



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

This is our final newsletter of the school year. I appreciate you taking the time to read the information that has been presented each week. Communication is a very important component of our partnership in your daughter's education.

I am grateful to our faculty, staff, students and parents for all they have done to make the 2023-24 school year such a success. I am amazed how willing you, our parents, are to help and contribute to NDA. Your generosity of time, talent and treasure is often reflected by the actions of your daughters.

I would like to congratulate our Class of 2024. As a class, they earned over \$18 million dollars in scholarships. An incredible 25% of them received offers of half tuition or more to the school they are attending in the fall. Our recent graduates will be attending 34 different colleges and universities in 14 different states. They have been well prepared academically and they have been empowered spiritually. I have no doubt that these young women will make a tremendous difference in the world!

I would also like to congratulate Mary Wall on receiving the 2024 NDA Distinguished Graduate Award from the Sisters of Notre Dame. This is a well deserved honor as Mary is certainly an outstanding witness to a Notre Dame Academy education.

Please remember that we are taking a different approach to summer reading this year. Instead of assigning specific summer reading for our students, we will encourage them to choose books that genuinely interest them to read over the summer. We believe that allowing students to select their own reading material will foster a deeper love for reading and provide them with the opportunity to explore genres and topics that better resonate with their personal interests. We highly encourage parents to discuss their daughter's summer reading selections with them and even read the books together.

While there will not be a general "summer reading" list provided by NDA's English Department this summer, some classes may still require specific summer reading assignments. Please know that any required reading will be communicated directly to students by their respective teachers. We will continue our tradition of a common reader because we understand the value of a shared literary experience. Rather than reading this book over the summer however, students will read the common reader selection when they return to school in August. Unlike in years past, assignments and curriculum will be designed around the common reader to facilitate meaningful discussions and analysis in the classroom. We hope through this new approach to summer reading, students will find reading during their break more enjoyable!

We have had an amazing school year at NDA *Radiating God's Goodness!* As we begin our summer break, we give thanks for the many ways in which God's Goodness and Provident Care have blessed our school this year. It is clear to me, and I hope to each of you, that at NDA, we are part of a tradition larger than any one of us, a strong academic tradition of empowering young women to make a difference in the world. Thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education. I look forward to seeing our students in August and I wish you and your family a blessed and safe summer.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Congratulations Class of 2024!



Student Life

Summer Office Hours at NDA

May 28 - 31 | 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

June 3 - 20 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

June 21 - July 9 | **CLOSED - Dead Period**

July 9 - August 2 | Mon. - Thurs. | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The School Office will be closed on Fridays in July.

August 5 - 9 | 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



PANDA SPIRIT WEAR!

BAMBOOTIQUE

The Bambootique will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. thru May 31. The Bambootique will be open for online sales only thru July 31 [HERE](#).

IMPORTANT NOTICE

SCHOOL COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION LETTER

If your daughter is turning 16 years old during the summer months, please have them stop by the office to pick up a School Driving Compliance Verification letter before May 31. The office has modified summer hours and cannot guarantee that someone will be available to hand it out.

**TURNING 16 THIS
SUMMER?**



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Bambootique

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GET READY FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Here are some important dates for this summer as well as our "No School" dates for the 2024-25 school year:

June

- 3 Gently used uniform sale 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- 4 Gently used uniform sale 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 6 Parent Advisory Thank you reception

July

- 13 Freshman Meet and Greet

- 11 Freshman Service Day
- 29 - 31 Freshman iPad set up

August

- 1-2 Freshman iPad set up continues
- 6-9 Freshman Bridge Program
- 6 Freshman/New Student Orientation
Freshman/New Student Parent Night
- 7 Sophomore/Junior/Senior Parent Night
- 12 First Day of School**
- 15 NO SCHOOL - Feast of the Assumption
- 16 Opening School Mass

September

- 2 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- 6 Picture Day

October

- 11 NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day

November

- 1 NO SCHOOL - All Saints' Day
- 5 NO SCHOOL - Election Day
- 27 NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
- 28-29 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

December

- 23 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break begins

January

- 6 School Resumes
- 20 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February

- 17 NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day

March

- 14 NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day

April

- 17 - 25 NO SCHOOL - Easter Break

May

- 22 Last Day of School
- 23 Graduation





WORK STUDY OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION

Parents, please check your daughter's lunch account balance to avoid overdue account issues.

Also, we would like to start offering breakfast to our students next year however, we will need Work Study Parents to run the registers in order to make this happen.

We will need 2 Work Study workers to run the register and maybe a little set up 5 days a week. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. and on Wednesday from 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. Once we see how it works we might be able to be flexible on the time.

Also, we need 1 Work Study worker for Salad Bar Prep and help in the kitchen. This would be for 5 days a week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

If you are interested in either of these Work Study positions, please contact NDA's cafeteria manager, Karen Brungs at brungsk@ndapandas.org.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

Congratulations on your daughter's graduation. It is an exciting time in her life. Saying good bye to one family and looking forward to the new adventures at the new school, college or university. She will be well prepared for this next step in her life.

I would appreciate it if you could take a moment to check your Pay-Pam and Facts accounts. When you pay off the Pams account, close it so it does not put more money into the account. If you have any questions about the lunch account, you can contact Mrs. Brungs (brungsk@ndapandas.org). For information about Facts account, you can contact Marilyn Slaughter (slaughter@ndapandas.org).

As stated in the NDA Handbook, all tuition and financial obligations must be taken care of before records are released to the student and other institutions. Please take care of these obligations by graduation so that you can enjoy all the celebrations.

Thank you,

Janice Schmidt
Assistant Records Administrator

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
PLEASE READ**

UNIFORMS FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Parents,

As we discussed back in March, we really focused on a few key elements of our uniform during the 2023-24 school year. This included things like wearing the lanyard, a collared shirt, wearing tapered leggings instead of sweatpants and appropriate shoes. We worked hard to make sure all our students understood these guidelines and addressed uniform issues as they surfaced.

Looking ahead to the 2024-25 school year, I want to reassure you that we'll continue to enforce all aspects of our dress code, including skirt lengths. Our goal is to ensure that every student represents Notre Dame Academy in the best possible way – respectful, traditional and proud. Our handbook lays out the importance of our dress code, not just for appearance's sake, but also to promote cleanliness, respect for oneself and others, and to create a conducive learning environment for everyone.

Our uniform policy has been a cornerstone of Notre Dame Academy for over a century, instilling a sense of pride and belonging in our students. When they put on their NDA gray skirt, it's more than just following rules – it's about embracing our school's mission with pride. We're proud of our uniform because it reflects the values and mission of NDA and we want our students to feel that pride too.

Before the school year starts, we'd really appreciate it if you could go over the uniform guidelines (found below) with your daughter and ensure she's comfortable and compliant.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support in maintaining our uniform standards. Together, we're creating an environment where our students can shine both academically and personally.

Mrs. Jane Kleier
Interim President/CCO

Approved Uniform pieces are listed below as stated in our Student/Parent Handbook:

Notre Dame Academy has a school uniform that consists of:

- a gray uniform skirt or uniform slacks (the skirt or pants must be the proper size and length, be zipped and buttoned, hemmed appropriately and free of stains, rips, and/or holes). Students are required to obtain a new skirt or pants if it no longer zips, has tears, holes, or stains. **Please note: Skirt should extend below student's fingertips when arms are fully extended at one's side.**
- a white or light blue banded Notre Dame Academy polo shirt
- solid white, gray, black or navy blue socks
- appropriate shoes that have a back to them
- name tag/lanyard

Optional items that may be purchased and worn with the uniform include:

- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy pullover sweater
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy cardigan sweater
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy sweater vest
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy sweatshirt (available for purchase through Schoolbelles and NDA's Bambootique)
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy fleece
- a navy blue blazer with NDA's emblem for special occasions such as Mass, award ceremonies, etc.
- gray, black, or navy blue leggings that are close fitting and tapered at the ankle
- black dress slacks for designated events



If you need to purchase new uniform pieces for next school year, visit Schoolbelles' website at <http://www.schoolbelles.com/myschool/M37/s1935> to purchase OR stop by our gently used uniform sale on June 3 from 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. or June 4 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

STUDENT OF THE MONTH CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

We continue to work to celebrate the successes of students with our Student of the Month recognition. Please look [HERE](#) for information about our April Student of the Month, Maya TULLY.



COME EARLY FOR THE BEST SELECTION GENTLY USED UNIFORM SALE

NDA's annual "gently" used uniform sale will take place on Monday, June 3 from 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and again on Tuesday, June 4 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. We have uniform pieces as well as some spirit wear. Donations of cash or checks made payable to NDA will be most appreciated. We cannot accept credit cards or Venmo. Come early for the best selection!



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 a.m. 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

<p>SENIOR recognition ads</p> <p>The following advertisements were purchased by parents and supporters of these seniors. The NDA Publications staff thanks you for your support of our yearbook!</p> <p>Kate Stocum</p> <p>Congratulations on all you have done this year. You have been a great student and a great person. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. We hope you have a great future and a bright future. Love, Mom, Dad, and Grandma.</p>	<p>Keira Schneider</p> <p>Congratulations Keira! You've always excelled in all the incredible amount of work and talent you just into everything you do! Always give 100% and you'll always be the best. We can't wait to see where your hard work and huge heart will take you! We love you!</p> <p>Mom, Dad, Reed and Aubrey</p>	<p>Rutie Thomas</p> <p>We are beyond proud of all your accomplishments. You have worked so hard to become a successful, smart young lady with a bright future ahead. Keep your hard work and your heart and you will be successful in all you do. Love, Mom, Dad, Robert & Sarah</p>
<p>Congratulations, Publications students in the Class of 2023</p> <p>THANK YOU for all your ideas, resources, dedication and support in producing the 2023 yearbook. We are so proud of all that you have done and we are so proud of all that you have accomplished. We hope you have a great future and a bright future. Love, Mom, Dad, and Grandma.</p>	<p>Tori Danneman</p> <p>Congratulations Tori! These past four years have passed by so quickly and you have done so well. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. We hope you have a great future and a bright future. Love, Mom, Dad, and Grandma.</p>	<p>Alexandra Cain</p> <p>Congratulations Alex! We are so incredibly proud of you. These years have gone by so fast. You have worked so hard to become a successful, smart young lady with a bright future ahead. Keep your hard work and your heart and you will be successful in all you do. Love, Mom and Dad, Hope, Jack, Dylan and Lily</p>

YEARBOOK

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!



WELCOMING DUNKIN' DONUTS NEW COMMUNITY PARTNER

We're thrilled to welcome Dunkin' Donuts to the neighborhood! Thank's to Dunkin' and One Holland for partnering with us and supporting NDA!



CONGRATULATIONS! TRIUMPH AT US OPEN WATER NATIONALS

We're thrilled to announce that Claire Monahan, a Junior at NDA, achieved an outstanding 9th place in the 7.5K at the US Open Water Nationals this past weekend, securing her spot as 9th in the country for the event. Despite facing the challenge of a shoulder injury from January to early April, Claire demonstrated remarkable perseverance and commitment. Even while unable to swim, she attended every practice, engaging in alternative activities like biking to maintain her fitness. Claire's resilience and dedication have truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of her remarkable achievement! Join us in celebrating Claire's inspiring journey to success!



Let's hear it for the Band!

BUSY BAND!

THE PRIDE OF PARK HILLS

Congratulations to our very own "Pride of Park Hills" - the NDA CCH Band! They have had an incredibly busy spring and have done an amazing job at each of their many engagements! Band Director Mr. Greg Cerimele says, "The 2023/24 NDA/CCH Band will go down as a very balanced group emotionally and musically. Thanks all! Seniors will be missed!"



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.



NOMINATION TIME

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

We're happy to announce that Notre Dame Academy will be hosting its Athletic Hall of Fame event this fall! This is an incredible opportunity for us to honor and celebrate the outstanding achievements of individuals who have left a lasting impact on our community.

If you know a former Panda athlete who deserves recognition for her exceptional athletic contributions to NDA, we invite you to nominate her for consideration [HERE](#).



FROM THE DESK OF THE

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

ARCHERY

After a very successful season, the Archery Pandas enjoyed a season end celebration with family and friends. A good time was held by everyone. Next up for the Archery Pandas will be our annual archery camp on June 10, 11 and 12. ARCHERY PANDAS ROCK!



SOFTBALL

Softball Pandas advance to the Regional finals in walk off fashion winning 4-3 in the bottom of the 7th.

Pandas will face Highlands on Wednesday, May 29 at 5:30 p.m. at Thomas More University.



TRACK AND FIELD

After winning their 15th Regional Championship in school history, NDA's Track and Field team now moves onto the Class AAA State Championship with many qualifiers. The State Meet is held on June 1st at the University of Kentucky. Go Pandas!

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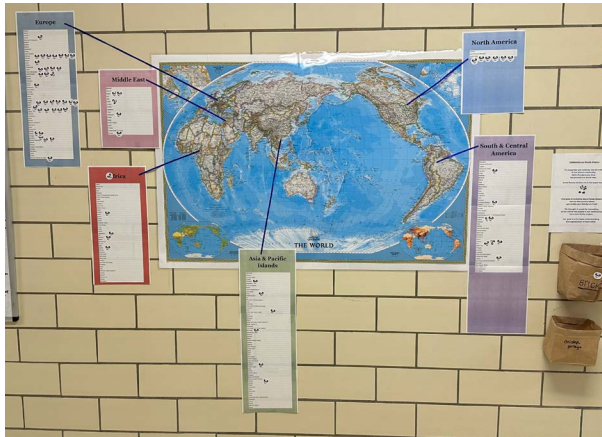
TENNIS

The Tennis Pandas won the 9th regional team tournament last week with a huge win over Ryle. Senior Clare Shay was playing in the deciding match and won in a third set tie break 12-10. Congrats to the team on a very successful regional tournament!

The Varsity Tennis Pandas finished their individual seasons with some successful wins in the state tournament on Tuesday at Eastern Kentucky University. Sam Spellman and Clare Shay defeated North Oldham in the first round in a third set tie break. They faced Ryle for the third time this season and fell after a tough fought battle. Bella McElwee and Lucy Bailey defeated Johnson Central in the first round and fell to #2 ranked Sacred Heart Academy in the second round. Their season is not over! They will play in the team state tournament starting Monday, June 3, at Berea College. They take on Ashland Blazer in round 1 starting at 9 a.m. Good luck Pandas!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



PANDAVERSITY

MAPPING OUR DIVERSE ORIGINS

To recognize and celebrate the variety of our students' and families' origins, Pandaversity posted a World Map in the 1st floor hallway. Everyone was invited to place a Panda sticker on the list of countries to show where everyone originally came from. So far, NDA has community members from 33 different countries from around!



UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES

UNDERSTANDING KENTUCKY'S KEES PROGRAM

Kentucky Excellence in Education (KEES) Money is earned by every high school student in Kentucky who achieves a 2.5 GPA or higher, for each year of high school. Amounts range from \$125-500 and stack each year, with a bonus (\$36-500) for ACT Scores of 15 and higher. KEES money may be used at any participating college in Kentucky. Notifications of the exact amount arrive in the mail during the summer after each school year. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

ADVANCING THE MISSION

Striving for excellence
in all we teach
and do...



2023-24 ANNUAL FUND

PARENTS, PLEASE 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](https://ndapandas.org/support-nda).

BE A PART OF THE FUN!

REGISTER TODAY FOR NDA'S 26TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Swing into summer with NDA's Annual Golf Outing!

Get ready to hit the greens and support athletics at NDA! Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just enjoy the game, your participation makes a difference!

Choose between our 18-hole challenge or the Fun 9 Hole Social. Both promise a day of camaraderie and competition in support of NDA's athletes.

Secure your spot today and help us keep our athletes on top of their game! Register here: [HERE](https://ndapandas.org/support-nda). We can't wait to see you there!

A flyer for the Orthocincy NDA Golf Outing. The background is blue with a geometric pattern. A golf club is shown in the foreground, with a golf ball on the club head. The ball has a panda logo on it. The text on the flyer is as follows:

ORTHOINCINCY NDA GOLF OUTING
JUNE 7TH, 2024
KENTON COUNTY GOLF COURSE

FUN 9 HOLE SOCIAL
10:30AM SHOTGUN START | \$90 GOLFER

18 HOLE
8:00AM SHOTGUN START | \$125 GOLFER



102 YEARS OF FESTIVAL FUN CELEBRATE THE SND'S

The Sisters of Notre Dame are busy planning two wonderful celebrations this year on July 4th. First is their 102nd 4th of July Festival. The second is their 150th anniversary of the Sisters of Notre Dame arriving in the United States. Eight sisters traveled from Germany to New York arriving on July 4, 1874, and began ministry at Mother of God school and parish in August of the same year. This began an affiliation with many schools in the diocese of Covington and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

The Sisters invite you to participate in their 4th of July Festival. Your presence and partnership gives them the opportunity to share together in the mission of our community!



SHARING OUR Community News

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

- SND 4th of July Festival
- St. Augustine Summer Festival
- Ed Choice - Kentucky's School Choice Amendment
- 2023-24 Thomas More Dual-Credit Information Sessions
- Molly Mayer's Studio of Dance

Important dates

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