



The Gavel

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New Clubs on the Horizon: find out more about new clubs that you can join!

Panda Surveys: Get informed on what the pandas favorite things are.

NDA Spotlights: Learn more about some of our students and faculty

Can the Colonels!

Keep Updated: list of events going on in November!

Obama Vs. Romney

“Can The Colonels”



Photo by Barb Benkert

The “Can The Colonels” event sponsored by the Student Council has come to an end. The competition brought in many food items and in a close race, the CCH Colonels defeated the NDA Pandas. The Colonels had a ratio of 10.9 cans per student while the Pandas had 10.5 cans per student. Thanks to CCH and NDA students for your support and participation. The total collection was 11,754 food items! This food helped many families because all the donations went to BeConcerned and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Clubs

There are many new clubs on the horizon for Notre Dame Academy. Here are three previews: Investment Club, Hunger Games/ Harry Potter, and Dumbledore's Army.

The Investment Club

This club will focus on understanding stocks and the stock market. They will invest real money, and have the opportunity to research and invest in stocks. NDA's club will also interact with CCH's club through many workshops and guest speakers.



<http://www.google.com/images>

Hunger Games/ Harry Potter Club

This club is a pre-existing club, with a new twist. This year The Hunger Games will be a part of this club. The members will watch film clips, and discuss the movies and books.



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Dumbledore's Army

This club will recreate many favorite activities featured in Harry Potter films. These activities include: wizard duels, quidditch tournaments, sorting ceremonies, and many more.



<http://en.gtwallpaper.com/harry-potter.html>

If you would like to find out more about all of the clubs offered at Notre Dame Academy, go to www.ndapandas.org

November/December 2012 Calendar

November 22- Thanksgiving

November 21-23: Thanksgiving Break

November 27: Student Assembly

November 30: Junior Retreat 3-9

December 1-2: Holiday show *A Seussified Christmas Carol*

December 4: Sophomores at Playhouse in the Park
Basketball games NDA vs. Assumption
@ NDA - 4:30, 6:00, 7:30pm

December 5: Basketball games NDA vs. Dixie
@NDA - 4:30, 6:00, 7:30pm

December 6: Seniors - Shakespeare Theater

December 7: Christmas Choral Concert - 7pm

December 8: Fruit Sale pickup, ACT testing, 8th grade
placement test

December 9: Christmas Band Concert - 3pm

December 11-14: Advent Reconciliation Services

December 14: PTO Mixer - NDA - 8-11pm

December 19,20,21: Exams

December 24: Christmas Break begins

January 3: Classes resume

January 4: Silver Bells Dance 8-11pm

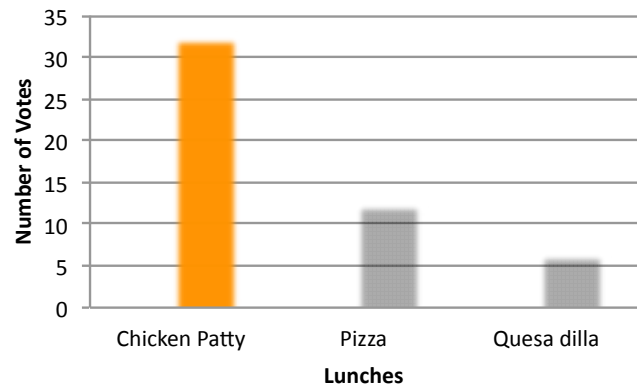
Panda

Surveys

We have asked students what their favorite lunch, mixer, and school activity are at Notre Dame Academy. The Super Hero mixer was the favorite among the students. The chicken patties were the favorite lunch in the opinion of the students. The favorite activity for the year was the talent show, over the Panda Prowl and Playing for a Purpose.

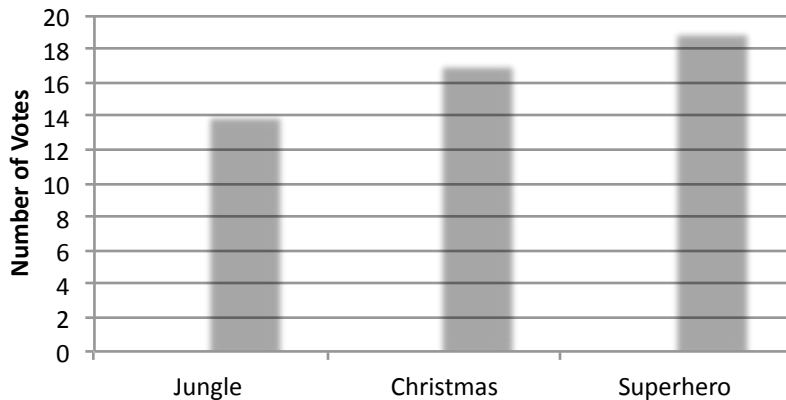
FAVORITE LUNCH SURVEY

Favorite Lunch



FAVORITE MIXER SURVEY

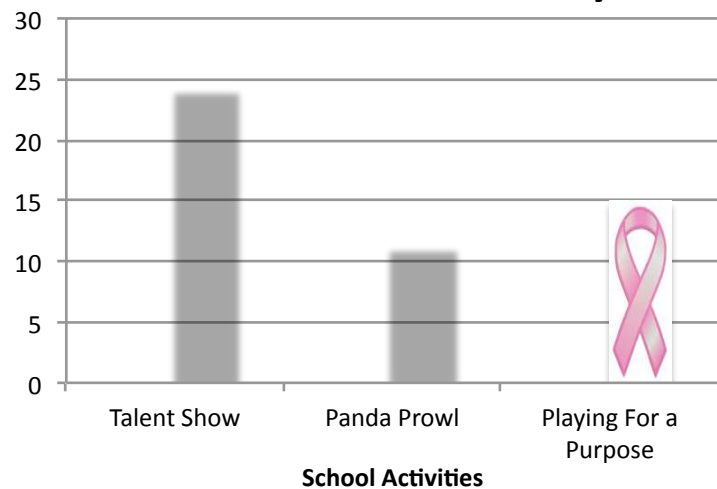
Favorite Mixer



Throughout the year, Notre Dame Academy plans informal dances called mixers. Each mixer has its own theme and every one is different. Pandas go all out with costumes and their clothes. Everyone has so much fun!

FAVORITE SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Favorite School Activity



<http://www.tumblr.com/tagged/panda-watch>

2012 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION



Mitt Romney
and Paul Ryan
Republican Party

*206 electoral votes

* 59,885,921 popular votes



Barack Obama
and Joe Biden

Democratic Party

VS. * Won popular vote and electoral
vote

*332 electoral votes

*63,915,634 popular votes

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Mock Debate

On Monday, November 5th, the Junior American History Honor Classes held a mock debate and mock election in front of the entire student body. In the debate, there were two teams, Team USA and the A Team. The debate was based solely off of the ideas of each candidate, instead of the political party they are associated with. Team USA was represented by Rachel Birrer as president and Hope Pauly as vice president. The A Team was represented by Brianna Vollman as president and Jill Edgington as vice president.



Dr. Koehl speaks to the student body.

Photo by Barb Benkert



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NDA Spotlights



MRS. HILDRETH

HOW DID YOU LIKE DOING RED RIBBON WEEK?

I felt honored to do Red Ribbon Week, to help students address these targeted needs, and to promote the student's overall wellness and encourage them to live a Drug free lifestyle. I wanted to make the activities planned meaningful.

WHAT IS IT LIKE BEING IN CHARGE OF DRUG FREE CLUB?

Being in charge of Drug Free Club is something I take seriously because it is such a valuable opportunity for the students. I really want to promote the club and increase the membership here at NDA because it gives our girls one more way to say no to drugs.

DO YOU ENJOY THE POSITION YOU ARE IN AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP STUDENTS? WHY OR WHY NOT?

I tremendously enjoy being a school counselor here at NDA because I do feel like I've been able to make a difference. I especially enjoy that NDA is an all girls school. Also I love the feeling of being able to have an open door to help out when needed.



EMILY RYAN

DO YOU LIKE THE CHALLENGES OF BEING A CLASS PRESIDENT?

Yes, I like taking the seniors' ideas and putting them into action to make their senior year the best year possible.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED FOR THIS YEAR?

Prom, it's at the Hilton instead of the Drawbridge so we are planning on having an awesome night.

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO RUN FOR CLASS PRESIDENT?

I've been on student council for three years and I wanted to have a higher position than home-room representative because I feel I have a lot to offer.

DO YOU EVER GET NERVOUS ABOUT HAVING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENT LIFE AT SCHOOL?

A little bit, because you can't make everyone happy and there are high expectations.

NDA Spotlights



MR. STRICKLEY

WHAT IS IT LIKE BEING A MALE TEACHER AT AN ALL GIRLS SCHOOL?

When I accepted the job, I will admit this was one of the things that most worried me. Will I be able to relate to a class of all girls? What will happen the first time my clothes don't match (my sister had me thinking about that)? After a few months I have realized it isn't as bad as I thought it would be. It seems to mean that sports and movie references I make in class might not be as well received as they would be in a class of all males. I also hope that the music selection is different than it would be at a school with males.

DO YOU ENJOY NDA SO FAR? WHY OR WHY NOT?

I enjoy NDA, and I'm not just saying that because this may be read by thousands of NDA students, grads, parents and faculty. I enjoy teaching all of my classes (most days) and have had positive interactions with students, faculty, staff, and parents. When I see everything that is done here, and everything the school has done to get here, I am proud to be part of that tradition. One thing that really struck me was that during pro-life month there were several posters up in support of more than just the usual pro-life topics, like for prisoners. It seems like usually people are more than willing to defend cute cuddly life, but few people will defend difficult ugly life.

DO YOU HAVE ANY GOOD EXPERIENCES TO SHARE SO FAR IN TEACHING?

A few great things I have had happen are pretty simple things. One of the best things is that I have had several students step up in my classes, they started the year with negative attitudes and have turned them around. I also like that when a student posts a question on Edmodo, often before I can answer it, another student will give them the answer, these are things like, when is the lab due or where can I find the class data. Several times when a student is struggling one of her classmates will step in to help her. It also puts a smile on my face when I know a student has been working particularly hard at something, then I see that they were rewarded by earning a good test grade.

FLASH TO BACK

Have you ever caught yourself lying awake at night wondering who those four handsome men are who teach us everyday? What were they like as teenagers? When were they teenagers? Well, we don't know the answer to that last question, but here's the scoop on the rest.

First, Mr. Ronald Frederick Greife has the nickname "Greif". He said that's a shortened version of his name, for those of you who didn't know.

Mr. "Greif" said the ideal student loves European history and "fine humor". Maybe he just wants us to go to the Funny Bone Comedy Club for real jokes. (Ha, ha, ha!)

When asked if he had ever dreamed of working in a school filled with beautiful girls, Mr. Greife replied, "I hope that someday that dream will come true."

Mr. "Greif" described himself as a nerd when in high school. He said he was quiet and shy, but finally broke out of his shell in college.

Mr. Greife enjoys teaching here and has always liked the students, as well as the staff-especially Mrs. Greife. "It's a good place to work. I get to talk about what I'm interested in and the students have to listen," he said.



Mr. Greife looks as if he would like to go back to class (Photo by Kathy Smith)

Another of our famous male teachers at NDA is Mr. Raymond P. Schlosser, better known as Mr. S. Mr. Schlosser said for years they had called him MRS, because those were his initials. Later, he got sick of MRS, and decided to shrink the "R", and that is where they got Mr. S.

Mr. S. is an all-American man. He loves a student who loves an American band of history, that is an American history band.

Mr. S. always wanted to teach. Little did he know he'd end up in an all-girl school. When asked how he felt about that, he stated, "Being able to teach classes filled with beautiful girls is one of the added perks."

Mr. S. also enjoys teaching at NDA because he supports the choices that Catholic education provides. He also believes it is important for the growth of the Church.

Overall, Mr. S. seems to enjoy himself at NDA, but he does say there is one disadvantage. He says we all seem to think this minority of male teachers must look alike, and he stated, "I'm tired of being called 'Mr. Greife'."

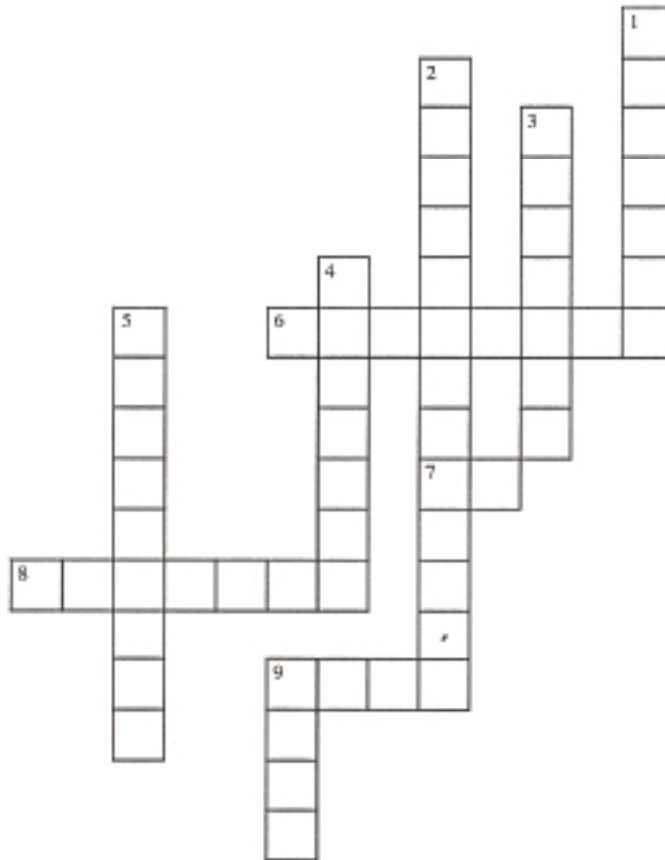


Mr. Schlosser smiles big for the camera (Photo by Kathy Smith)

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Notre Dame Academy

History and Tradition



ACROSS

- 6 What is the name of NDA's current yearbook?
- 7 Which special anniversary is NDA celebrating this year?
- 8 What is the name of our archivist? (Sister what?)
- 9 In which year was NDA's new building on Hilton Drive completed?

DOWN

- 1 Where did the Sisters of Notre Dame originate? (The sisters who came over to start the school)
- 2 What was the first day of school in the new building?
- 3 Who successfully convinced Conrad Hilton to provide the funds for Notre Dame's new building? (Last name)
- 4 What was the name of NDA's old yearbook (starting in 1974)?
- 5 NDA's Fifth Street building suffered from what popular crime, on occasion?
- 9 When was the first Gavel published?

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