



THE *nda* LIFE

## Dear Parents,

This Friday, one quarter of our student body will graduate and I would like to thank the Class of 2023 for their contributions to Notre Dame Academy. During their time at NDA, our graduates have strived to become women making a difference in the world. I am most grateful to the Class of 2023 for the way they have learned to live our mission and have led our community this school year. We look forward to celebrating these young women this week at our Baccalaureate Mass, Senior Breakfast and Graduation. I challenge our seniors to continue *Discovering Their Purpose and Transforming the World* as they begin the next chapter of their lives. I sincerely thank the Class of 2023 and all those who have supported them these past four years.

Last Wednesday evening our community celebrated the long-standing tradition of academic excellence at NDA at our 46th Academic Awards Ceremony. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors were recognized at the event. The large number of students present at this year's awards ceremony is a testament to the diligence of our students and the dedication and caliber of our faculty. I would like to congratulate the young women recognized at this event and thank them for using their God-given talents. These students have learned that achievement is measured not only by grades, scores and trophies; but also in the degree of commitment, service and hard work.

Speaking of hard work - tomorrow is cleaning day at NDA. We look forward to this time-honored tradition and appreciate our students and faculty for helping us in this important effort.

Please note our Summer Office Hours to the right and the important dates and information on the following page regarding next school year. We will have one more Panda Press Weekly next Wednesday to wrap up the 2022-23 school year and communicate any additional information for the fall.

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

**Summer Office Hours**  
**May 30 - June 23 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
**June 26 - July 7 | Closed**  
**July 10 - 31 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
**August 1 | 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

# Student Life

**IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION  
PLEASE READ**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### GET READY FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Get ready for next year by updating or creating your FinalForms accounts. See directions below. Also, mark your calendars for the following important dates over the summer and before school begins in August:

#### July

8	Freshman Meet and Greet
11	Freshman Service Day
18	Freshman Parent Meet and Greet
31	Freshman iPad set up

#### August

1-4	Freshman iPad set up
8-11	Bridge Program
8	Freshman/New Student Orientation Freshman Parent Night
9	Sophomore/Junior/Senior Parent Night
16	First Day of School

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### FINALFORMS ACCOUNTS

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) or by the first day of school.** 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: <https://notredameacademy-ky.finalforms.com> 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.

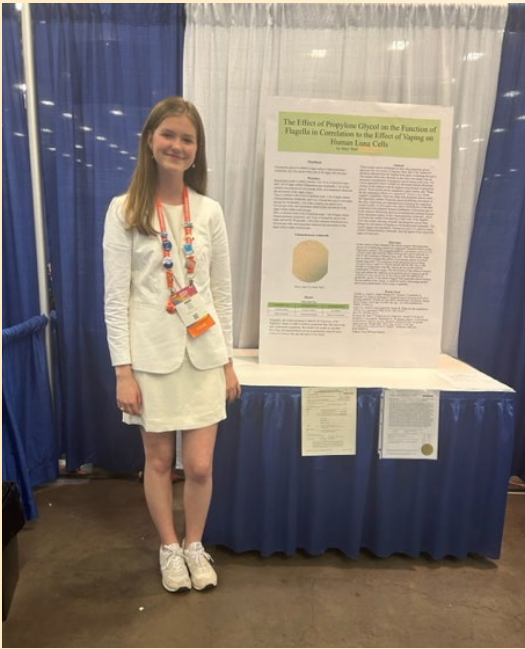
**If you already have an account for a returning student:**

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](mailto:graysona@ndapandas.org).

**FINALFORMS**

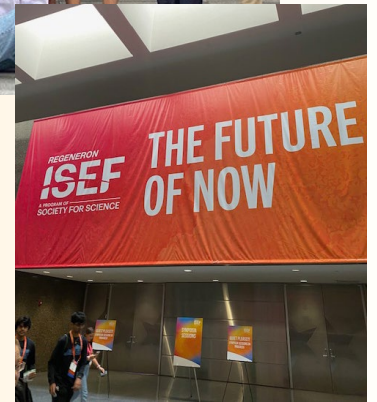




## S.T.E.M. AT NDA!

# NDA SCIENCE RESEARCH STUDENT COMPETE AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

Last week, junior Mary Wall presented her science research at the 2023 International Science and Engineering Fair in Dallas, TX. Mary's research investigated the effects of propylene glycol, a common component in vapes, on cilia. As a member of Team Kentucky, Mary represented NDA and her state very successfully.



## DON'T MISS OUT!

# LEARN A BAND INSTRUMENT THIS SUMMER JUST LIKE THESE PANDAS

- **FREE!**
- ANYONE Grades 7 - 12
- NEWER Instruments for you to use ( no charge )
- Flexible Tue and Thur 8 - 9 am in June and July @ NDA
- Snacks
- Bring a Friend
- Send me an Email to sign up
- Judgement free zone (Learn at your own pace)

EMAIL Mr. (Sir) Cerimele TODAY to be added to the Summer Learning Band [cerimeleg@ndapandas.org](mailto:cerimeleg@ndapandas.org)



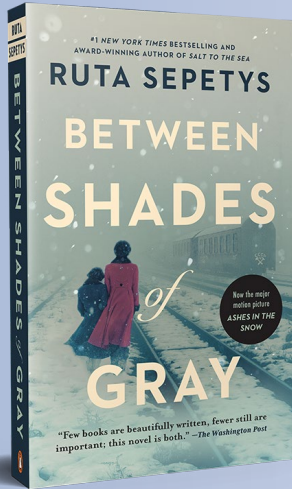
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY  
Bambootique

## END OF YEAR SALE BAMBOOTIQUE

To say goodbye to the 2022-23 school year, the Bambootique is having a 23% off your entire order. Hip Hip Hooray - [order online today!](#)

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.

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(513) 772-2110



## START EARLY - SAVE BIG ATTENTION JUNIORS...

Don't forget to schedule your senior portrait with Prestige Portraits. Remember, all students MUST go to Prestige Portraits for the year-book photo. The sooner you schedule, the better deal you will get. You can schedule a Deluxe Session in June for \$25 or July for \$30. The deadline for your drape portrait is October 12, 2023.

Schedule NOW! -limited appointments available

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or Log in  
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## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH? SERVING OUR PANDAS

Parents, please check your daughter's lunch account balance throughout the school year to avoid overdue account issues. Thank you!



# FINE ARTS



BRAVO!

## FIRST ANNUAL SPRING SHOWCASE

The first annual Spring Showcase was bursting with creativity and iconic performances by the Dance Pandas, PandaTones, and the Intro Theatre class students. The PandaTones serenaded us with songs such as *From Now On* from *The Greatest Showman* and *Africa* by Toto which included the singers from Covington Catholic Chamber Choir. The Dance Pandas were featured in student-choreographed dance *Greedy* by Ariana Grande and took the stage for a musical theatre style dance to *Bang Bang* by Dizzie Gilipsie. Finally a series of live and filmed performances by the Intro Theatre class such as *Hard Knock Life* from *Annie*, a scene from *The Office*, *Dance Moms Dupe* film, and *All in This Together* from *High School Musical* wowed the audience. There were spectacular solo performances by Sophia Desch dancing to *I Will Wait*, and Katrina Hillebrand singing to *Love Live*. Choreographer Miss Hope Pauly, choir director Mrs. Kelsey Chandler, and theatre teacher Miss Jackie Smith would like to congratulate all the students on their successful show and thank them for their hard work all year long!



# 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! Parents can send their daughter's photo to [websterm@ndapandas.org](mailto:websterm@ndapandas.org).

SUMMER  
Opportunities!

Art ATHLETICS  
Music Something Fun Drama

Notre Dame Academy has

for everyone this summer!

Check out all of the summer opportunities available at

[www.ndapandas.org](http://www.ndapandas.org)

SIGN UP TODAY

## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

There's something for everyone this summer at NDA! Check out all of the wonderful summer enrichment opportunities available at Notre Dame Academy! You can check them out [here!](#)

Also, it's not too late to still attend summer sports camps at NDA! [Check out our offerings and register today!](#)





# 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!

[Check out sponsorship opportunities here!](#)

# COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



## INTERNATIONAL FOOD PARTY! PANDIVERSITY

On Monday, May 14, Pandaversity members enjoyed a variety of cultural foods they prepared for our International Food Party! Samplings included:

Philippine Pancit (Gee-Ann Alliah Plaza), Arabic Cheese & Oregano Pies, (Nadin Asad), Austrian Buchteln Sweet Rolls (Chloe Dunham), French Crepes (Adeline Lashua), Russian Borscht/Beet Soup (Mrs. Kathy Hildreth), Slavic Plov Rice Dish (Angelea Wuest), and Focaccia Bread (Annalise Gaffney).

## 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 [HERE](#).

[TorchPrep - June ACT 1-week training in Florence](#)  
[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)

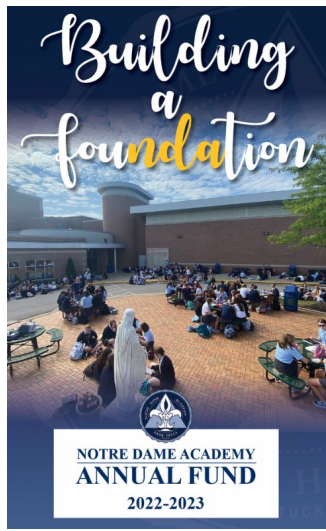
He has room in his schedule to take on 20 new clients the first few weeks of May and will take them on a first-come, first-served basis.

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2023-24 ANNUAL FUND

## HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

As this school year draws to a close, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a donation to our Annual Fund. Each gift, no matter the size, helps to create a solid foundation for our current students and the generations of students to come! You can donate online [HERE](#).

Have you supported the 2022-23 Annual Fund?  
DONATE before June 30, 2023!

## COMMUNITY NEWS



SHARING OUR

## Community News

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

- Sisters of Notre Dame Furniture Sale
- 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
- and more!

## Important dates

May 24

Graduation Practice

May 25

Cleaning Day

Graduation Practice

Faculty/Staff Luncheon - 12:00 p.m.

Baccalaureate Mass - 7:00 p.m. St. Agnes

May 26

Senior Breakfast - 8:30 a.m. Receptions

Graduation - 4:00 p.m. NKY Convention Center