



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

Happy Foundation Week! On Monday we gathered as school community to attend Mass and give thanks for the Sisters of Notre Dame as we celebrated SND Foundation Day which took place on Sunday, October 1. Following Mass, our students paraded around St. Joseph Heights wishing the Sisters of Notre Dame a happy Foundation Day. In honor of this special occasion, some of our students put together a video with our Sisters from the fourth floor which you can see below. As a special treat at lunch, Mrs. Miller and I shared ice cream sandwiches with our students, faculty and staff in commemoration of our founders, Sr. Maria Aloysia and Sr. Maria Ignatia, sharing sandwiches with their students.

This week, we also celebrated our annual Giving Day. While in previous years, our Giving Day coincided with Giving Tuesday, we made a meaningful shift this year to honor our beloved Sisters of Notre Dame. All contributions raised on Giving Day will directly support the 2023-2024 operating budget, as well as future growth and programming.

This year's Giving Day was all about supporting the legacy of The Sisters of Notre Dame, the mission of Notre Dame Academy and striving for excellence in all we teach and do. I would like to thank our parents who participated in this year's Giving Day. I would also like to thank our Board of Directors as well as our faculty and staff for their incredible support of our Annual Fund. We are very blessed to have nearly 100% participation of our Board, faculty and staff.

Thank you for your continued support of NDA. It is an privilege to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





Sisters of Notre Dame
Foundation Day

The logo for the Sisters of Notre Dame is a stylized blue 'N' with a crossbar that curves into a circle on the left. Below the logo, the text 'Sisters of Notre Dame' is written in a blue, sans-serif font, and 'Foundation Day' is written in a blue, cursive font.

Student Life



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DAY OFF FOR STUDENTS

This Friday, 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.

ENHANCED SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

INTRODUCING REMIND

We are excited to share news about a new communication platform that will better serve the needs of our school community. Starting next quarter, we will be transitioning from Group Me to Remind, and we believe this change will bring several advantages to enhance student experience at NDA.

A few of the advantages of the transition to Remind are:

- Enhanced Communication
- Organization
- Security and Privacy
- Reliable Notifications
- User-Friendly Interface

At the end of this quarter, NDA's official Group Me groups will be removed from student iPads. They will be replaced with Remind Groups, ensuring a seamless transition to this new platform.

We understand that change can sometimes be challenging but we believe that Remind will greatly improve our communication with students and enhance their overall experience at Notre Dame Academy.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we make this transition. We are excited about the opportunities that Remind offers for more effective and efficient communication within our school community.

**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.

VOTE!
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GOOD LUCK PANDAS!

PLEASE VOTE

It is time to show your support for our student athletes. We have one player up for player of the week.

Julia Grace - Top NKY/IND Volleyball Player of the Week
<https://www.cincinnati.com/story/sports/high-school/high-school-sports/2023/10/02/cincinnati-enquirer-high-school-athlete-of-the-week-oct-2/71035001007/>

Please remember to vote once per hour and vote from your phone.

Also, congrats to Kimmie Woeste who won soccer player of the week last week! Thank you to all who voted for Kimmie last week. Thank you also to Jane Schuh for keeping us informed about the success of our student athletes and their teams!

Go PaNDAs!



PANDA GEAR

BAMBOOTIQUE

Mrs. Brung and Mrs. McLeod have a special FLASH SALE going on in the Bambootique this week! Get this t-shirt for only \$5 [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!



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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 is attendance@ndapandas.org or call the main phone line 859-261-4300.

ATTENTION FRESHMEN!

NDA/CCH FRESHMEN HALLOWEEN DANCE

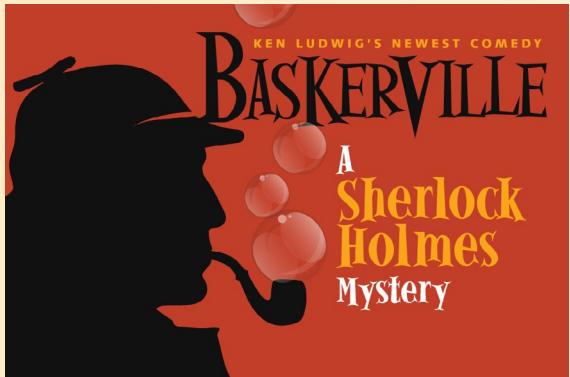
The NDA/CCH Halloween Dance is going to be here soon!!! We are super excited and it is always a really fun time. Mrs. Monohan will be selling tickets in the quad before and after school next week as well as during the lunch times. Here are some dance details:



- Only freshmen students from CCH and NDA can attend. Students from other schools are not permitted to attend this event.
- Tickets are only \$5.00 (cash only) and must be purchased by Friday, October 13. No walk-ins. Tickets will be sold at CCH and NDA.
- Students must arrive by 8:30 p.m. and must stay until 10:15 p.m. If NDA is playing in the finals for soccer that night we will allow you to come a little later as the game ends.
- Written documentation must be provided by a parent in advance if the student needs to arrive late or leave early for any reason. No notes or phone calls will be accepted on the night of the event.
- Everyone wears costumes and prizes for group and individual costumes are given.

Looking forward to a scary good time!

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Monohan (monohanc@ndapandas.org) at NDA or Mr. Barczak (tbarczak@covcath.org) at CCH.



NDA & CCH PRESENT...

BASKERVILLE: A SHERLOCK HOLMES MYSTERY

Don't forget to put Ken Ludwig's *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery* on your calendar for October 20 at 7 p.m., October 21 at 7 p.m., and October 22 at 2 p.m. This classic Sherlock Holmes story of the Hound of the Baskervilles comes to life on stage with over 35 characters, including your favorites Sherlock Holmes and Watson! The detective duo takes on the case of murder by ghost hound. The death leaves a large estate and inheritance to a man who hopes to avoid the family curse and the same fate as his predecessor. Will he survive? Will Holmes and Watson solve the case before it's too late? Who will be the next victim of the Hound of the Baskervilles?

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS



FAITH IN ACTION

FRESHMAN RETREAT

All Freshmen are expected to attend the Freshman Retreat on October 11 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Please arrange your rides accordingly). The retreat will be held on NDA's Campus. Freshmen should not bring anything with them except a water bottle. A small snack will be provided. Freshmen are allowed to dress down on that day as long as it is within the dress down guidelines outlined in the student handbook.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

OCTOBER SENIOR RETREAT

Our first Senior Retreat will take place on October 16-18 at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford. Parents of the seniors attending this retreat should have received an email from Mrs. Price on September 28. If you did not receive this communication - please email Mrs. Price at priceb@ndapandas.org so that the information can be re-sent. Mrs. Price will be meeting with the seniors going on the retreat this Thursday during PPT.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

There are lots of upcoming service opportunities. A full list with details for each event and details for signing up can be found [HERE](#).

Included on the list:

- DAV - 2 opportunities in October
- City of Erlanger - Halloween Carnival
- City of Edgewood - Spooky Sunday

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

EXCITING NEWS

FLAG FOOTBALL

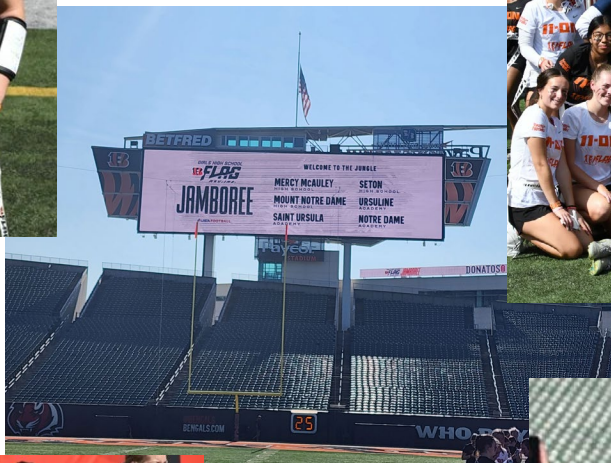
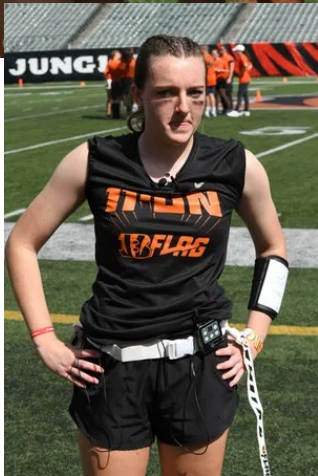
The Cincinnati Bengals and USA Football have joined forces to introduce a new spring girls high school flag football league. To kick things off, they hosted a fantastic Jamboree this past weekend and some of our Pandas were right in the action!

This new league will feature Notre Dame Academy along with the five schools of the Girls Greater Catholic League: Mercy McAuley, Mount Notre Dame, Seton, St. Ursula, and Ursuline Academy.

Our very own NDA flag football team, led by Coach Strickley, had a blast participating in the Jamboree at Paycor Stadium over the weekend. It was a day filled with teamwork, competition and loads of fun!

In a generous show of support, the Bengals have provided each of the six pilot schools, including NDA, with a startup grant. Additionally, they've contributed equipment and uniforms to help kickstart the teams.

Stay tuned for more exciting updates next spring about our NDA Flag Football team!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



JOIN TODAY!

DRUG FREE CLUB

Applications will be accepted through October 31.



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.



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.



ATTENTION SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

PSAT TESTING DAY

On Wednesday, October 11, all sophomores and juniors will be taking the Preliminary SAT (PSAT). We will start school that day at 9:00 a.m. and testing will last until close to noon. Sophomores and juniors will be dismissed at that time. The PSAT is only available this year to be completed electronically. All students will be practicing this using an app that will be pushed out on their iPads. There are some changes to the PSAT/SAT this year and [HERE](#) is a link about the format of the test this year.

ADVANCING THE MISSION



CELEBRATING THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME ONE DAY . ONE GOAL . ONE MISSION

THANK YOU for your incredible support of our Giving Day in honor of SND Foundation Day! We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our community on this special day!

If you would like to make a difference with a donation to our Annual Fund you can do so [HERE](#).



GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY RAFFLE DON'T MISS OUT

Please plan to attend NDA's largest fundraising event, Light the Night for NDA in support of Catholic education! It is sure to be an amazing night filled with live and silent auction items, specialty raffles, a sit down dinner, open bar and more!

Early bird tickets are just \$100 (per ticket) until October 27 so don't miss out!

If you have any questions about Light the Night for NDA contact Denise Bowman, Director of Events, at bowmand@ndapandas.org for more information.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY RAFFLE DON'T MISS OUT ON GETTING YOUR NDA TUITION COVERED FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!

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 Development 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.





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

October 5	NDA Information Night for Prospective Panda Families
October 6	No School - Faculty PD Day
October 6-8	Summit 2023 at NDA
October 9	Non-Feeder Shadow day
October 10-11	Super Day - FR-Retreat, SO/JR - PSAT, SR -Thrive
October 13	End of 1st Quarter
October 14	CCH Halloween Bash
October 15	Tech. Week Begins
October 16	Senior Retreat #1
October 17	NDA Information Night for Prospective Panda Families
October 19	IHM Shadow Day
October 20	Picture Retake Day
	Fall Play 7 p.m.
October 21	Fall Play 7 p.m.
October 22	Fall Play 2 p.m.
October 23	Red Ribbon Week Begins
	NDA Information Night for Prospective Panda Families
October 28	Junior Retreat #1 - Pilgrimage Retreat
November 5	Open House at NDA 1-3 p.m.