



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

I am happy to report that it was a great first week of school at Notre Dame Academy! On Friday we celebrated our first all school Mass of the academic year. It was wonderful to witness our students, faculty and staff come together as a faith community in the Eucharistic celebration. You can see a brief video below from Mass.

This school year, we're centering our efforts around the theme of *Radiating God's Goodness*. This focus drives us to be more mindful of our words and actions, ensuring they align with the teachings and values of Christ. Demonstrating empathy, respect and genuine care for others are fundamental aspects of *Radiating God's Goodness*. These actions transform us into beacons of light, reflecting God's love in our daily lives.

I would ask that you pay special attention to page 4 of today's Panda Press Weekly. This section outlines our parking lot policies and procedures, which have been thoughtfully designed to prioritize the safety and well-being of our students, as well as the children from St. Julie Learning Center. Over the past few years, we've introduced measures like staggered dismissal and collaborated with the Park Hills Police Department to ensure a secure environment for our students in the parking lot. This collaborative effort has yielded positive results. Thank you in advance for familiarizing yourselves with our parking lot policies and procedures to keep our community safe.

Mrs. Timmerding and I dedicated time this past week to review expectations with all students. These expectations are essential not only for their academic success but also for preparing them for following guidelines after high school. I encourage you read through the reminders listed below and engage in conversations with your daughter about these important points.

Your partnership in your daughter's Catholic education is greatly appreciated. Our students are truly a blessing to us all.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Student Life



ALL ARE WELCOME MORNING MASS

We will be celebrating Mass in our chapel on Friday at 7:20 a.m. All are welcome!



FIRST MIXER OF THE YEAR! NEON NIGHT

Student Council will be hosting the first social event of the year on Saturday, August 26 from 8:30 - 11 p.m. in the auditorium. There will be a DJ and the evening is a great opportunity to connect with new and old friends! Guests from other schools are welcome. Be sure to dress in your best neon colors! The cost is \$5 per person. A portion of the proceeds will benefit victims of the fires in Maui.

CAN YOU HELP?

PANDAS IN NEED OF CARPOOLS

We have two new students who need some help with transportation to and from school. One student lives in the Oakbrook area in Florence. The other student lives in Erlanger near St. Henry High School. If you would like to learn more about the specific days/times when help is needed, please contact Katie Caccavari, Director of Enrollment, at caccavarik@ndapandas.org. She can connect you with these families.

ALSO - If your daughter plans on riding with an NDA student driver at the end of the day, please email the front office or call in order to have your daughter ride with an upperclasswoman.

CARPOOLS
INFO



PLEASE NOTE

THIS IS ONLY A TEST...

SWIFTK12 TEST

Please Note - We will be working to test the parent notification system, Swift K12 next week. We will send an email to inform you as to when you can expect the notification. This method of contact will be used for notification of inclement weather schedule changes, emergency procedures such as secure in place, and other information which needs to be sent out immediately for parents. Again, please watch for further information that will be sent in an email next week.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS EXPECTATION REVIEW

Over the past week, Mr. VonHandorf and Mrs. Timmerding have reviewed expectations with all students. These expectations will ensure their success and set them up for the workforce where guidelines and expectations must continue to be followed. A few important reminders for the students were:

- There is to be no food / drink (other than water) in any part of the building, other than the cafeteria.
- Shoes must have backs on them. Crocs are permitted provided they are in sports mode.
- Water bottles must be non-glass, closed lid containers.
- If students are going to be late or are going to leave early - please utilize the attendance email at attendance@ndapandas.org.
- Cell phones are permitted provided they are turned off and in students' backpacks from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Uniform checks will occur this year, so it is important that students know those guidelines.
- Students are encouraged to be upstanders, to notice when someone might need help or encouragement, and to demonstrate the leadership qualities that the Sisters of Notre Dame embody.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ



SEW COOL!

TEXTILES UPDATE

Mrs. Conradi's Textile classes have been busy with their tie-four-in-hand knot.

SAFETY FIRST PARKING LOT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

To ensure the safety and well-being of our students and the children from St. Julie Learning Center, parents and students must understand the parking lot policies and procedures at Notre Dame Academy. Please review our parking lot policies and procedures below:

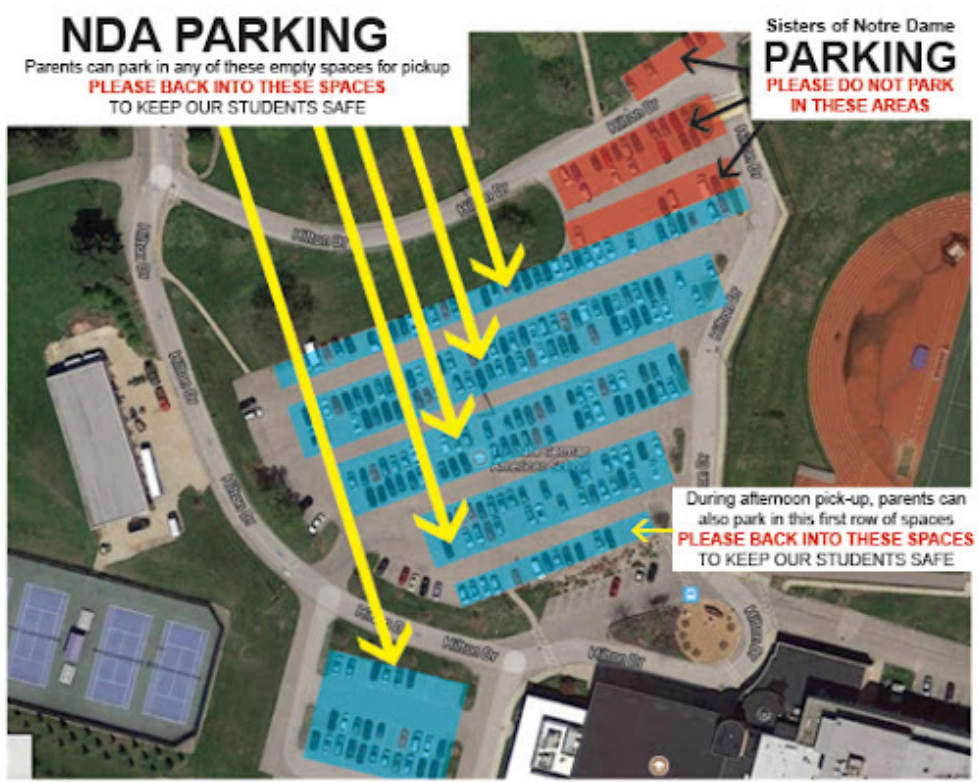
1. Please be cautious of students walking to and from the parking lot to the school entrance. Students should be crossing at crosswalks.
2. When picking up your daughter after school, please park in an empty numbered spot and advise your daughter to meet you at the car. There is also a row of spots at the front of the parking lot where parents can park in at the end of the day.

IMPORTANT NOTE: WHEN PARKING, PLEASE BACK INTO YOUR PARKING SPOT TO PROVIDE ADDED SAFETY TO OUR STUDENTS.

3. For safety purposes and as advised by the Park Hills Fire Department, it is important to keep the parking lot aisles and all fire lanes clear. **PLEASE DO NOT** line up for afternoon pick up in the aisles of the parking lot or in fire lanes. All cars picking up after school **MUST** be either parked in a spot or lined up on the Hilton Drive hill.
4. The back of our parking lot is shared with the Sisters of Notre Dame and Julie Learning Center. Signs have been installed and the spaces left unnumbered for the parking that is needed for the Sisters that live at St. Joseph Heights, their employees and the spaces needed for parents to pick up their children from Julie Learning Center. There is a shift change that takes place at 3:00 p.m. for the workers at the Heights. The Julie Learning Center has pickup that begins at approximately the same time as our dismissal.
5. Students who drive to school need to purchase a parking permit at a cost of \$25.00 for the year. All parked cars must show a parking permit for the current year. Students are to park on the main lot in the student parking area in their designated spot. A car parked on the lot without a permit or in a reserved area will result in a violation. A car parked in a fire lane is subject to police citation and may be towed at the owner's expense.
6. **PLEASE SEE THE PICTURE ABOVE** to see available parking for afternoon pick-up.

We will continue the staggered dismissal (implemented fall 2021) as well as traffic light support from Park Hills Police Department to help to ensure the safety of our students on the parking lot at the end of the day.

Thanks for your help in this matter and for keeping the Notre Dame Academy campus safe for not only our students but for the children from St. Julie Learning Center and people at St. Joseph Heights



Pre-order today
on mylifetouch.com
with your Student ID
or Picture Day ID:
EVTR3CFWG



SAY CHEESE

SCHOOL PICTURES

School Pictures will be taken on Friday, September 8. Please scan the QR code to the left to preorder your daughter's school pictures.



REGISTER TODAY

PANDA SKI TRIP

Registration is now open for NDA's Ski Trip to Colorado (January 11-15)! Fill out the form [HERE](#) to save your spot!! Registration is first come, first serve and will be open until August 30 (or earlier if all the spots have been filled, then a waitlist will be created).

PANDA GEAR

BAMBOOTIQUE

Mrs. McLeod is having a "Yikes!" sale in the Bambootique this week! She's taking 10% off of all T-Shirts! Shop online for all those deals [HERE](#).

ALSO, we are looking for volunteers for the Bambootique. If you can help out, please sign up [HERE](#).



DELICIOUS NEWS

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

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

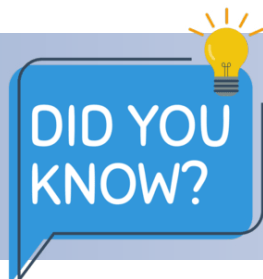
Parents, please check your daughter's lunch account balance throughout the school year to avoid overdue account issues. Thank you!



PLEASE NOTE

ATTENDANCE EMAIL

If your daughter is going to be late, out for the day or if she is leaving early, please contact the office through attendance@ndapandas.org or call the main phone line 859-261-4300.



STAY INFORMED

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did you know that you can find NDA's daily announcements on the website? Check them out [HERE](#).

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR RETREAT DATES

All Freshmen will take part in their class Retreat on Wednesday, October 11 during the school day at NDA.

All Sophomores will take part in their class Retreat Wednesday, November 29 during the school day at NDA.

Juniors will be assigned to one of 3 retreats. This process was explained in their religion class this week and a registration form handed out to them. They will be able to submit conflicts before retreats are assigned. Registration forms are due on September 1. The three retreat dates are: October 28, December 3 and February 10.

Seniors will be assigned to one of 3 retreats. This process was explained during homeroom on Monday and a registration form was handed out to them at that time. They will be able to submit conflicts before retreats are assigned. Registration forms are due on September 1. The three dates are: October 16-18, January 10-12 and February 26-28.

BECOMING SERVANT LEADERS SERVICE INFORMATION

Our service requirements have changed a bit for this coming school year. You can find a description of our service guidelines and requirements [HERE](#) for each grade level. We will continue to use the Mobile Serve app for logging, verifying and approving all service hours.

Local Agencies reach out to NDA quite frequently for volunteers to help with projects and activities. The Campus Ministry Office keeps a live, up-to-date list of these service opportunities. That list can be found [HERE](#) and is shared with the students weekly on the Student Padlet.



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

LET'S BOWL PANDAS!

COME JOIN US FOR OPEN BOWLS AND BRING A FRIEND!

When: Thursday, August the 24 **Time:** 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. **Where:** Erlanger Strikes and Spares.

All skills are welcomed so come bowl with us, have some fun and check it out. You may be interested in bowling for NDA this year. Email Coach Hampton @hampton@ndapandas.org with any questions. See you on the lanes!

ATTENTION ALL NDA STUDENT ATHLETES

DISCOUNT CARD FUNDRAISER

All Parents of Athletes must make your selection for the Athletic Fundraiser option in Final Forms by Sept. 1, 2023.

Every Athlete at NDA must participate in the Athletic Fundraiser. This year the fundraiser is brand new and features a Plastic Discount Card. You get discounts to local merchants from a plastic credit card size card that fits conveniently in your wallet. The card contains discounts to approximately 20-24 local merchants and restaurants on the back of the card. These discounts can be used multiple times and are good for one year. Also included are 4-5 Key Tags that can fit on your keyring that contain discounts to restaurants or merchants that are single one-time use discounts. The discount cards are sold for \$20 each.



You have until Sept 1 to make your selection. You have 3 options available to choose from for your athlete's participation. (refer to chart below)

- You can sell all 18 cards (Pay NO fundraiser fee)
- You can opt in at half - sell 9 cards (half the cards, but also pay half of the additional fundraiser fee of \$140)
- Or opt OUT completely and sell NO cards, but pay a full fundraiser fee of \$280

Once you have made your selection in Final Forms, after September 1, 2023 and the cards have been produced for you, the cards are yours to sell and your responsibility.

If your daughter is unsure if she will participate in a sport (for instance in the spring) you may want to choose the "sell no cards" option. If she decides not to do a sport at all you will not be billed the fundraiser fee, as no cards were produced for you.

If NO SELECTION is made you will fall into the category of "Sell No Cards" and be billed the full \$280 fundraiser fee for participating in a sport.

- Discount Cards will be delivered to NDA and picked up by students in mid October.
- A spreadsheet of the card sales must be uploaded by the student to a provided link on our website (for tracking purposes)
- All Money for the cards turned in to the Athletic Department by December 15, 2023

Discount Card Fundraiser Requirements

Select an option for each child participating in Athletics below by **September 1, 2023**.

If no option is selected, or a student chooses to participate in athletics after September 1, 2023, the student will owe the "Sell No Cards" cost.

If you are unsure whether your daughter plans to participate in athletics, you may want to select the "Sell No Cards" option so that cards are not produced for you and you are not held financially responsible for those printed cards.

Children	Sell All Discount Cards			Sell Half Discount Cards			Sell No Discount Cards		
	Your Fundraiser Cost	Cards To Sell per Child	Total Due per Child	Your Fundraiser Cost	Cards To Sell per Child	Total Due per Child	Your Fundraiser Cost	Cards To Sell per Child	Total Due per Child
Child 1	\$0	18 (Turn in \$360)	\$360	\$140	9 (Turn in \$180)	\$320 (\$140 your cost + \$180 in discount card sales)	\$280	None	\$280
Child 2	\$0	14 (Turn in \$280)	\$280	\$110	7 (Turn in \$140)	\$250 (\$110 your cost + \$140 in discount card sales)	\$220	None	\$220
Child 3	\$0	8 (Turn in \$160)	\$160	\$65	4 (Turn in \$80)	\$145 (\$65 your cost + \$80 in discount card sales)	\$130	None	\$130

Review your fundraiser selection in Final Forms (Discount Card Fundraiser Tab) to select the option that best fits your needs.

GO PANDAS!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Come cheer on your fellow Pandas at all of next week's athletic events!

NDA

Next week in Athletics
GO PANDAS!

DATE	GAMES	TIME
Monday: 08.28.23	Soccer at South Oldham	V/8:00
	Volleyball at Mercy	F/4:30 JV/5:30 V/6:30
Tuesday: 08.29.23	Volleyball vs Elizabethtown	JV/6:30 V/7:30
Wednesday: 08.30.23	Soccer vs. St. Henry ***grade school night	F/4:00 JV/5:30 V/7:00
Thursday: 08.31.23	Volleyball vs. Mercy ***teacher appreciation	F/5:30 JV/6:30 V/7:30
Friday: 09.01.23	Soccer at Evansville Memorial (Zionsville Tournament)	JV/5:30 V/5:30
Saturday: 09.02.23	Cross Country at Ryle	
	Soccer vs. Carmel (Zionsville Tournament)	JV/3:00 V/3:00

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



COLLEGE REP VISITS

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.



THOMAS MORE
UNIVERSITY

INFORMATION SESSIONS

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT DUAL CREDIT FOR NEXT YEAR?

This upcoming year, Thomas More University's Dual Credit Program will be offering a series of information sessions for prospective students to learn more about dual credit opportunities available at Thomas More University. Most of these sessions will be held virtually to allow for any parent or student to attend.

There will be 4 total information sessions this year – one in the fall and three in the spring. They will be held on:

- September 28 – 6:30p (via Zoom): <https://apply.thomasmore.edu/register/dualcreditinfo1>
- January 18 – 6:30p (via Zoom): <https://apply.thomasmore.edu/register/dualcreditinfo2>
- February 15 – 6:30p (via Zoom): <https://apply.thomasmore.edu/register/dualcreditinfo3>

Diocese of Covington HS Night – February 22 – 6-8p (at Thomas More)
This event will also feature presentations from NKU, Gateway, and KHEAA

If you are unable to attend any of these sessions but would like to learn more or have any questions about dual credit, please email TMU at dualcredit@thomasmore.edu.

ADVANCING THE MISSION

Save the
Date!

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 11, 2023



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA

We cordially invite you to join us as we come together to celebrate our mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world at our annual Light the Night for NDA fundraising event. This year, on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at the St. Elizabeth Training and Education Center (SETEC) in Erlanger, Kentucky, we will be “lighting the night” in Coesfeld, Germany, the birthplace of our sponsors, the Sisters of Notre Dame.

This year, we proudly shine our light in Coesfeld, where our mission began in 1850 with the establishment of the Sisters of Notre Dame. It is in this wonderful region that young women first had the privilege of receiving an education in the rich tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame at Notre Dame Academy.

There are numerous opportunities to support Light the Night for NDA. Consider registering online to join our growing committee, supporting an upcoming grade level gift gathering party, exploring sponsorship opportunities, participating in online bidding or simply attending the event itself. By joining us in this time-honored celebration, you contribute to our mission of educating young women to make a positive difference in the world.

Contact Denise Bowman, Director of Events and Scholarship Advancement at bowmand@ndapandas.org for more information.



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

- 2023-24 Thomas More Dual-Credit Information Sessions
- Molly Mayer's Studio of Dance

Important dates

August 24	Theatre Call Back Auditions
August 25	Wear Neon Accessories with Skirt!
August 26	Presidential Installation
	Student Council Fall Mixer - Neon Night 8:30 - 11 p.m.
September 4	NO SCHOOL: Labor Day
September 6	Parent Mini-Night (7-9 p.m.)
September 7	Late Start
September 8	Picture Day
September 12	St. Joes' Crescent Springs Shadow Day
September 14	Blessed Sacrament Shadow Day
September 15	Mid-quarter
	Club Orientation
September 20	Super Day: JR Practice ACT
	SR College Planning
	FR/SO CERT Test
September 22	Fall Sports Pep Rally
	Playing for a Purpose VB Game
September 25	Common Reader Day /Food Truck Day
September 26	St. Pius Shadow Day
September 28	St. Agnes/Prince of Peace Shadow Day