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NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER!

On the cover Ms. Andrea Hearden, NDA interim-principal

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A Message from the President:

Grants, Gifts & Scholarships

Notre Dame Academy has a rich history of continued financial support through Grants, Gifts and Scholarships. This support is essential to the ongoing growth and development of the Academy and its students, faculty and staff.

Like many other private institutions throughout the nation, NDA was a recipient of an emergency assistance grant, put in place to alleviate the impact from the pandemic. These grants have allowed Notre Dame Academy to upgrade technology, classroom environments, student counseling services, faculty and staff professional development, health and nursing services and credit recovery for students who struggled during the pandemic and its aftermath.

Many gifts given to NDA over the years have since matured, contributing to the furnace and HVAC upgrade, which began in April. We foresee this project to be ongoing through the 2022-23 academic year.

NDA's scholarship programs have grown in numerous ways. From mentoring programs sponsored by the Premontre Class of 1978's football team to the new scholarships aimed at NDA's greatest needs, our students and the school benefit from benefactor support.

In closing, NDA has a long history of providing world class education built on Catholic foundations, centuries old. As NDA enters its fourth decade, we look forward to ratifying the new strategic plan which will provide for future generations of Tritons.

Best regards,

Thomas J. Kiely, DHL President
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Why NDA?

25.4

Average ACT score, highest in region*

37

State championships since 1990

85%

Percentage of students involved in activities

Visit our website to watch our virtual tour or contact us to schedule an in-person tour.

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*based on three-year average

CONGRATS NDA TRITONS CLASS OF 2022

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED
\$15,925,361

ON AVERAGE, EACH COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT WAS OFFERED
\$86,000
IN SCHOLARSHIPS





Principal Patrick Browne Bids Farewell to NDA

Although the days at times pass too slowly, the years never do. Enjoy the people with whom you share the journey, look for the good in all things and never forget to be grateful to those who made the journey possible.

Little did I realize when I graduated from St. Norbert College in May 1987 that my then girlfriend and now wife, Vicki, and I would begin a journey together which would lead us to serve in schools in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin. Thirty-five years ago, I graduated from St. Norbert College and this coming May, I will “graduate” from Notre Dame Academy.

Having served in Catholic education for more than three decades, I feel strongly that the people who choose to serve Catholic schools are deserving of unwavering gratitude. Their commitment, kindness and efforts offer children and young adults the opportunity to see beyond the trials of each day, maintaining hope in what will always be a confusing world.

I am humbled by the parents who entrust their children to us. They decide to send their children to NDA, wanting the best for their children while making significant sacrifices to make it happen. These sacrifices should be recognized and fuel our daily efforts to continue to offer their children the very best.

In my career, I have served over 10,000 students from preschool to senior year in high school, and I feel so blessed to have shared in part of their journey. To know children is to know that the future is not bleak as so many would like us to believe, but instead full of hope and caring souls who have had the light of Christ lit within their hearts, a light that can never be extinguished!

Thank you for inviting me to be part of the NDA community. It has been the perfect ending to an incredible journey!

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Andrea Hearden Takes the Helm as Interim Principal

The vast majority of my career has been dedicated to educating students at NDA. We have worked together in the science lab, the classroom and on the stage. It has been an honor to be part of the same faculty that boasts Fr. Gilsdorf and Mrs. Hollenback in its ranks and I truly love my students. However, sometimes God asks us to grow in unexpected ways, and I believe that is happening now. It will be a privilege to lead my colleagues and this community as the interim principal. Exceptional schools are continuously changing, and I am thrilled to begin a new role as we move forward with anticipation to our next school year.



Triton Basketball

led by Alumni-Laden Coaching Staff

The Notre Dame Academy girls' basketball program has been among one of the best in the state over the last few years, including winning back-to-back D2 state championships in 2021 and 2022. The heavy presence of alumni on the coaching staff is both a reflection and evidence of the culture of excellence grown here at NDA. Along with Sara Rohde and Eric Huss are Tim McKeough PHS 1977, Eliza Campbell NDA 2014, Olivia Campbell NDA 2016 and Katelyn Morgan NDA 2017.

McKeough has been on the staff since 2009 under Bill Farrell and has been with the program in multiple positions since then. This past season was his third as a varsity assistant with Rohde. During his time at Premontre, McKeough only played basketball during his freshman year back in the 1973-74 season.

"My freshman team played a lot of games, got to know each other very well and friendships for life were built," McKeough said. "That's what my favorite memories from high school basketball are, the friendships."

However, for the Campbell sisters and Morgan, they now have had experience not only coaching with Rohde, but playing for her as well, with all three winning at least one state championship in their playing days.

"I really am fortunate that I had a high school program that put us in situations to be successful," Eliza said of her high school career. "Not many people do."



Above, NDA's varsity girls basketball team wins state title on March 12, 2022

After successful careers as Tritons, both Eliza and Olivia went on to play college basketball at UW-Oshkosh. Eliza now teaches at NDA.

Morgan recalled several memorable moments from her high school days including playing against players like current WNBA All-Star Arike Ogunbowale or accidentally giving Eliza Campbell a black eye before the Sweethearts Dance, but none compared to winning a state championship.

“Any of the girls on our team can tell you that it is a moment that you will remember for the rest of your life,” she said. “One of the coolest things about coming back to NDA as a coach, is that I get to relive that experience with some of my old teammates.”

Morgan played basketball at UW-Eau Claire and knew that she eventually wanted to move back home to Green Bay. When she moved back this past year, Rohde asked her if she wanted to be a part of the staff.

This past state title season was a roller coaster of emotions for the Tritons, both on and off the court. Coach McKeough’s wife, Annette, passed away on December 30, 2021, after a battle with ovarian cancer.

“This team and this program was the center of normalcy for my family and me this year. I don’t know what we would have done without Sara, Eliza, Kaitlyn and the team,” McKeough said. “They kept me going.”

The family of the NDA girls basketball program pushed through and made it to the state tournament for the second year in a row, this time in their hometown, just down the street from Notre Dame Academy at the Resch Center. In the process, they defeated Menomonie and Pewaukee to claim their second gold ball.

For next year, the staff is excited to continue to push for more state titles and complete the “three-peat.”

“Historically, these girls do not give many reasons to doubt them. I am excited to see the work they will put in, to position themselves to win a third title,” Eliza said.

“They are such hard workers and they are really great people to be around,” Morgan explained. “I think the team aspect of basketball is what makes the long season very fun.”

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About the Author

Joey Bonadonna is a senior at Notre Dame Academy. He is attending UW-Madison in the fall to pursue a degree in journalism. Bonadonna is an active member of the NDA community, founder of the Triton Sports Network, student manager of the football and boys’ basketball teams, writer for the school newspaper and performer in the school musical program. He also does the play-by-play for the IFL’s Green Bay Blizzard in the spring and works as a press box assistant for the Green Bay Packers in the fall.



Bridges Light up Blue and Green in Green Bay

On April 7, Green Bay Mayor Eric Genrich NDA 1998, issued a special proclamation stating Thursday, April 7, 2022 was to be named Notre Dame Academy Triton Girls Basketball Day in the city of Green Bay. Adding to the celebration and proclamation, the mayor also announced the Bart Starr (Walnut) Street bridge was to be lit in NDA blue and green the evening of Friday, April 8.



Green Bay Mayor, Eric Genrich stands with the NDA Girls Basketball team after a pep rally was held for the girls’ back-to-back championship



Rohde, Coach Of The Year for the Second Time

Not long after the confetti settled on the basketball court, celebrating the girls’ back-to-back state championship, coach Rohde was named the AP Coach of the Year, for the second time! Rohde, with a career record of 230-62 in her 11 seasons at NDA, has joined elite company, having won four state championships with Notre Dame over her tenure, something only five other high school girls basketball coaches have done in the state of Wisconsin. Rohde has no plans of hanging up coaching any time soon. She mentions that one day she would love to coach her two daughters, the youngest of the two is in kindergarten.



Reunions & Gatherings

For additional information, scan QR code at the bottom of this page.

REUNIONS

PHS & SJA Class of 1957

Skip Day Reunion

Date: August 10, 2022

SJA Class of 1962 – 60th Reunion

Date: June 2, 2022

APHS, PHS & SJA Class of 1965

Mini Reunion reschedule

Date: August 26, 2022

SJA & PHS Class of 1966 – 55th Reunion

Date: July 9, 2022

APHS Class of 1972 – 50th Reunion

Date: August 5, 2022

PHS Class of 1972 – 50th Reunion

Date: July 23, 2022

SJA Class of 1972 – 50th Reunion

Date: June 23, 2022

GATHERINGS

CCHS 1945

Date: Third Thursday of June and October

SJA 1950

Date: Third Tuesday of month

CCHS 1950

Date: First Thursday of March, June, September and December

SJA 1951

Date: Third Tuesday of month

CCHS 1952

Date: First and third Monday of month

SJA 1953

Date: Third Thursday of month

CCHS 1953

Date: First Monday of month

SJA 1954

Date: First Thursday of month

CCHS 1955

Date: First Thursday of month

PHS 1956

Date: Third Thursday of January, May and September

SJA 1956

Date: First Tuesday of month

SJA 1957

Date: Mass on the first Friday of the month.

SJA 1958

Date: Third Wednesday of month

PHS 1958

Date: First Wednesday of month

SJA 1959

Date: Second Tuesday of month

SJA 1960

Date: July 15, 2022

PHS 1959

Date: Second Tuesday of month

SJA 1961

Date: First Monday of month

SJA 1962

Date: First Friday of January, April and October

APHS 1962

Date: Third Wednesday of month

SJA 1963

Date: Third Tuesday of month
September-May

PHS 1963

Date: First Friday of month

SJA 1964

Date: Second Tuesday of month

PHS 1964

Date: Every Tuesday

SJA 1965

Date: Third Tuesday of May

SJA 1968

Date: Third Saturday of month

PHS 1968

Date: First Wednesday of month

SJA 1971

Date: 4-5 times per year

SJA 1979

Date: Every three months



More ways to connect with NDA

1. FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

LinkTree: linktr.ee/tritonsnda

2. UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION!

notredameacademy.com/alumni

3. UPCOMING 2022 EVENTS

Triton Golf Classic

Wednesday, June 15, 2022
Thornberry Creek Golf Course
(4470 N Pine Tree Rd, Hobart, WI)

Alumni Weekend/Hall of Fame

Friday, September 23 and Saturday
September 24, 2022



SCAN QR CODE for more detailed information on Reunions and Gatherings.



Q & A WITH

Mrs. Christine Salerno, NDA Choir Teacher

Q:

Who inspired your love of music?

My Father, Harley Paquin. He was a professional musician as well as a jazz pianist, vocalist, composer and arranger. His brother was also a musician, vocalist, bass player and piano player.

Q:

Do you have a favorite composer? Has their work inspired some of your pieces?

My favorite composer has to be Antônio Carlos Jobim, who I named my younger son after. A close second is Eliane Elias. They have definitely inspired my compositions. I love Brazilian music. It really “speaks to me.” My father played Sergio Mendes & Brasil ‘66 when I was little. My sister, cousins and I used to sing along with the recordings which were mostly in Portuguese, and we would pretend we were the group!

Q:

What is your favorite part about inspiring young minds to learn and grow in cadence with music?

I love listening to the progression of the students’ voices grow from the beginning of the year to the end. I also love watching their faces when they sing something really well or in a beautiful harmony.



Scan this QR code to listen to some musical pieces composed by Mrs. Christine Salerno.

In-Person Events Return to Maryhill

Like most organizations these past two years, NDA has had to cancel, or host virtually, many popular events and activities due to the pandemic. Students, many who have never experienced any of these popular events, have been once again given the opportunity to be with their classmates and enjoy all that it means to be a Triton. Events such as Fall Fest/Fall Fest Dance, Cabaret Night, Spring Week/De la Baie Fest and Academy Ball, have fully returned, in-person.



Above: Students enjoy lunch during Food Truck Day. Right top: Funnel cakes were one of the delicious items available for purchase during De La Baie Fest. Right bottom: Students show off their talents during Cabaret Night.



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MISSION STATEMENT

Notre Dame de la Baie Academy, as an educational ministry of the Roman Catholic Church, educates the whole person by developing each student's Christian faith, commitment to service and full academic potential within a caring, safe, diverse, Church community committed to the common good.

CORE VALUES

- Faith
- Learning
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Service
- Trustworthiness

BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Mark Warpinski, PHS 1966, Chairperson
- Alisa Conway, NDA 1994, Vice Chair
- Rev. Michael Brennan, O. Praem.
- Rev. Andrew Cribben, O. Praem.
- Eva Cruz Martinez
- Jeffrey Danen
- Bill Harrington, PHS 1979
- Rev. Michael Ingold
- Geoffrey Lacy
- Gail McNutt
- Andrew Mulloy
- Aaron Popkey, APHS 1989
- Kelly Smullen, SJA 1990
- Leslie Vogel, SJA 1991
- Eric Witczak



AWARD WINNING PRODUCTION

NDA's production of Footloose: The Musical, was named "Outstanding Ensemble" by the Center Stage High School Musical Theater Program. Other awards include Outstanding Performance by a Lead Actor (Jacob Massart) and Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Role (Emily Hoepfner).

Launched in 2016, The Center Stage High School Musical Theater Program is an educational initiative that celebrates and supports the achievement of high school theater throughout Northeast Wisconsin.

"Being named, "Outstanding Ensemble" is like winning a state championship for musicals," said Mrs. Andrea Gilson, NDA English teacher and co-director of the musical. Mrs. Gilson was also nominated as an Influential Theater Educator.