



Dear Parents,

This is Notre Dame Academy's 118th year and as always, we continue to educate our students in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame. As you know, this year we are focusing on the first Educational Principle of the Sisters of Notre Dame, The Centrality of a Good and Provident God. In doing so, we are concentrating our efforts on *Radiating God's Goodness*. As you heard last week at Parent Mini-Night, our students are doing a great job living our mission and carrying out our theme this school year.

In the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame, Notre Dame Academy is committed to working with any family whose daughter could benefit from a Notre Dame Academy education. For over a century, NDA has provided a premiere Catholic education to the young women of our community at an affordable price. As much as we strive to keep tuition and expenses to a minimum without sacrificing quality education, it is still difficult for some of our families to afford a Catholic education, especially in these challenging economic times. We are blessed with a wonderful Work Study Program and many generous benefactors who provide essential student tuition assistance through academic and need based scholarships at NDA. We thank them for making a difference in the lives of our students through their generous support of Catholic education at NDA.

We are blessed with a strong enrollment but we still must do our best to advance the mission of NDA by expanding our recruitment efforts. As a NDA parent, you clearly see the benefit of an NDA education. If you know of a young woman who you think could benefit from an NDA education, whether she is in your extended family, neighborhood, parish or your daughter's elementary school, we ask that you pass her name on to our Director of Admissions, Katie Caccavari (caccavarik@ndapandas.org).

Thank you for the sacrifices you make to send your daughter to Notre Dame Academy. It is a privilege to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education. We are grateful for your trust in Notre Dame Academy to provide your daughter with a premiere Catholic education rooted in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Student Life



CONGRATULATIONS

NDA STUDENTS RECOGNIZED IN 2024 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Notre Dame Academy is proud to announce that seniors Mia Kent, Clara Heberling and Lucy Bailey have been named National Merit Semifinalists in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program. Over 1.3 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2022 PSAT. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

“We are very proud of the accomplishments of these three students,” said NDA Principal Mr. Jack VonHandorf. “The selection of these young women as National Merit Semifinalist are evidence of their hard work and dedication to their education at Notre Dame Academy. We congratulate Mia, Clara, Lucy and their families as we celebrate these honors.”



SUPER DAY - SEPTEMBER 20

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGE

Students will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 20. Students will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. due to a faculty professional development session in the afternoon. Faculty will spend the afternoon collaborating with their colleagues in order to draft proficiency scales and hone their craft of teaching.

ORDER BY SEPTEMBER 19

FOOD TRUCK DAY

Get excited Pandas because our first Food Truck Day of the year is coming up on Monday, September 25! Hot lunch (pizza) will still be served in the cafeteria on this day, but you also have the option of ordering lunch from one of the food trucks that will be on campus. The trucks available are Chicken Mac, Texas Joe's, Marty's Waffles, and Graeter's. You must **place your order** and pay in advance to eat from one of the trucks! You can order and pay online [HERE](#). **The deadline to order is Monday, September 18 at 3:00pm.** We cannot accept late orders! If you have any questions or if you would like to pay with cash, please contact Ms. Hilbert or stop by the office. We are looking forward to a fun and yummy food truck day!



Join the FUN!

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CLUB ORIENTATION

Club Orientation is this Friday, September 15 and is a highlight of the year! During this time, all Pandas will learn about the many clubs and activities available at Notre Dame Academy. Clubs and activities offer wonderful ways for all Pandas to develop their interests, give back to the community, make new friends and have fun. All students are encouraged to take part in the fun by joining at least one club or activity this year.

FRESH ART

ART STUDENTS SUCCESS AT EXHIBITION

Congratulations to senior Art Students Lacey Mack, Jasmine Barczak and Hannah Renaker for being selected to exhibit at the Fresh Art exhibition at Behringer-Crawford Museum as part of the 5th Annual Connie O'Donnell Student Art Invitational. Congratulations to Jasmine for earning Honorable Mention and to Hannah for earning 1st Place at the show.



Passing the Torch to the Next Generation of Artists

The Connie O'Donnell Student ART Invitational offers talented local high school students the opportunity to showcase their work during the annual *freshART* event at Behringer-Crawford Museum.

Connie O'Donnell (1947 – 2019) was a self-taught artist who specialized in sketches, drawings and cartoons, many of which depicted milestones in the lives of her family and friends.

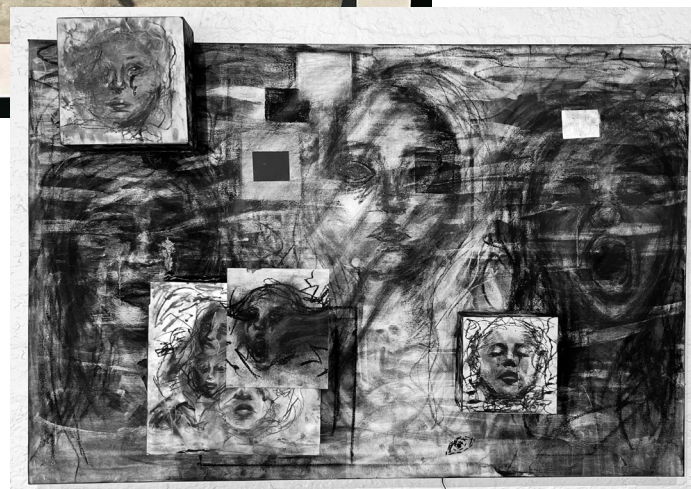
She lived in Villa Hills and Warsaw, Kentucky and Nokomis, Florida, and loved to mentor young artists, including her three sons, Tod, Sean and Patrick. She was very conscious of bringing new artists along and often visited classes during special days at area schools, according to husband Tom O'Donnell.

When Connie died at age 71, many of their friends wanted to create a fund in her name.

They decided to support high school students and tie it into the museum's *freshART* event to encourage the next generation of artists. The hope is to build the invitational to include all of the area high schools.

These works are submitted by the students' teachers. They are not for sale; however they are judged, with prizes awarded to the student and the school's art department through the Connie O'Donnell Memorial Fund at BCM.

To support students through the Connie O'Donnell Student ART Invitational, please donate to the Connie O'Donnell Fund, c/o Behringer-Crawford Museum or see a museum associate.





PANDA GEAR

BAMBOOTIQUE

Did somebody say “\$5 alumnae t-shirts”? That’s right, you can get an NDA Alumnae t-shirt for just \$5 at the online Bambootique [HERE!](#)

ALSO, we are looking for volunteers for the Bambootique. If you can help out, please sign up [HERE](#).



DELICIOUS NEWS

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!



MOCK TRIAL

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

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Mock Trial will have an informational meeting on Thursday, September 21 at 3:00 in Room 304 for current and prospective members. Regular practice times will be on Mondays and Thursdays 4:00-6:00 beginning at the end of September and running through March. Mock Trial is counted as a class and students will earn a full credit (elective) toward graduation requirements. All interested should attend the meeting or contact Mrs. Middendorf by emailing middendorfan@ndapandas.org.

BACK IN SESSION

TEEN COURT

The Northern Kentucky Teen Court will be back in session on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. and is looking for local high school students to participate in this exciting program. Sessions are held each Tuesday during the training phase, September 26 – November 21, 2023, and twice per month during the trial phase, December 2023 – April 2024. All sessions are held at the Campbell County Courthouse; 330 York Street; Newport, KY.

The time spent in Teen Court can be used to fulfill community service requirements and helps to build an exciting and comprehensive resume for college applications. Best of all, there is no cost associated with participating in Teen Court.

You can find out more information about Teen Court [HERE](#).





Thank You to the following families who hosted the grade level Gift Gathering Parties in their homes:

- The Kleman Family
- The Schuh Family
- The Carothers Family
- The Dinkens Family

We recognize the fall is a busy time for everyone. If you were unable to attend a Gift Gathering party, please consider donating online, dropping off a gift to the school office or checking out our [amazon](#) Wishlist!

We Still Need Your Help!

Have you considered volunteering or donating to support our largest fundraising event?



We have many ways to get involved on our LTN4NDA committee. Sign up online by clicking the gold button below!



Buy a chance to win \$10,000 cash or up to \$10,000 towards tuition for the 2024-25 school year by clicking the gold button below!



Support LTN4NDA by becoming an Event Sponsor, attending the event or donating online!

Click [HERE](#) to visit the Light the Night for NDA website page for additional information and direct links.

***Tickets will go on sale in late September**

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



KICKOFF MEETING SWIM AND DIVE TEAM NEWS

The kickoff meeting for the NDA swim and dive team will be Sunday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. This meeting is for swimmers, divers, and their parents. At least one parent from each family is requested to attend.



BAKE SALE & TICKET INFORMATION PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE

Mark your calendars for a Bake sale benefiting Playing For A Purpose

Tuesday 9/19 Wednesday 9/20 Thursday 9/21

2:45 - 3:45 p.m. - cash only - come hungry!

Also - Playing For A Purpose game tickets are available [HERE](#) on Friday.



WAY TO GO! VOLLEYBALL NEWS

Congratulations to the Varsity Volleyball team for placing second at the LVT in Louisville this past weekend. The Volleyball Pandas beat DuPont Manual, Mount Notre Dame, St. Henry and Sacred Heart, before losing a hard fought battle to Assumption in the finals losing two sets to one.

Also, our Volleyball Pandas won 3 to 2 over St. Ursula last night. Way to go Pandas!





LET'S BOWL!

BOWLING TRYOUTS

Tryouts for this season are:

October 2, 3 and 4. (M-T-W). 3:30 - 5:30

October 10, 11 and 12. (T-W-TH). 3:30 - 5:30

at Erlanger Strike and Spares, if you can't make these dates let Coach Hampton know so you can make arrangements.

You can email Coach Hampton at - hamptiond@ndapandas.org

See you on the lanes!

#pandabowling #thebest #pandapride #pandanation

ATTENTION PANDAS!

SOFTBALL OPEN FIELDS

Anyone interested in joining the Softball Team this year we will be having Non-Mandatory Open Fields every Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. @ the NDA Softball Fields. Open Fields will run through the month of October.

Dates: Sept. 12, Sept. 19, Sept. 26

Oct. 3, Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Oct. 24, and Oct. 31.

Any questions feel free to reach out to Coach Schreiber at email: schreiber@ndapandas.org



GOOD LUCK

GOLF NEWS

Didi Jirdamkerng has qualified for the All-State Tournament this weekend. Good luck Didi!



GO PANDAS!

SOCCER NEWS

Our JV Soccer will be playing against Bishop Brossart at Tower Park on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in a tournament hosted by Highlands.



WAY TO GO PANDAS!

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

Our Cross Country Pandas did a great job last night at our Girl's Night Out race! Varsity had all 10 finish in the top 12 (Alex Burg winning the race by over 40 seconds), and JV took places 1-7, Lucie Kiely just edging out Ashlynn Ruyak for the win! Go Pandas!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



COLLEGE
REP VISITS

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.

CONGRATS!

NAVIGO SCHOLAR WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students that were accepted in the NaviGo Scholars Program for various disciplines. These students will be able to get valuable career and exploration opportunities.



St. Elizabeth Healthcare:

MaryElle Reynolds

Isabelle Bailey

Education:

Alexis Mauller

Georgia Kleman

Duke Energy Engineering:

Anna Blair

Law:

Emma White

Business/ Entrepreneur:

Josie Bozeman

Madeline Jansen

Ella Nienaber

Ella Weber



JOIN TODAY!

DRUG FREE CLUB

Parents & Guardians:

Why haven't you completed an application for your daughter to be part of Drug Free Club at NDA?

Q: Why should we reward our daughter for something we expect of her anyway?

A: Drug Free Club is a form of Positive peer pressure! It helps students resist temptations to make poor choices. Their brains are not fully developed yet, which can make them weak during impulsive moments. This could be the difference between them saying Yes and NO in an unexpected difficult moment.

Applications will be accepted through October 31.

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
PLEASE READ**

ATTENTION FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES

OPT OUT FOR TERRACE METRICS

Attention Freshmen and Sophomore parents. Your student will be taking the Terrace Metrics on Monday September 18. This is an assessment that measures social and emotional learning and assesses risk. We assess only the resiliency scales and you as a parent will receive your daughter's individual results in the week following the administration of the assessment. Should you wish to opt out your freshman or sophomore daughter, please email counselor Erin Maggard at maggarde@ndapandas.org.

YOU'RE INVITED

THE KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM (GSP)

GSP is a 5-week summer residential program for outstanding KY students after completing their junior year of high school. Established in 1983, the program provides academic and personal growth through a strong liberal arts program balanced with a full co-curricular and residential life experience while living on a college campus. Students complete an application and compete with others from across the state. The Program's mission is to enhance Kentucky's next generation of civic and economic leaders. Those selected attend the program free of charge. The [GSP website](#) has basic information and will be updated in mid-September with information for GSP 2024. Applications are due November 20. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.





RESOURCES TO UNDERSTAND & HELP TEENAGE GIRLS NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

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



ARE YOU INTERESTED?

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS

Family Support Groups at Notre Dame offer support for NDA students challenged by a family's divorce, separation or non-traditional family situations. Participation is completely voluntary and students are welcome to come to any or all of the five meetings during a semester. If this is something your student is interested in, please contact Mrs. Erin Maggard or Mrs. Kathy Hildreth.



ARE YOU INTERESTED?

ADOPTTEEN

Is your adopted teen interested in connecting with other adoptees? A KY chapter of [Adoptteen](#) was started in January to empower and nurture adopted individuals, to help them grow and thrive through community connections and cultural awareness. Notre Dame Academy would like to start a group for adoptees here if there is enough interest. Contact Mrs. Hildreth to learn more.



THOMAS MORE
UNIVERSITY

INFORMATION SESSIONS

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT DUAL CREDIT FOR NEXT YEAR?

This upcoming year, Thomas More University's Dual Credit Program will be offering a series of information sessions for prospective students to learn more about dual credit opportunities available at Thomas More University. Most of these sessions will be held virtually to allow for any parent or student to attend.

There will be 4 total information sessions this year – one in the fall and three in the spring. They will be held on:

- September 28 – 6:30p (via Zoom): <https://apply.thomasmore.edu/register/dualcreditinfo1>
- January 18 – 6:30p (via Zoom): <https://apply.thomasmore.edu/register/dualcreditinfo2>
- February 15 – 6:30p (via Zoom): <https://apply.thomasmore.edu/register/dualcreditinfo3>

Diocese of Covington HS Night – February 22 – 6-8p (at Thomas More)
This event will also feature presentations from NKU, Gateway, and KHEAA



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

- 2023-24 Thomas More Dual-Credit Information Sessions
- Molly Mayer's Studio of Dance

Important dates

September 14	Rosary in Chapel 7:45 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Shadow Day Alumnae Rosary 12:50 p.m. in Marian Circle
September 15	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. All are welcome! Mid-quarter Club Orientation
September 18	Mass in Chapel 3:15 p.m. All are welcome!
September 20	Super Day: JR Practice ACT SR College Planning FR/SO CERT Test
September 22	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. All are welcome! Fall Sports Pep Rally Playing for a Purpose VB Game
September 25	Mass in Chapel 3:15 p.m. All are welcome! Common Reader Day /Food Truck Day
September 26	St. Pius Shadow Day
September 27	Scholarship Breakfast
September 28	St. Agnes/Prince of Peace Shadow Day
September 29	Mass for St. Hildegard of Bingen Family at 12:45 p.m.
October 1	Golden Girls Mass/Luncheon
October 2	SND Foundation Day
October 5	NDA Informational Session
October 6	No School - Faculty PD Day
October 6-8	Summit 2023