



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

It's been an exciting week for us at NDA! Within the last seven days we have had two additions to our Panda family, a State Volleyball Championship and a very successful Open House. It's a great time to be a Panda!

Our congratulations to NDA math teacher Leslie Litmer who went into labor last Wednesday morning while teaching our eighth grade math class here at school. No worries - Leslie made it to the hospital in plenty of time. She and her husband welcomed their first child, Elsie Lynn, into the world on Thursday. Elsie took her first road trip to Winchester, Kentucky on Friday night after being released from the hospital. You see, besides teaching mathematics at NDA, Elsie's mom also happens to be our head volleyball coach so she and her family headed to the state championship volleyball game on their way home from the hospital to cheer on our Pandas.

NDA religion teacher Theresa VanAuken and her husband welcomed their son into the world on Saturday. Silas Michael and his mom returned home this weekend to his big sister and three big brothers. We congratulate the VanAuken family and wish them well with their newest little addition.

A giant congratulations to our Volleyball Pandas, their families and coaching staff, our Athletic Director and Assistant Athletic Director on winning the 2022 State Volleyball Championship on Friday night. It was an amazing day watching these student athletes compete at such a high level of play. Thanks to all of the fans who traveled to the game to support our team. Thanks also to our biggest fans, the Sisters from the 4th Floor, who were waiting outside late Friday night to welcome the championship team back to campus.

On Sunday we had an impressive number of families visit our campus to learn more about Catholic education at Notre Dame Academy. Many of them commented on our outstanding student tour guides and the excellent education that NDA offers. Moreover, they remarked on the overall impression they were leaving with - a sense of family. It's a tribute to our entire community that our guests were able to clearly recognize the bond we share as members of our Panda family and what a special place Notre Dame Academy really is.

I really hope you will consider joining us at this year's *Light the Night for NDA* on Saturday, November 19. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather our community in celebration of our mission and our Panda family!

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



ADVANCING OUR MISSION

BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA

This year's fall fundraiser, *Light the Night for NDA*, will be held on November 19 from 6:00-11:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Training and Education Center (SETEC) in Erlanger. Our parent chairpersons, Cindy and Mike Hemsath and Jennifer and Jack Lennihan, have been working very hard along with their committee and our Advancement Department to make this an entertaining evening for our community and a successful event for NDA.

Please join us for this important celebration of our mission in support of Catholic education at NDA! If you haven't already purchased your tickets for Light the Night for NDA, you can still do so [HERE](#) but be sure to do so soon as there is a limited number of tickets remaining!

If you are unable to attend, you can still support the event with a donation, event sponsorship, purchasing a raffle ticket for [Sr. Paul Ann's First Choice Raffle](#), [Jewelry Raffle](#) or our [Bourbon Raffle](#) and by bidding on the [online auctions](#) starting this weekend!

CHECK OUT OUR LIVE AUCTION ITEMS!

LIVE AUCTION: Party at the Gardens

Preview



MARKET VALUE
\$1,800

LIVE AUCTION: Cruise on the Ohio River for 30

Preview



MARKET VALUE
\$2,500
DONORS
Towne Properties

LIVE AUCTION: PaNDA Puppy Love

Preview



MARKET VALUE
Priceless
DONORS
Friends of NDA

LIVE AUCTION: Farmhouse Vacation Just 30 Minutes Away

Preview



MARKET VALUE
Priceless
DONORS
Mary Zalla

LIVE AUCTION: Charming Charleston Condo

Preview



MARKET VALUE
\$1,000
DONORS
Jim Parsons

Check out our amazing Live Auction Items! For more details Click [HERE](#)

Jewelry Raffle!

Winner chooses 1 of 3 beautiful diamond pieces (necklace, bracelet or earrings) in white or yellow gold. Generously donated by Herzog Jewelers.

[PURCHASE JEWELRY RAFFLE TICKETS HERE](#)



First Choice Raffle

The winner of the First Choice Raffle will have the pick of any Luxury or Silent auction items. (Live Auction items excluded.)

You can take a look at all auction items [HERE](#).

You can purchase a First Choice Raffle ticket [HERE](#). (Please scroll to "First Choice" under "GAMES and MORE")

LIGHT
the NIGHT
for NDA
IN NORTHERN KENTUCKY

Did you buy your bourbon raffle ticket yet?

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF SELLING 400 TICKETS!



2 Lucky Winners

will be chosen at *Light the Night for NDA* on 11.19.22
1st winner gets first choice of one of these collections
2nd winner receives remaining collection
(Winners need not be present to win.)

\$100 per ticket



Scan QR code to purchase

[OR CLICK HERE](#)



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Student Life



ALL ARE WELCOME MORNING MASS

We will be celebrating Mass in our chapel on Thursday this week at 7:20 a.m. and praying the rosary on Thursday at 12:50 p.m. in Marian Circle with our Alumnae. All are welcome to join us!

QUESTION, PERSUADE, REFER

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING FOR PARENTS AT NDA

With suicide being the second-leading cause of death among people ages 15-24, the National Alliance on Mental Illness calls for an increase in suicide prevention initiatives and conversations surrounding mental health and depression with our youth. Larry McNabb is a local Vocational Rehabilitation Certified Counselor and a Master Trainer with the QPR Institute and will be presenting a Suicide Prevention Training for parents at Notre Dame Academy next **Monday, November 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** QPR stands for Question, Persuade, Refer and the training will help you recognize the warning signs of suicide, know how to offer hope, and know how to get help to save someone's life. Please make plans to attend if you can. NDA's faculty and staff completed QPR training in August during our annual back to school meetings and students will be trained by grade levels through the next several weeks. This is an important step in our ongoing efforts to eliminate suicide rates in our young adult populations.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

CLASH OF CANS

Student Council's annual canned food drive is taking place until November 18. We are competing with Covington Catholic and Beechwood this year to see who will win our Clash of Cans! All of our food will go to St. Vincent de Paul.



HEALTH MATTERS

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Please be aware that we are in the peak season of FLU. FLU and COVID-19 cases are on the rise as well as common cold and virus cases. Please keep daughter home if she presents with any active signs or symptoms. If you have questions about your daughter's health, contact our school nurses at 859.292.1843 or ndanurse@ndapandas.org.





PANDA GEAR

BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

This week Sue is taking an additional 10% off clearance items in the Spirit Shop! Don't miss these great deals [HERE](#).

There's another way to get 10% off of your Bambootique purchases... Volunteer to work in the Bambootique! Please sign up to volunteer [HERE](#).

BAMBOOTIQUE HOLIDAY HOURS:

Monday thru Friday. 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

November 12, 19, 26, Dec. 10, 17. 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

MOTHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

Attention seniors and their moms: posters for the dance are due this Friday by 9:00 a.m. These will be displayed at Friday night's dance.

We are excited about this year's 80s themed Mother/Daughter Dance taking place at NDA this Friday night. There are several ways to help with the event including donating food, setting up or cleaning up. Please see the Sign-up Genius link below. If you are able to help, we'd greatly appreciate the support! [2022 NDA Mother Daughter Dance](#)



THE POWER OF PRAYER

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR SND'S

Last Wednesday for All Souls Day Mrs. Abbott and Mrs. Wagner took their students to the cemetery at St. Joseph Heights. Students left flowers on the graves of the Sisters who have passed away and took a few minutes to pray for them as they spent so much time in life praying for us!

LET'S DANCE

FRESHMAN SEMI-FORMAL

Notre Dame Academy in collaboration with Covington Catholic presents their annual Freshman Winter Wonderland Semi-formal Dance scheduled for Saturday, December 3 from 8:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Academy in the Auditorium. The cost is \$15/person. Freshmen received more information with a link to the dance registration.

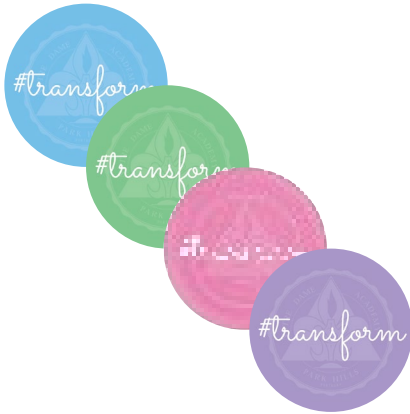




SERVING OUR PANDAS WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

You can find NDA's lunch menu below and on our website [HERE](#).

Parents, please check your daughter's lunch account balance throughout the school year to avoid overdue account issues. Thank you!



LET'S GO PANDAS! FAMILY COMPETITION UPDATE!

Current standings in the Family Competition are...

- Blue- 442 points
- Purple- 359 points
- Pink- 355 points
- Green- 303 points

The Purple Family enjoyed an Out of Uniform day on Tuesday as a reward for being in the lead at the end of Quarter 1!



DID YOU ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK? YEARBOOK SALES

Parents: You can pre-order Notre Dame Academy's 2022-23 yearbook, *Finding our Groove*, at jostensyearbooks.com. Order by September 16 to take advantage of the early-bird discount price of \$70. NDA's 2021-22 yearbook, *Make it Count*, will ship this fall. A limited number of extra copies will be available for purchase at the school when books arrive.



BABY NEWS WELCOME TO THE PANDA FAMILY!

Welcome Elsie Lynn Litmer (left) and Silas Michael VanAuken (right)!

PLEASE NOTE

ATTENTION SENIORS and SOPHOMORES **HERFF JONES ON CAMPUS**

On Monday, Herff Jones/Graduate services will be here during lunch to collect the senior graduation accessory orders (this is invitations or any other items they would like). The seniors already turned in their cap and gown information (this is also already paid for). Parents could have also ordered this online.

Also on Monday, Herff Jones/Graduate services will be meeting with the Sophomores during homeroom to pass out and explain the class ring information.

They will be in the foyer on 11/29 from 3 to 7 to be available for parents if they have any questions and if they would like to turn in their ring order. Final ring orders are due 11/30.



WAY TO GO!

JUNIOR YOUNG MARINE OF THE YEAR

Emmalyn Martin was 1 of 13 Young Marines from multiple states to compete for the Junior and Senior Regimental Young Marine of the Year titles this past weekend in Washington DC. YM/Sgt Emmalyn Martin was selected as the 2022-23 Old Dominion Regiment Junior Young Marine of the Year!

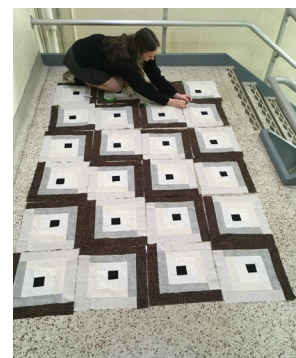
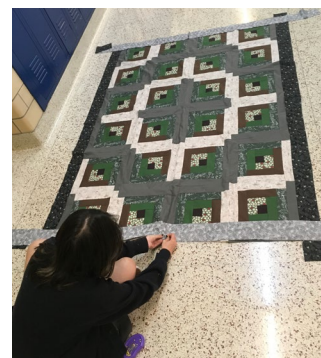
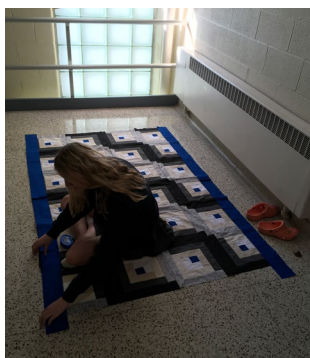
Candidates work all year 'round within the program (earning promotions, billets, leadership positions, etc) and outside the Young Marines program (earning good grades, performing community service, participating in outside activities and sports). If qualified for Junior or Senior Regimental Young Marine of the Year, they are then tasked with writing an essay, obtaining recommendation letters, then standing before a board (made up of Unit Commanders from the entire Regiment and the Regimental Commander) for a military-style promotion board. They are scored on their written package plus their bearing, uniform inspection, volume, ability to articulate their answers, their knowledge, and their presence. This year there were 7 candidates for the Regiment Junior Young Marine of the Year and 6 candidates for Regiment Senior Young Marine of the Year.

Congratulations Emmalyn!

GETTING READY

QUILT SHOW

The Quilt Show is coming up. Our students are working very hard!



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

CONGRATULATIONS STATE CHAMPIONS!

Your volleyball Pandas ended their season this past Friday down in Winchester at the state tournament. After beating Assumption for the third time this season in a hard fought semi final game, they had a quick turn around and played Dunbar in the Finals. The Pandas beat Dunbar in 3 sets and won the program's 10th state title and their 2nd in the past three years. Seniors Kamden Schrand and Peyton Mast were named to the State All Tournament team and Sydney Nolan was named Tournament MVP. Kamden Schrand was also named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association 1st Team All America! And Sydney Nolan made AVCA 2nd Team All America!



COUPON BOOKS!

TIME FOR PICK UP

COUPON BOOKS ARE IN!

Have your daughter pick up her coupon books, if she is selling them, after school in the auditorium on Wednesday November 16.

GOOD LUCK!

2022-23 ARCHERY SEASON



11/19	Scott High School (we are shooting at 9:00AM and 10:00AM)
12/2 & 3.	NDA Panda Tournament
12/9 & 10	Twenhofel Middle School
12/16 & 17	Dixie High School
12/28.	Covington Catholic
01/13.	Calvary Christian
01/14.	Villa Academy
01/20 & 21	Cooper
01/27	Summitview
01/28.	Saint Henry ?
02/3 & 4	Ryle
02/17 & 18	Community Christian
02/25	Saint Henry ?
03/3 & 4	Beechwood
03/10 & 11	Region at Dixie
03/17 & 18	State Tournament in Louisville

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

NDA COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE

[CLICK HERE](#) for a list of college visits specifically for NDA students/families. The visits are in the hallway outside the cafeteria. All students are welcome to visit the reps.



GSP

THE KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM

GSP is a 5-week summer residential program for outstanding KY students after completing their junior year of high school. The program provides academic and personal growth through a strong liberal arts program balanced with a full co-curricular and residential life experience while living on a college campus. Those selected attend the program free of charge. The [GSP website](#) has the most current information for GSP 2023. **Applications are due at Notre Dame Academy on November 21.** Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.

GSA

THE KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

THE GSA 2023 APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Sunday, January 8, 2023 @ 11:59 pm

CLICK ABOVE for GSA APPLICANT GUIDES (describes process), access to the APPLICANT PORTAL (for uploading application materials), and APPLICATION WALK-THROUGH VIDEO (teaches how to submit materials).

From now until December 1, the GSA admin team will be hosting several Zoom webinars about the 2023 summer program. These are free to attend, however - registration is required. For the full webinar schedule, as well as Zoom registration links, please go [this webpage](#).

Meet Your GSA Adjudicators' Webinars

Conversations with adjudicators about what they're looking for in GSA applicants, INCLUDING Q&A. Each session will be recorded and made available. **Free** to attend, however registration is required.

- Instrumental Music - October 17th, 5:00 p.m. (Watch Recording [HERE](#))
- Creative Writing - October 19th, 6:15 p.m. (Watch Recording [HERE](#))
- Dance - October 25th, 5:00 p.m. (Register [HERE](#))
- Musical Theatre - October 26th, 7:30 p.m. (Register [HERE](#))
- Vocal Music - November 1st, 6:15 p.m (Register [HERE](#))
- Drama - November 2nd, 5:00 p.m. (Register [HERE](#))
- Architecture & Design - November 3rd, 6:15 p.m.(Register [HERE](#))
- Visual Art - November 7th, 5:00 p.m. (Register [HERE](#))
- Film & Photography - November 10th, 5:00 p.m.(Register [HERE](#))

GSE

THE KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS

The Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE) will be accepting applications for Summer 2023 from Monday, November 14- Monday Jan. 23. GSE brings teens together from around the state of Kentucky, immerses them in a creative space, and arms them with the tools they need to unleash their entrepreneurial spirits. All participants gain vital entrepreneurial skills through the program to use as they enter the workplace or continue into higher education. As a direct result of their participation In GSE, participants qualify for some \$5 million in scholarship opportunities from Kentucky's universities and colleges. Visit their website to learn more about the program and to apply: www.KentuckyGSE.com.

Virtual Learning Events for GSE: [Register here](#)

Wednesday, November 2 from 4:30-5:30

Wednesday, November 16 from 4:30-5:30

Wednesday, November 30 from 4:30-5:30

Wednesday, December 14 from 4:30-5:30

Wednesday, January 4 from 4:30-5:30





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

- Sisters of Notre Dame Hiring
- Morning of Reflection
- Important EdChoice Information
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?

Important dates

November 10	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. - All are welcome! Alumnae Rosary at 12:50 in Marian Circle - Please join us!
November 11	Mid quarter Mother/Daughter Dance at NDA
November 12	JR Retreat
November 14	Parent QPR Training
November 19	Light the Night for NDA 6:00 p.m. at SETEC
November 22	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
November 23	No School: Thanksgiving Break College Welcome Back Night
November 24-25	No School: Thanksgiving Break
November 29 - Dec. 1	Senior Retreat #2
December 3	FR Semi Formal Dance at NDA
December 7	Christmas Choral Concert
December 8	No School - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 9	In School Band and Choral Concert (ADJ)
December 10	HSPT and ACT at NDA Silver Bells at Newport Car Barn
December 12	Advent Mass
December 16, 19, 20	Exams