 5	Easter Break
May 23	Last Day of School
May 24	Graduation

**ORDER
YOUR
YEARBOOK**

ORDER TODAY! YEARBOOK SALES

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.

ROARING '20s

PROM/AFTER PROM NEWS

We are excited for the 2023 Prom, which will be held on Friday, March 24 from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at Music Hall. The theme for this year's Prom is Great Gatsby/ Roaring '20s. The cost for Prom this year is \$70 and includes dinner, dancing, the shuttle bus (must register in advance), and After Prom. After Prom will be held from 11:15pm-2:30am at NKU's Recreation Center. All students MUST turn in the After Prom Form indicating whether or not they will be attending After Prom. To be fully registered from Prom students must have the following by Thursday, March 9...

- The online registration form (found [HERE](#))
- Payment (online or cash)
- After Prom Form (found [HERE](#))
- Table selections

If a student needs to arrive late or leave early for Prom or After Prom a written note from a parent would be required in advance. Again, we are looking forward to a great event this year. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Mrs. Kimberly Wagner at wagnerk@ndapandas.org.



NDA'S NEWEST VOLUNTEER

WELCOME TO NDA EDGAR!

NDA is excited to begin a consistent Therapy Animal Program next month when Edgar, a therapy dog, begins volunteering on campus on a regular basis. Research in this field proves that a Therapy Animal Program has many health and wellness benefits including the increase in the release of endorphins, oxytocin, prolactin and dopamine. These hormones are associated with blood pressure regulation, pain relief, stress relief and joy. In addition, visits from therapy animals have shown to lessen worry, anxiety, pain and social isolation.

Edgar, the therapy dog, is a six year old Golden Retriever who has visited NDA many times over the last several years. He works with his handler, Mrs. Julie Neubacher who serves as a part time School Nurse at NDA. Edgar and Mrs. Neubacher are a specially trained, evaluated and registered team through Pet Partners – the gold standard in the Animal Therapy field. If you want to learn more about the Pet Partners program visit their website at www.petpartners.org.

Edgar started his career as a trainee with 4 Paws for Ability – a service dog training organization. He soon found his bark and learned he enjoyed being a pet and therapy dog more than a service dog. Edgar has worked as a therapy dog for the past 3 1/2 years at various locations including NDA, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, St. Pius X grade school and Great American Ballpark. In August 2022, Edgar and Mrs. Neubacher passed their latest round of team testing with a “complex” visit rating meaning they are well equipped to serve at NDA.

NDA recognizes there are students who may have allergies, a fear of animals or who do not wish to interact with Edgar for any reason. If this applies to your daughter and she needs to OPT OUT from any voluntary visits with Edgar, please email the school nurse (ndanurse@ndapandas.org) with more information.





¿QUÉ TE GUSTARÍA COMER?

SPANISH 2 STUDENTS SHARPENING THEIR SKILLS

Last week Spanish 2 students simulated a restaurant experience by using menus that they had written. The menus contained vocabulary from the unit as well as special dishes from the country each had selected. The currency and flag colors were represented on the menu as well. Three students went to the “restaurant” together so others could see the beautiful menus they had designed and learn about countries other than the one they researched. The students used phrases that they had learned and seen on Youtube videos in class and they did a wonderful job seeming very natural! It is a skill that the majority of them will be able to use. And family members can check this out by visiting local Latino restaurants!



PARIS, NORMANDY & LONDON

REGISTER NOW FOR 2024 INTERNATIONAL TRIP

Registration remains open for the next few weeks for all students currently enrolled in French for the 2024 summer trip to Paris, Normandy and London. We have only a few spots remaining. Please visit the tour information page found here for more information and to register: www.eftours.com/2542463uj If you have any questions, please reach out to Madame Otto: ottoe@ndapandas.org



DE DÉLICIEUSES CRÊPES

NDA FRENCH STUDENTS CELEBRATE “LE JOUR NATIONAL DES CRÊPES”

Every year on February 2, France observes “La Chandeleur”, also known as Candlemas: A catholic holiday which is exactly 40 days after Christmas. This day is dedicated to eating crêpes, and NDA French students and staff did exactly that! Madame Otto made over 150 crêpes!



VALENTINE'S DAY MESSAGES

MATH PANDAS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Math Club and Mu Alpha Theta celebrated Valentine's Day during their monthly meeting on Monday. They sent Valentine's Day cards to the children at Cincinnati Children's Hospital digitally and then worked together to complete a Valentine's Day logic puzzle. We will celebrate Pi Day at next month's meeting. Get excited Math Pandas!



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!



FIELD TRIP LESSONS

AMERICAN LIT STUDENTS VISIT UNDERGROUND RAILROAD MUSEUM

Mrs. Garrett's American Literature students recently went on a class field trip to the Underground Railroad Museum.

PANDA GEAR

BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

There are some great deals on Panda Gear in the Clearance section of the Bambootique. You can 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](#).



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Bambootique

CONGRATULATIONS

EXCITING NEWS

SCHOLASTIC WINNERS

Congratulations to this year's Scholastic Winners. Notre Dame Academy students won 47 awards including 2 Gold Keys, 14 Silver Keys and 31 Honorable Mentions. You can find the complete list of winners here:



- Anna Blair (10) – Silver Key, Short Story
- Josie Bozeman (10) – Silver Key, Short Story
- Lizzie Chun (12) – Silver Key, Poetry; Honorable Mention, Poetry (2)
- Megan Chun (12) – Honorable Mention, Personal Essay & Memoir
- Zoe Collins (12) – Honorable Mention, Personal Essay & Memoir
- Hannah Dannenberg (10) – Honorable Mention, Short Story
- Annie Dierker (10) – Honorable Mention, Personal Essay & Memoir
- Hannan Dusing (10) – Honorable Mention, Short Story
- Klaire Eckhardt (11) – Silver Key, Poetry; Honorable Mention, Poetry; Honorable Mention, Short Story
- Chloe Fullenkamp (10) – Honorable Mention, Novel Writing
- Abby Hardin (12) – Silver Key, Poetry; Honorable Mention, Poetry (3); Honorable Mention, Personal Essay & Memoir
- Clara Heberling (11) – Honorable Mention, Poetry; Honorable Mention, Personal Essay & Memoir; Honorable Mention, Flash Fiction
- Chanduni Herath (10) – Silver Key, Poetry; Honorable Mention, Poetry; Honorable Mention, Short Story
- Kat Heuker (10) – Honorable Mention, Poetry
- Leah Hickey (10) – Honorable Mention, Short Story
- Katrina Hillebrand (12) – Honorable Mention, Poetry
- Bella Kampinga (11) – Honorable Mention, Poetry
- Mia Kent (11) – Honorable Mention, Poetry
- Georgi Kirtley (10) – Honorable Mention, Short Story
- Teagan Kruer (9) – Honorable Mention, Personal Essay & Memoir
- Ella Kruze (10) – Silver Key, Short Story
- Alexa McClure (10) – Silver Key, Poetry
- Ava Middendorf (12) – Gold Key, Poetry; Honorable Mention, Flash Fiction, Honorable Mention, Personal Essay & Memoir
- Ashley Neltner (10) – Silver Key, Poetry
- Elsa Neurorh (10) – Honorable Mention, Short Story
- Lily Overbay (11) – Honorable Mention, Personal Essay & Memoir
- Karla Pope (10) – Honorable Mention, Dramatic Script
- Hannah Renaker (11) – Silver Key, Personal Essay & Memoir; Silver Key, Poetry; Honorable Mention, Poetry (5);
- Abby Turnpaugh (10) – Honorable Mention, Critical Essay
- Emma White (10) – Silver Key, Short Story; Silver Key, Critical Essay
- Gabrielle White (11) – Silver Key, Poetry
- Kimmie Woeste (11) – Gold Key, Humor
- Angalea Wuest (10) – Honorable Mention, Short Story

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



RECORD-BREAKING BASKETBALL NEWS

Noelle Hubert breaks NDA's record for three pointers made in a game with 9 against Bracken county this past Friday night. This comes the game after she broke her own NDA record for made three pointers in a season against Lafayette earlier in the week.



POST-SEASON SUPPORT OUR BASKETBALL PANDAS!

Come out and support our Basketball Pandas as they head into the post-season next week. Districts will be held at NDA on Tuesday, February 21 and Thursday, February 23. On Tuesday the Pandas will play at 8:00 p.m. The District Finals will be on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.



GOOD LUCK! SWIM AND DIVE NEWS

Good Luck to the Panda Swim and Dive Team as they compete in the State Championships this week. Diving will take place on Thursday and Swim Prelims and Finals will take place this Friday. Both competitions take place at the UK Lancaster Aquatic Center. Go Pandas!

RIGHT ON TARGET PANDA ARCHERY NEWS

Last Friday and Saturday the Panda Archers competed in the Mary Queen of Heaven Tournament. The Pandas shot a season high score of 3064 which included 94 tens. The team was led by Ava Boertlein at 282 (3rd Overall Girl), Keira Schneider at 274 (9th Overall Girl), Lucy Siegert at 273 (10th Overall Girl), Lea Youtsey at 259 and Reagan Carman at 258. Seven Pandas scored Season Highs: Lucy Siegert by 19, Kathryn Weber by 17, Sarah Beckham by 15, Lauren Agriesti by 10, Emma Lange by 10, Abbey Hollenkamp by 9 and Reagan Carman by 8, Also Marisa Bloemer tied her season high score, Next up for the Pandas is this Thursday at Community Christian Academy. ARCHERY PANDAS ROCK!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



ACADEMIC SUPPORT

FREE WEBINARS

Huntington Learning Center has developed a series of FREE webinars providing tangible solutions to academic struggles that almost every student faces at some point. Current webinars available include “10 Steps to Improve your Child’s Study Skills”, “Standardized Tests: What You Need to Know”, “Homework Help: Tips to Reduce Frustration”, and “ADHD: Information and Tips for Parents”. Check out HuntingtonHelps.com/webinars to learn about other webinars being offered.



ATTENTIONS JUNIORS

JUNIOR COLLEGE INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday, March 7 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Notre Dame Academy is hosting a Junior College Information Session for junior students and parents. Dan Bisig from College and Beyond will be presenting on the do’s and don’ts of navigating the financial aid world, how to complete the FAFSA, and what it takes for students to earn merit-based scholarships. Keith Ritchie from Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority will be speaking about KEES money, the difference between public and private colleges, scholarships, grants, work-study programs, and the types of loans available. Join us to learn more about navigating the finances of college! Reach out to Senior Academic Counselor, Erin Stanley (stanleye@ndapandas.org), with any questions or concerns.



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.



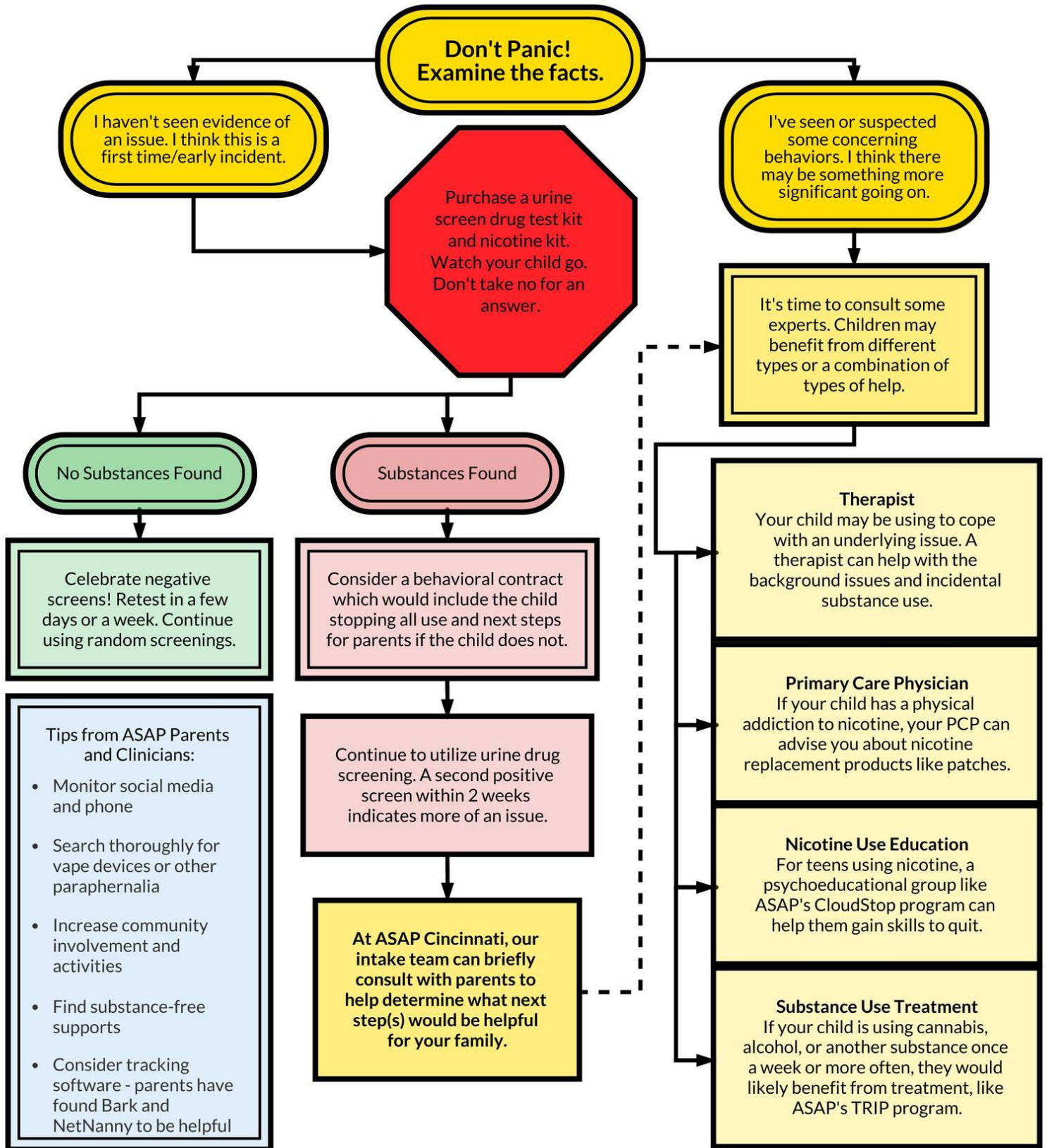
PLANNING FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

SCHEDULING FOR 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

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ADVANCING OUR MISSION

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BEFORE MONDAY WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD LUNCHEON

NDA's 2023 Women Making A Difference Award Luncheon will be held on March 2, 2023, at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. This event celebrates Notre Dame Academy graduates who have made significant contributions to their families and their communities through service, professional and philanthropic efforts. The Women Making A Difference Award Luncheon is open to all alumnae, corporate representatives and friends of NDA. Each year over 350 individuals attend this inspiring event.

Please join us for this celebration of our NDA mission. You can register online [HERE](#). Please note: the registration deadline is Monday, February 20.

WE ARE IN NEED OF EVENT SPONSORS FOR THIS EVENT

If you are interested in becoming an Event Sponsor, please visit our website [HERE](#) or contact Denise Bowman, Director of Development, at bowmand@ndapandas.org.

*Women Making
A Difference*

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL

Women Making A Difference

A W A R D L U N C H E O N 2 0 2 3

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023

NORTHERN KENTUCKY CONVENTION CENTER, COVINGTON, KENTUCKY

11:00 A.M. REGISTRATION

12:00 P.M. LUNCHEON & AWARDS CEREMONY

Honoring Notre Dame Academy Alumnae for the contributions they have made to their families, their communities, and beyond. We will also present the Sr. Reina Arlinghaus Award that is given to non-alumnae who are making a difference in our community.

2023 WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE HONOREES



Sr. Marie Rose
Messingschlager, CDP 1962



Emily Melching Michels
1988



Erin Kern Timmerding
1990



Bob and Diane
Hoffer

2023 SR. REINA AWARD HONOREES





NEWS

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

- Keep the Children in Your Life Safe Online
- Pro-Educational Choice Constitutional Amendment
- Dual Credit in Northern Kentucky
- Sisters of Notre Dame Ash Wednesday – Day of Recollection
- Sisters of Notre Dame Hiring
- Important EdChoice Information
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?

Important dates

February 16	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
February 20	No School- President's Day Students begin registration for next year's elective courses
February 22	Ash Wednesday Mass
February 25	Junior Retreat
March 2	Women Making a Difference Day - early dismissal
March 4	8th Grade Conferences
March 7	Super Day Senior Mission Retreat JR ACT SO CERT and Ring Ceremony FR CERT
March 8	Blood Drive sponsored by Life Club
March 9	Third Quarter Ends
March 10	No School
March 13	School Officer Elections during homeroom
March 13	FR & SOPH - CincyShakespeare Play at NDA JR and SR dismiss early
March 14	JR & SR - CincyShakespeare Play at NDA - FR and SO dismiss early
March 15	SO Retreat at the Heights
March 16	National Latin Exam during classes
March 18	8th Grade Conferences
March 20	Body Peace Week begins
March 21	Panda Preview Night for incoming students
March 24	Prom at Music Hall - early dismissal