



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

The 2023-24 school year is quickly coming to a close. Each year, it seems as if the fourth quarter moves more quickly and becomes busier than the year before. I hope you will take a few minutes to read through the many announcements below. We have much to celebrate at NDA in the talents and dedication of so many students and faculty.

As you are aware, our goal at Notre Dame Academy is to protect the health and wellbeing of our students, faculty, and staff while continuing to meet our responsibility to educate our students. With that objective in mind, last year we partnered with Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) to ensure that NDA has a cardiac emergency response plan in place to establish specific steps to take action in a cardiac emergency at our school. We then conducted a very successful cardiac emergency drill in April, which led us to become the first school in Kentucky to be designated as a Heart Safe school in collaboration with Cincinnati Children’s Heart Institute and Project ADAM.

To maintain our Heart Safe School designation and comply with Kentucky school law, we are required to run a drill and review our process every year. In an effort to ensure everyone is prepared for a Cardiac Emergency on campus or out in the world, as well as for our cardiac drill scheduled later this month, we will review the CERP (Cardiac Emergency Response Plan) with our students this Friday, April 19. If you have any questions or concerns about this upcoming drill, please contact our school nurse, Tina Sizemore, RN, at sizemoret@ndapandas.org.

I would like to thank our entire NDA community for their diligence in keeping our campus safe and healthy.

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Student Life

ENRICHING EXPERIENCES

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS BY CINCINNATI SHAKESPEARE COMPANY



On Monday and Tuesday, our students had the privilege of seeing The Comedy of Errors, performed by the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company. It is a goal of the English department to expose our students to a live performance each year. We greatly appreciate the work that Mr. Byrd does to bring this organization to our school to showcase their theatre talent and expose our students to the incredible work of William Shakespeare. This play was one of his earlier written plays and is a comedy about separated family and mistaken identity. The students seemed to enjoy it!



YUM!

LAST FOOD TRUCK DAY OF THE YEAR

This Friday, April 19, there will be food trucks available with orders that were placed by April 12. There is still going to be hot lunch, salad and snacks served in the cafeteria.



ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS!

YEARBOOK SENIOR ADS ON SALE!

Attention parents of seniors! You're understandably proud of your daughter. Why not say so in her senior yearbook and help support the NDA yearbook program at the same time? Ads are on sale for the next month and start at just \$75! Just go to jostens.com and search Notre Dame Academy to design your ad! Please email glynnr@ndapandas.org if you have any questions!




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 to avoid overdue account issues. Thank you!


NDA & CCH
Presents



The
Sound
of
Music

April 19 at 7pm, April 20 at 7pm, April 21 at 2pm
\$5 student ticket, \$12 non-student ticket pre-ordered online
\$15 non-student at the door

Music by RICHARD RODGERS
 Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
 Book by HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSEL CROUSE
 Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp
 Music and Lyrics for "Something Good" by Richard Rodgers
 THE SOUND OF MUSIC is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of
 The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization. www.concordtheatricals.com



SPRING MUSICAL SOUND OF MUSIC

Friday, April 19 at 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 20 at 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 21 at 2 p.m.

The Sound of Music is a beloved show around the world. Based on the true story of the Von Trapp Family Singers, this musical captures a personal tale of growth and hope amidst the horrors of World War II. The Sound of Music tells the tale of young postulant Maria Rainer, whose free spirit has trouble fitting into the rules and regulations of Nonnberg Abbey. Commissioned by the Mother Abbess to serve as the governess for seven motherless children, Maria transforms the Von Trapp family home from a place of dour rules and regulations to one filled with joy, with laughter, and with music. But as the forces of Nazism take hold of Austria, Maria and the entire von Trapp family must make a moral decision.

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

“NO SCHOOL” DATES in 2024-25

August 15	Feast of the Assumption
September 2	Labor Day
October 11 <small>*change from original calendar to match Diocese</small>	PD Day
November 1	All Saints' Day
November 5	Election Day
November 27-29	Thanksgiving Break
December 23 - January 3	Christmas Break
January 20	MLK Day
February 17	Presidents' Day
March 14	PD Day
April 17-25	Spring Break

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2024-25 CALENDAR NEWS

The academic calendar for next year has been finalized and will be shared with the departments this week. The “No School” calendar is located in the blue table to the left. If you have specific questions, feel free to contact the office staff. After reviewing our calendar with those of our feeder schools and Covington Catholic, we have adjusted our fall PD day to correspond with theirs. Please note the change highlighted in yellow as you plan for next year.

2024 - 2025 - Summer Dates / Back to School Dates

Incoming Freshmen Activities:

Week of July 29 - iPad Orientation



- August 6 (morning) - Freshmen Orientation
- August 6 (afternoon) - Freshmen Bridge
- August 7 (afternoon) - Freshmen Bridge
- August 8 (afternoon) - Freshmen Bridge
- August 9 (TBD a.m./p.m.) - Freshmen Bridge
- First Day of School - August 12
- Last Day of School - May 22
- Graduation - May 23

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ATTENDANCE EMAIL

If your daughter is going to be late, out for the day or if she is leaving early, please contact the office through is attendance@ndapandas.org or call the main phone line 859-261-4300.



SPECTACULAR DAY

JOIN THE FUN

Come hear the awesome NDA/CCH Band and watch our NDA Flag Football Team on Saturday, April 20 at 12:00 p.m. at NDA!

NDA's Flag Football team was Ranked #1 in Pre-Season Polls and the NDA/CCH Band is Ranked #1 in all polls!



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Bambootique

PANDA SPIRIT WEAR!

BAMBOOTIQUE

There are a lot of new arrivals in the Bambootique! Shop at the online Bambootique [HERE](#).



PLEASE NOTE

FAMILY POINT UPDATE

Our Family System competition is in full swing as we work these next few weeks to determine our family champion for this year. St. Joan of Arc is in the lead with St. Hildegard of Bingen not too far behind. Next week we have a food drive for Go Pantry sponsored by the Teen Leadership Club, so there will be a chance for other families to jump into the lead.

781

665

715

477



Annual Baby Day Invitation to Faculty, Staff, Alums NDA Parents, & Friends

Greetings from the NDA's Psychology Class!

NDA's Psychology Class is once again able to host the annual "Baby Day" activities on **Thursday, April 25, 2024**. This event will be held in Alumnae Hall so that we will have plenty of room to accommodate a larger number of children and so that parents & grandparents will have easier access with no steps involved.

The **40**-minute session begins at **10:30 am and will conclude by 11:10 am**.

Please contact Michele Johnson at johnsonm@ndapandas.org, if you wish to participate. Please include the name(s) of your child/children and their ages.

Newborns through kindergarten age, are welcome.

This opportunity allows psychology students who have studied child development to put into practice the theories/concepts they have learned. The activities are loads of fun for the children and very educational for the psychology students.

It is necessary that you remain with your child or grandchild unless you are a faculty or staff member at NDA.

Thank you,
The NDA Psychology Class



Notre Dame Academy Graduation 2024

"Congrats Pandas!"

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS GRADUATION INFORMATION

Attention Seniors and Senior Parents: Fourth quarter is just around the corner which means graduation is nearing! Mark your calendars for the following dates -

- May 6 - 17 - AP Exams (specific schedule to come soon)
- May 14 - Academic Signing @ 3:30 p.m. - Gym
- May 15 - Senior Pancakes - Theatre Lot (students only)
- May 16 - Senior Luncheon @ 12:00 p.m. - Alumnae Hall, Theater, Auditorium (students only)
- May 16 - Senior Sendoff @ 2:00 p.m. - Auditorium (students only)
- May 17 and May 20 - Senior Exams
- May 22 - Graduation practice at NDA @ 12:30 p.m.
- May 23 - Graduation practice at NKYCC @ 8:30 a.m.
- May 23 - Baccalaureate Mass at St. Agnes @ 7:00 p.m. (students and families)
- May 24 - Senior Breakfast at Receptions in Erlanger @ 8:30 a.m. (students and guardians)
- May 24 - Graduation at Northern Kentucky Convention Center @ 4:00 p.m. (ticket amount TBD)

A more [detailed information sheet](#) was shared with the students on Monday. You won't want to miss a thing! Seniors will gather during homeroom also in the coming weeks to learn a bit more about graduation.

The Seniors were also asked to complete the following items for Mr. Glynn and the publications class who work on a lot of booklets/projects for Graduation, along with the yearbook. His deadline of before spring break is quickly approaching.

- * Signature (for yearbook) on Notability
- * Perfect NDA day (for yearbook)
- * Baby/toddler picture (sendoff video and yearbook)
- * Favorite NDA memory (for memory book)
- * Favorite prayer (for memory book)
- * Video snippets of the Class of 2024 from freshman year (fall '20-spring '21)

When you have them, your

- * Casual photo (for memory book)
- * College choice or other post-NDA plans (for yearbook, memory book and Class of 2024 Insta)

Email info and photos to your Publications student contact, and/or

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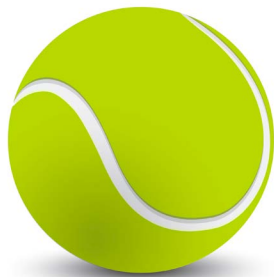
Share freshman year videos

collinsk24@ndapandas.org

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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

GO PANDAS!



HELLO SPORTS FANS

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Don't miss any of the action with our Panda athletes! [Here](#) is the calendar for the upcoming week.

ATTENTION GRADE SCHOOL GIRLS

SOFTBALL GRADE SCHOOL NIGHT!

All grade school girl students are invited to come watch the Notre Dame Pandas take on St. Henry High School at **5:30 p.m. TONIGHT**. The pregame festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. All grade school students get free admission to the game. Raffles of NDA spirit wear will be given

FROM THE DESK OF THE

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Tennis -

The Varsity Tennis Pandas will take on Simon Kenton on Thursday, April 18 at 4 p.m. at NDA. Good luck Varsity Tennis Pandas!

SUMMER
Opportunities!

Art
Music
Something Fun
Drama
ATHLETICS

Notre Dame Academy has

for everyone this summer!

Check out all of the summer opportunities available at

www.ndapandas.org

LET'S GO CAMPERS!

SUMMER CAMPS AT NDA

NDA offers several summer enrichment programs. Whether you are a computer wizard, budding artist, a musician, a theatre buff, an athlete, a STEM student or you are just looking for something fun to do this summer, Notre Dame Academy has all sorts of opportunities for you! You can find them all [HERE](#).

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



DONATION DRIVE NEXT WEEK!

JOIN TLC IN SUPPORTING GO!PANTRY

Next week, from Monday, April 15 thru Friday, April 19 the Teen Leadership Club (TLC) will be helping GO!Pantry which provides food for kids when they are not in school on the weekends and during longer breaks. TLC is asking the student body to bring in donations of apple sauce cups, fruit cups, pop tarts, popcorn, and meal completes.

On Wednesday, April 17, an out of uniform day will be allowed for bringing in one of the above items or \$3. Thank you in advance for helping Go!Pantry.



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

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

REGISTRATION

THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY SUMMER THEATRE WORKSHOP

Thomas More University is hosting a Summer Theatre Workshop July 8th to July 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. open to grades 10 to 12. Learn acting techniques, attend stagecraft seminars, work with a vocal coach, participate in improv classes, and practice stage combat. To learn more information and sign up visit [this link](#).



ADVANCING THE MISSION



FOR ALUMNAE, PARENTS AND FRIENDS LADIES' GOLF CLINIC

Get ready to tee off with confidence! Join us for a Ladies' Golf Clinic led by our Athletic Director, Janet Carl. Whether you're a beginner looking to learn the basics or a seasoned golfer in need of a refresher, this session is perfect for you. Taking place on April 23 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM, it's an ideal opportunity for parents and alumnae to brush up on their skills before the golf season kicks into full swing. Please note that participants must be 21 or older to register. Reserve your spot today!

JOIN THE PLANNING COMMITTEE -
BE A PART OF THE FUN!

GEARING UP FOR NDA'S 26TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

NDA's 26th annual golf outing will be taking place on Friday, June 7 which means we are getting a planning committee together now!

Joining the planning committee is a great way to get involved at NDA, meet other parents, and we just have a lot of fun! We will meet once in January, February, March, April, May and then twice in June leading up to the event. You do not have to attend the outing to help plan!

Sign up for the planning committee [HERE!](#) If you have any questions, email Myanna Webster at webstern@ndapandas.org.





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

- Ed Choice - Kentucky's School Choice Amendment
- 2023-24 Thomas More Dual-Credit Information Sessions
- Molly Mayer's Studio of Dance

Important dates

April 18	Alumnae Dinner Theatre
April 19	Food Truck Day
April 19-21	Spring Musical - The Sound of Music
April 20	Flag Football (1-5) - Band, Color Guard, Dance Team
April 22	Grade Level President Elections
April 23	Women's Golf Clinic at World of Golf
April 26	Senior Dinner Dance - 7:00 p.m.
April 28	Orange and White Flag Football Game
May 3	May Crowning/ Teacher send off
May 4	Language and Math Placement test for 8th graders
May 5	Band Concert
May 7	AP Exams begin
May 10	Spring Pep Rally
May 15-16	Quilt and Garment Show
May 16	Spring Showcase - Theatre Class, Dance Pandas, Panda Tones
May 18	Theatre Banquet