



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

Our primary goal at NDA is to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for our students. This week, we observe Red Ribbon Week, a time when we focus on the critical issue of drug use and abuse. It is essential that we, as parents, guardians and educators, engage in conversations with our children and students about the dangers associated with drugs and alcohol. In support of Red Ribbon Week, students are encouraged to wear their red shirts with their uniform skirts tomorrow, emphasizing our commitment to a drug-free future.

As parents, you have witnessed the transformative power of an NDA education firsthand. If you know a young woman who could benefit from the exceptional opportunities and values that a Notre Dame Academy education offers, I invite you to extend an invitation to our upcoming Open House on Sunday, November 5, from 1-3 p.m. This is a perfect opportunity for prospective students to discover the advantages of a Notre Dame Academy education and experience the unique All-Girl Advantage.

Mrs. Miller and I hope to see you at this year's fall fundraiser, *Light the Night for NDA*. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other NDA parents and celebrate the mission of NDA. If you haven't already purchased your tickets, you can still get the early bird ticket price through October 27.

Please note: There will be no school on Wednesday, November 1 due to All Saints Day, a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation. Also, there will not be a Panda Press Weekly next week.

Before closing, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to our teachers. One of our greatest strengths at Notre Dame Academy lies in our exceptionally qualified and dedicated faculty members. It is crucial for us to remember that at the heart of our school is the dynamic interaction between our students and faculty. Our educators play a pivotal role in nurturing the minds and creativity of our students as they journey into adulthood and emerge as empowered women poised to make a significant impact. Their commitment and passion for the development of our students are truly awe-inspiring.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in Notre Dame Academy. Together, we continue to foster an environment where our students thrive, grow and make a positive difference in the world.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Panda Tradition!

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

ANNUAL MOTHER DAUGHTER DANCE

NDA's 2023 Mother Daughter Dance is just around the corner, and it's a night you won't want to miss! This year we're rolling out the red carpet and inviting you to join the glitz and glamour on Friday, November 10 from 7-11 p.m. right here at NDA.

Who will be gracing the red carpet this year? Will your favorite celebrities make an appearance? Be sure to get your paparazzi poses ready!

Tickets are only \$25 per person, so grab yours before they're gone. Secure your spot on the red carpet by Friday, November 3.

What's in store for this star-studded evening?

- Delicious appetizers
- Indulgent dessert and candy bar
- A chance to shine in our costume contest
- Capture the memories at our photo booth
- Dance the night away with our talented DJ

It's going to be a night of glitz,

glam, fun and unforgettable

moments. So, mark your calendar

and get ready to shine at the

2023 Mother Daughter Dance!

[PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS HERE](#)

DRESS TO IMPRESS!

Notre Dame Academy
presents

**2023
MOTHER
DAUGHTER**

Friday, November 10
7:00 pm at NDA
\$25 / person

MUSIC APPETIZERS DESSERTS

RSVP by Friday, Nov. 3

Student Life

REMINDER

HOLY DAY

NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on **Wednesday, November 1** due to All Saints Day, a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

CLASH OF CANS

Beginning on November 2, the NDA community will be competing against the St. Henry District High School community for a canned food drive. The drive will run from November 2 until November 17. There will be more information to come including dates for sweatpants days (under uniform skirts) along with a dress down day. This will also be a part of an NDA Family Competition where the winning family will be awarded family points. Watch for more information!



FIRST QUARTER

REPORT CARDS

Report cards for the first quarter are scheduled to be sent today. Report cards for the first quarter are sent as an attachment to an email you will receive from the Swift K-12 system and are also available through the PowerSchool portal. You will need the NDA student number for that student's report card to unlock the attachment. First quarter report cards are normally only sent in the digital format. If you need a paper copy of the report card for insurance purposes etc., please contact Raymond Schlosser at schlosserr@ndapandas.org or at (859) 282-1846.



SHOW YOUR SUPPORT **RED RIBBON WEEK**

In celebration of Red Ribbon Week, students can wear red shirts and accessories (with uniform bottoms) TOMORROW (10/26).



JOIN THE FUN **HALLOWEEN**

NDA will engage in Halloween festivities on Tuesday, October 31 and students are welcome to wear costumes. The costumes must be appropriate and provide proper coverage; in addition, no gore, face/body paint, Halloween masks or weapons are not permitted. Students should contact Mrs. Timmerding if they have any questions.



BRAVO **BASKERVILLE: A RESOUNDING SUCCESS**

Congrats to the students who performed, planned and executed an amazing fall play. It was an outstanding performance showcasing the incredible talent of so many NDA and CCH students. Congratulations to Ms. Smith on a job well done!!! If you did not see it, please watch for information regarding a winter performance and support these hard working students.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION **SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR NEXT WEEK...**

On Monday, October 30, we will have Panda Prime Time and on Friday we will have Panda Prime Time. These days are normally utilized for homeroom and family time, but due to Halloween and the Memorial Mass on Thursday, November 2 - the schedule was adjusted. The students will receive more details in the Padlet for next week.

ALL SOULS DAY **REMEMBRANCE MASS**

On Thursday, November 2, we will celebrate our annual Remembrance Mass on the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day). Our mass will take place at 8:50 a.m. in the gym. As part of our mass, we will remember our loved ones who have passed away since November 2, 2022 through a Litany of those we've lost. Please pray for all our families who have lost loved ones. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



PLEASE NOTE! →

OPEN HOUSE



**NOTRE DAME
ACADEMY**
Park Hills, KY

NOV. 5 1-3 PM
ndapandas.org

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

OPEN HOUSE

If you know a young woman who is ready to make a difference in the world, please invite her to NDA's Open House scheduled for Sunday, November 5 from 1 - 3 p.m.



CONGRATULATIONS

PERFECT ACT SCORE

Congratulations to Anna Blair and Clara Heberling for achieving a perfect score on the ACT! Their dedication and hard work have certainly paid off and we are incredibly proud of their outstanding accomplishment!

RIDE PANDAS RIDE!

MOUNTAIN BIKERS GO TO STATE

Several of our Pandas competed in the Kentucky Junior Mountain Bike State Championship this past weekend at England Idlewild Park in Burlington, KY. Around 250 student athletes, grades 6 - 12, from across the state of KY competed in the first ever event of this kind held at the park. Josie Bozeman, Annie Dierker and Hope Dierker are members of a local junior mountain bike team known as the Northern Kentucky Roots and were competing in the event. The team has grown to 58 athletes since it's start in 2021 and ended up taking 1st place in the State! Join us in congratulating these young women on a great racing season!

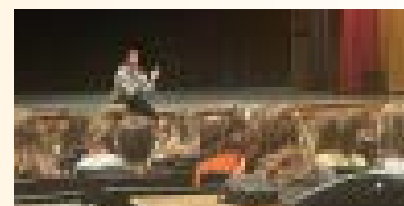
If you are interested in learning more about the local team, check them out here www.nkyroots.com.





DR. ERICSON'S INNOVATIONS IN EDUCATION: TRANSFORMING LEARNING

Dr. Ericson works diligently to find ways to engage, inspire, and enhance the learning of the students in the Academic Enhancement Program classes at Notre Dame Academy. Recently, Dr. Ericson was 1 of the 150 founding members from 38 countries selected as a certified Read Theory educator to help “build the future of ReadTheory, emerge as leaders in the edtech space, and expand impact for students”. Read Theory is a reading program that helps students improve their reading comprehension skills. Dr. Ericson has been implementing Read Theory into her classroom since 2014. Read Theory has helped NDA students improve their reading comprehension skills in their courses. Dr. Ericson also utilizes the data from Read Theory to collaborate with the English Department and Student Services Department to support the students. Dr. Ericson was also selected as a Pear Deck Insparational Educator. Pear Deck is a learning tool that allows teachers to engage their students as well as formatively assess their students' learning. Dr. Ericson has collaborated with her colleagues on how to implement Pear Deck into the classroom. She has been implementing Pear Deck into her classroom since 2018. These accomplishments required Dr. Ericson to consistently implement both Read Theory and Pear Deck into her classes, to create and publish Pear Deck lessons for national and international use, and to attend professional development workshops for both programs.



ENCOUNTERING CHRIST FROSH RETREAT

On Wednesday, October 11, the Freshmen Class took part in their Class retreat. The theme for the day was “Encountering Christ” and was filled with scripture reflections, discussion, and activities. Sr. Ruth Lubbers and Sr. Margaret Agnes Hemmerle led the students in Lectio Divina and Senior Mia Kent offered a personal witness to the importance of including faith and reflection in the high school journey.



ALUMNAE GEAR

BAMBOOTIQUE

The Bambootique is having an Alumnae T-Shirt Sale! Check it out [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 is attendance@ndapandas.org or call the main phone line 859-261-4300.

GOOD DEAL FOR EVERYONE!

DISCOUNTED PERFECT NORTH PASSES

Perfect North is offering a discount to NDA friends and family, not just NDA students! There is even a season pass for tubing (under Club Season Passes), a great deal for those who love Snow Tubing!

Purchase Discounted Perfect North Season Passes [Here!](#)

Username: notredame **Password:** panda

Deadline for the discount is November 5, so purchase before then! After you purchase your pass, you can pick it up at Perfect North Slopes' Ticket Window, located inside the West Lodge, after November 1 (or the first day you are here in the winter).

NDA's Ski Club will be skiing at Perfect North on the following Thursdays after school: January 4, 18, 25 and February 1. There is bus transportation available for students from NDA to PNS and back, purchase a bus pass [here](#). Contact Ms. Dooling with any questions!

PLEASE NOTE!
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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

**GO
PANDAS!**



HELLO SPORTS FANS

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Don't miss any of the action with our Panda athletes! [Here](#) is the calendar for the upcoming week.

WINTER SPORTS

PANDATHLETICS

Our winter sports, Basketball, Swimming and Diving, Bowling and Archery are all gearing up for their season starting next month!

GO PANDAS!

SUPPORT YOUR SOCCER PANDAS!!!

Our Soccer team has continued their state run with a 10 - 0 victory over South Laurel last Thursday night in the quarterfinals. They are set to play the semifinals against Sacred Heart this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Lafayette High School in Lexington. The Finals are to be played at Lafayette High School on Saturday at 7:00 p.m.



The soccer team will travel to Lafayette High School in Lexington to play against Sacred Heart in the semifinals of the state soccer tournament this Thursday. Students who wish to attend can complete a field trip permission form (from the front office) and turn in \$5. Mr. Strickley will be riding on the bus with the students as the chaperone. Tickets for the game are \$12 prior to the event and \$14 at the gate.

GO PANDAS!

SUPPORT YOUR VOLLEYBALL PANDAS!!!

The Volleyball team had a good win last night at Regionals against Conner High School where they won 3 - 0. They now play on Thursday at 6:30 at Cooper against St. Henry for the Regional Title and the chance to play for the State Championship Please come out to support them in the Regional Finals.



CONGRATS TO THE

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Our Cross Country had a great showing at the Regional Meet where the team finished 2nd. They will represent Notre Dame at the State meet this Saturday at the Kentucky Horse Park. Their race is scheduled to start at 3:45 p.m. Good luck to those competing at the state level this weekend.



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



RESOURCES TO UNDERSTAND & HELP TEENAGE GIRLS NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

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



EMPOWERED PANDAS

SENIOR PANDAS LEARN TO THRIVE

Recently our seniors participated in a self defense class presented by women from the Thrive Empowerment Center where they participated in TEC's Campus Ready Program. The program is designed to assist those getting ready to attend college with knowing the most common safety scenarios students encounter while living, studying, and working independently. The seniors received tools and strategies for safely navigating their future campuses!



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.

JOIN TODAY!

DRUG FREE CLUB



ONLY 7 DAYS LEFT to sign up for NDA's Drug Free Club!

- Students become DFCA members after passing a simple, confidential drug test.
- Only Parents/Guardians receive test results. (NEVER the school!)
- Members can rely on testing as an “out” for drug related situations by saying, “I can't, I might get tested”.
- Parents are notified via email about perfect moments and ways to talk about drugs.
- Members receive a full color photo ID card to show to local merchants to receive community rewards for their drug free lifestyle.
- Retesting of random members continues throughout the school year.
- Membership at NDA has steadily increased over the years. Last year 83% of Pandas joined; CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IS 73%.
- As long as members remain drug free, the rewards continue and...

...Saying “I can't” stops peer pressure in its tracks!

If you never start using drugs, you never have to stop!



Cost is only \$25/year...
(because NDA pays the cost of \$10 for every student member!)
but,

Freshman can pay \$75 for 3 years, and have their Senior year FREE!!

Applications will be accepted through October 31.



CHECK IT OUT!

THE KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

Creative Writing - Dance - Design - Drama - Instrumental Music - Vocal Music - Musical Theatre - Visual Art - Film + Photography

- GSA is a tuition-free residential summer program for passionate and talented artists from across the Commonwealth.
- GSA Alumni receive access to scholarships at nearly 30 colleges/universities, as well as life-long mentorships and a transformative summer experience.
- Click [HERE](#) for Applicant Guides
- Only two GSA 101 Webinars are left:
- Monday, November 13 - 5:00 p.m.- Click [here](#) to register!
- Wednesday, December 6 - 5:00 p.m. Click [here](#) to register!
- **Applications due January 14, 2024.**

YOU'RE INVITED

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. 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

LIGHT *the* NIGHT for NDA IN COESFELD, GERMANY

Saturday, November 11, 2023
6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

at
St. Elizabeth Education and Training Center (SETEC)
3861 Olympic Boulevard, Erlanger, Kentucky 41018

Special Thanks to
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Cocktail Sponsors:
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Notre Dame Academy invites you to join
us for a special evening including:

Cocktail Reception | Open bar | Sit down
Dinner | Live Auction | Silent Auction | The
Golden Opportunity Raffle | Specialty
Raffles

All proceeds help to provide excellence in
Catholic education at an affordable price
at Notre Dame Academy.

*Dressy Casual Attire

[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)

Get Your Early Bird Tickets by:
October 27

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY RAFFLE EVENT SPONSORSHIPS

If you are interesting in becoming an event sponsor, there is still time! Visit our [website](#) for more information!



Thank You!
2023 Event Sponsors

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GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY RAFFLE

DID YOU BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKET YET?

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 Advancement 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.

LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA 2023
GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY
RAFFLE!

1 LUCKY WINNER
WILL BE CHOSEN AT THE LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA ON 11/11/23
WINNER CHOOSES EITHER

CASH PRIZE OF
\$10,000 OR
ONE YEAR OF
TUITION AT NDA

\$25 PER TICKET

Click Here to Purchase Tickets



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 27	Mass in the Chapel 7:20 a.m.
October 28	Junior Retreat #1 - Pilgrimage Retreat
October 31	Halloween Costume Contest
November 1	All Saints Day - NO SCHOOL
November 2	Remembrance Mass
November 2-17	Canned Food Drive
November 5	Open House at NDA 1-3 p.m.
November 10	Mid-Quarter
	Mother/Daughter Dance
November 11	HSPT Prep Class
	Light the Night for NDA
November 17	Panda Funfest
November 20	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
November 22-24	No School - Thanksgiving Break
November 22	College Welcome Back Night
November 29	Sophomore Retreat