



Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by offering my apologies for any inconvenience caused by the altered dismissal times today at NDA. I want to provide you with an explanation of the situation and assure you that the safety and well-being of our students remain our top priority. Earlier today, during ongoing construction work in our gymnasium, the sanding of the gymnasium floors produced dust that triggered our fire alarm system. As a safety precaution, all students were promptly and safely evacuated from the building. Once we established that the construction-related dust was indeed the cause of the alarm, and there was no actual fire or safety threat, we were able to safely return students to their classrooms where students resumed testing. We understand that this temporary disruption was an inconvenience, particularly given that today was Super Day at NDA, with our freshmen, sophomores and juniors taking standardized tests. I truly appreciate your patience and flexibility. Your understanding is invaluable to us as we navigate such situations to ensure the safety and security of our students.

This Friday we will have our Playing for a Purpose pep rally in the afternoon and our Playing for a Purpose volleyball game with St. Henry that evening. These two events hold a special place in our hearts here at Notre Dame Academy. They are more than just gatherings; these events embody our mission to make a positive difference in the world by raising both funds and awareness for breast cancer. We look forward to a Friday full of Panda spirit!

We have many prospective students visiting our campus for shadow days in recent weeks. These days offer an opportunity for them to experience firsthand the vibrant learning environment at Notre Dame Academy. We encourage you to share the NDA experience with friends and family who may be considering joining our community. You can find more information on our website or by contacting our admissions office.

I want to take a moment to express our gratitude for entrusting us with your daughter's Catholic education. We appreciate your partnership in nurturing the growth and success of our students.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Student Life



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DAY OFF FOR STUDENTS

On October 6, the students will be off of school while the teachers work on professional development. Please be sure to mark it on your calendar.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE

The big game is this Friday at Boone County High School. Students are encouraged to wear their Playing for a Purpose t-shirts and other pink accessories (socks, headbands, earrings). Clothes should adhere to NDA's dress code expectations (proper length and coverage), and body paint and glitter (even if it's in student's hair) are not permitted at the game. Minimal face paint is permitted as well as the tattoos.

WE NEED
YOUR HELP

MOTHER/DAUGHTER DANCE!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mark your calendars for November 10, our Mother / Daughter Dance. A great deal of help is needed to make this night a success. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Lisa Timmerding at timmerdingl@ndapandas.org.

PLEASE NOTE

ATTENTION JUNIOR PARENTS

TORCHPREP INFORMATION

Juniors took the practice ACT at Notre Dame Academy today. With results coming soon, TorchPrep can provide some context for how to view your daughter's ACT® score in the current college admissions landscape. Torch Prep will be here to meet with juniors to jump-start this process on October 16 during their homeroom time.



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!



UNIFORM ITEM SALE!

BAMBOOTIQUE

Looking for school uniform items at a discounted price? This week you can get 20% off all school uniform items in the Bambootique [HERE](#).

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



MOCK TRIAL

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

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Mock Trial will have an informational meeting on Thursday, September 21 at 3:00 in Room 304 for current and prospective members. Regular practice times will be on Mondays and Thursdays 4:00-6:00 beginning at the end of September and running through March. Mock Trial is counted as a class and students will earn a full credit (elective) toward graduation requirements. All interested should attend the meeting or contact Mrs. Middendorf by emailing middendorfan@ndapandas.org.

PLEASE NOTE!
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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.

Congratulations

CONGRATS!

NAVIGO SCHOLAR WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students that were accepted in the NaviGo Scholars Program for various disciplines. These students will be able to get valuable career and exploration opportunities.

*Our counselors were initially sent the wrong list so we apologize for leaving out two of these deserving students last week.

St. Elizabeth Healthcare:

MaryElle Reynolds
Isabelle Bailey
Carly Young

Education:

Alexis Mauller
Georgia Kleman

Duke Energy Engineering:

Anna Blair

Law:

Emma White

Business/ Entrepreneur:

Josie Bozeman
Madeline Jansen
Ella Nienaber
Grace Summe
Ella Weber



CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS



REGISTER TODAY

SUMMIT23

Summit23 is a Eucharistic Retreat hosted by the Diocese of Covington. It is a great opportunity to dive deeper into your faith. This year the Summit23 Retreat will be held on NDA's campus from October 6-8. For more information about the retreat or to register - visit their [website](#). Early Bird Registration is due by Wednesday, September 20 at midnight.



GROWING SPIRITUALLY

FRESHMEN RETREAT

The Freshmen Retreat will take place on Wednesday, October 11 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. More information will be shared in the coming weeks. All Freshmen are required to attend this retreat day here at NDA.

*Servant
Leadership*

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

SERVICE PROJECTS

Service Projects continue to be called into the Campus Ministry Office. Students can find the list of Upcoming Service Projects on the Student Padlet each week. The list can also be found [here](#). Please encourage your daughter to sign up for events that are coming up and not wait until the last minute to complete their service work. For a full list of guidelines and requirements, [click here](#).

ALL ARE WELCOME

UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

Friday, September 22 - 7:20 a.m. - Mary, Mother of the World Chapel
Monday, September 25 - 3:15 p.m. - Mary, Mother of the World Chapel
Friday, September 29 - 12:45 p.m. - St. Hildegard of Bingen Family Mass
Monday, October 2 - 8:50 a.m. - All School Foundation Day Mass



Auditorium

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



BAKE SALE & TICKET INFORMATION PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE

Tomorrow is the last day for the Bake sale benefiting Playing For A Purpose

Thursday 9/21

2:45 - 3:45 p.m. - cash only - come hungry!

Also - Playing For A Purpose game tickets are available [HERE](#).

**VOTE!
VOTE!
VOTE!**

VOTE TODAY! AMAZING NEWS

Right now, we have one of our juniors up for best Libero in the nation, and a junior up for Volleyball player of the week. Their names and the links are below. Please take some time to vote for both of these deserving student athletes. You can vote one time per hour, but voting should be done on your phones.

Julia Grace - Best Libero in the Nation

<https://highschool.si.com/national/2023/09/16/vote-who-is-the-top-high-school-volleyball-libero-defensive-specialist-in-the-nation>

Riley McCloskey - NKY Volleyball Player of the Week

<https://www.cincinnati.com/story/sports/high-school/high-school-sports/2023/09/18/cincinnati-enquirer-high-school-athlete-of-the-week-sept-18/70893135007/>



DINNER OF RIVALS BREAKING BREAD, BUILDING BONDS

Our Volleyball Pandas are ready for Friday night! They had dinner at The Hive with St. Henry players and both teams are looking forward to this year's Playing for a Purpose!

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



JOIN TODAY!

DRUG FREE CLUB

Parents & Guardians:

Why haven't you completed an application for your daughter to be part of Drug Free Club at NDA?

Q: Why should we reward our daughter for something we expect of her anyway?

A: Drug Free Club is a form of Positive peer pressure! It helps students resist temptations to make poor choices. Their brains are not fully developed yet, which can make them weak during impulsive moments. This could be the difference between them saying Yes and NO in an unexpected difficult moment.

Applications will be accepted through October 31.



RESOURCES TO UNDERSTAND & HELP TEENAGE GIRLS NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

NDA's counselors have put together some very useful tools for our parents [HERE](#).

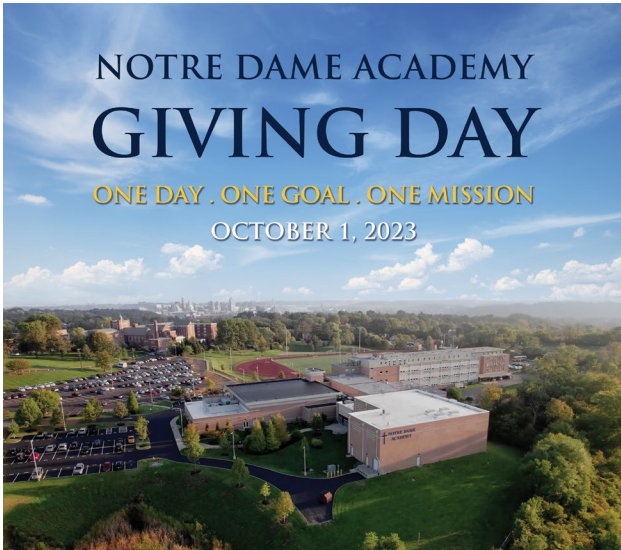
YOU'RE INVITED

THE KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM (GSP)

GSP is a 5-week summer residential program for outstanding KY students after completing their junior year of high school. Established in 1983, 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. Students complete an application and compete with others from across the state. The Program's mission is to enhance Kentucky's next generation of civic and economic leaders. Those selected attend the program free of charge. The [GSP website](#) has basic information and will be updated in mid-September with information for GSP 2024. Applications are due November 20. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.



ADVANCING THE MISSION



CELEBRATING THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME

ONE DAY . ONE GOAL . ONE MISSION

Giving day is October 1st! This is an annual event that honors the foundation date of the congregation of the Sisters of Notre Dame. October 1, 1850 is when our founders, Hilligonde Wolbring and Elisabeth Kuhling, became Sr. Maria Aloysia and Sr. Maria Ignatia, beginning the Sisters of Notre Dame order in Coesfeld, Germany. This special day serves as a celebration of our sponsors and an opportunity for our community to come together in gratitude for the numerous gifts bestowed upon us by the Sisters of Notre Dame.

We will be celebrating SND Foundation Day as a school community on Monday, October 2 as we carry forward this legacy of our founding Sisters by offering a premier education to the young women of our region, made possible through the generosity of our NDA alumnae, families and friends. We invite you to join us as we collectively strive to make a difference through this Giving Day, One Day. One Goal. One Mission. **Please support** Notre Dame Academy and ensure that our tradition of excellence in education continues for generations to come.

**CLICK HERE
TO MAKE A DONATION TO NDA'S
ANNUAL FUND IN CELEBRATION
OF SND FOUNDATION DAY!**

LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA 2023

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY RAFFLE!

1 LUCKY WINNER

WILL BE CHOSEN AT LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA ON 11.11.23

WINNER GETS CHOICE OF EITHER

CASH PRIZE OF **\$10,000** OR **ONE YEAR OF TUITION AT NDA**
UP TO \$10,000 FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR
TUITION IS TRANSFERABLE

\$25 PER TICKET

[Click Here to Purchase Tickets](#)

CELEBRATING THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME

IT'S RAFFLE TIME!

Consider supporting NDA's largest fundraiser, Light the Night for NDA by purchasing a chance to win Tuition for the 2024-25 school year or \$10,000! Tickets can be purchased online or at the school office from 8:00 a.m - 3:30 p.m.

An out of uniform pass will be given to any student who sells 4 or more tickets. Additionally, the school family (St. Rose of Lima, St. Hildegard of Bingen, St. Joan of Arc, St. Gemma Galgani) with the highest percentage of participation at the end of October will earn 150 family points!

If you would like more details or have questions regarding the Golden Opportunity Raffle or Light the Night for NDA feel free to contact Denise Bowman at bowmand@ndapandas.org.

COMMUNITY



NEWS

SHARING OUR

Community News

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

September 21	Rosary in Chapel 7:40 a.m. All are welcome!
September 22	Mass in the Chapel 7:20 a.m. All are welcome! Fall Sports Pep Rally Playing for a Purpose VB Game
September 25	Mass in Chapel 3:15 p.m. All are welcome! Common Reader Day /Food Truck Day
September 26	St. Pius Shadow Day
September 27	Benefactor Scholarship Breakfast
September 28	St. Agnes/Prince of Peace Shadow Day
September 29	Mass for St. Hildegard of Bingen Family at 12:45 p.m.
October 1	Golden Girls Mass/Luncheon
October 2	SND Foundation Day Celebration
October 5	NDA Informational Session
October 6	No School - Faculty PD Day
October 6-8	Summit 2023
October 9	Non-Feeder Shadow day
October 10-11	Super Day - FR-Retreat, SO/JR - PSAT, SR -Thrive