

WITNESSING GOD'S GOODNESS

Filled with hope

As we continue to celebrate Notre Dame Academy's 120 years, we are filled with the hope and excitement that only the beginning of a new school year can bring.

It is a privilege to witness our students grow into the individuals God created them to be. Women who are bold. Women who are brilliant. Women who are beautiful. Women who are blessed. It fills me with peace to know that in our constantly changing world, our halls continue to tell a story of resilience and stability.

I invite you to visit us during our Open House where you can witness, first hand, God's Goodness and Provident Care which fills our halls each and every day.

Save the Date!



Open House

Sunday November 3
1-4 pm

In Notre Dame,

Andrea Zimmerman
Principal



NDA theatre program continues to Shine bright

The NDA theatre program is entering an exciting new chapter under the leadership of alumna Kathryn "Kat" Grilloit. A 2009 graduate of NDA, Kat returns with a deep passion for theatre and a wealth of experience in education,

determined to build on the legacy of her mentor, Mrs. Trish Sanders — the beloved and long-time theatre director and educator who passed away after a courageous battle with cancer in 2023. "When I met Mrs. Sanders, I just knew I wanted to be her someday," Ms. Grilloit said. In fact, like Mrs. Sanders, Ms. Grilloit attended Bowling Green State University, earning degrees in both theatre and English, laying the foundation for a career dedicated to arts education.

Ms. Grilloit brings with her a strong background in theatre, having started and directed theatre programs at several schools. After graduating from BGSU, she became a long-term substitute teacher at Central Catholic High School, where she taught English. During this time, she continued to direct shows for Horizon Youth Theatre, a local theatre company she had been involved with for several years.

"Directing locally gave me the chance to watch young performers grow over time," she said, emphasizing her passion for working with young people and helping them develop their talents.

Now back at NDA, Kat is determined to continue that tradition of growth and student empowerment.

"The theatre program at Notre Dame is truly student-centered," she explains. "The students do everything—from acting to designing and building sets, running lights and sound, and even serving as dance and vocal captains."

She shared that the hands-on involvement is so important because it's where students are not only the performers but also developing into leaders, learning valuable skills like teamwork, leadership, and creative problem-solving through every role in the production process.



"I want students to take ownership of the process. By doing so it allows each of them to discover their strengths and what interests them."

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Ms. Grilloit is also focused on continuing the legacy of her mentor, Mrs. Sanders, while building on what has already been established.

"Mrs. Sanders had such a warm and inclusive presence, and I try to emulate that in my teaching," Kat shares. "I want every student to feel welcomed and supported in finding their place within the program, learning and leading both on stage and behind the scenes."

Kat is excited for this year's *Once Upon A Mattress* production and encourages the community to come out, support the students and take in a show. Nearly 85 NDA students are involved in this year's musical production. In addition there are student performers from St. Francis de Sales High School, St. John's Jesuit High School and Central Catholic High School.

Notre Dame Academy's theatre program remains a hallmark of the school and its commitment to excellence in the arts, blending tradition with innovation to create a space where students not only perform but grow as individuals and leaders.

**All girls.
All mighty.**



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