



THE *nda* LIFE

## Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week at NDA! On Sunday we welcomed a number of prospective Pandas from around the Greater Cincinnati area to our Open House. Special thanks to our student ambassadors who were so gracious and professional in greeting our visitors and giving tours. I also want to take note of the hard work and dedication of our faculty and staff who helped us showcase our school so well. We truly appreciate their efforts. I received many positive comments about our school and especially about our student tour guides and dedicated faculty members. We definitely demonstrated to our visitors how we are *Radiating God's Goodness* this school year!

On Friday, November 17, NDA will host the Panda Funfest. This is a fun event and an excellent opportunity for eighth graders to come and experience NDA and meet other students who are considering enrollment for next fall. If you know of a young lady who would like to join us for this event, please contact our Director of Enrollment, Katie Caccavari at 859.292.1829.

An important part of an NDA education is service to others. Our annual canned food drive kicked off November 2 and runs through Friday, November 17. I apologize in advance for the canned foods items missing from your pantry - our Pandas are very motivated! This year we will once again partner with St. Henry to feed as many hungry people as possible this winter. We appreciate your support in our endeavor to claim victory over the Crusaders by gathering the most items and fill the shelves at St. Vincent dePaul for those in need.

Our Mother Daughter Dance is coming up this Friday night. There were some issues with the registration link earlier this week therefore we will leave registration open until Friday at noon. You can find more information below.

We have many goals at NDA, big and small. A Notre Dame Academy education is not just about these goals but about our hope for the future. We are here to serve and support our students as they become women making a difference in the world. We are here to help them to become transformative women leaders embracing God's goodness in our world. Together, we make this happen!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



# Student Life



LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

## ANNUAL MOTHER DAUGHTER DANCE

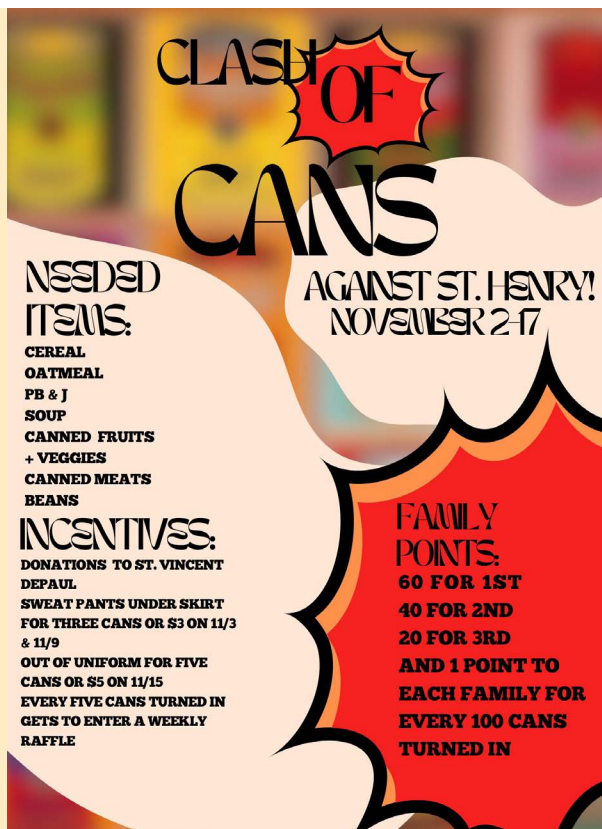
NDA's 2023 Mother Daughter Dance is just around the corner, and it's a night you won't want to miss! This year we're rolling out the red carpet and inviting you to join the glitz and glamour on Friday, November 10 from 7-11 p.m. right here at NDA.

Tickets are only \$25 per person and are only on sale through noon on Friday.

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](#)

[SIGN UP TO HELP HERE](#)



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. Students can check their padlet for incentive days. This will also be a part of an NDA Family Competition where the winning family will be awarded family points. Watch for more information!

[CLASH OF CANS VIDEO](#)



## SCARY FUN DAY!

# HALLOWEEN - NDA STYLE

Halloween was done right at NDA! The students were permitted to come dressed in costumes. Each homeroom selected a winning costume from each grade level to move onto the family costume competition and then each family selected a student from each grade level to move onto the final round. Students at NDA know how to be creative and celebrate Halloween (and so do their teachers)!



The Student Council Executive members enjoyed booing each first period class to start off the day with fun and excitement, mixed with learning of course.



Students from the Julie Learning Center visited our hallways during the second period to enjoy some treats and fun with our NDA community.



The teachers and administrators also enjoyed going all out for Halloween as well. Barbie and Ken made a few appearances, along with Zac Taylor and some famous Bengals. Pandas and even cowboys were roaming the halls!



## NO TRICKS!

# ALL TREATS!

Students at St. Agnes, St. Joseph, Prince of Peace and St. Pius X enjoyed the Halloween treats handed out by NDA and CCH students.



## NO TRICKS!

# IN REMEMBRANCE

Last Thursday for All Souls Day the NDA community came together to celebrate mass, pray and remember the many loved ones who have passed away this past year and prior. Many guests joined us for this mass so we could recognize their loss and pray for their souls and those they left behind.



## ATTENTION FRESHMEN

# WINTER WONDERLAND DANCE

The Drug Free Club of NDA will offer a semi-formal dance for the freshmen students. The Registration Form for NDA's Winter Wonderland Semi-formal Dance is now open and was sent to students (Registration Form [HERE](#)). It is set for Saturday, December 2 from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Academy in the Auditorium. The cost is \$15/person.

\*The ladies were all informed regarding the appropriate attire required for each dance, so please make sure that your daughter's dress meets the guidelines that were shared this week.



## SILVERBELLS

# DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

Student Council will offer Silver Bells for students who are sophomores, juniors and seniors. The event will take place at the Newport Car Barn from 8-11 p.m. on December 8. The cost is \$18 per person. Tickets can be purchased from November 20 until December 4.

## SILVERBELLS

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The preparations have begun for a night of dancing and celebrating with friends at the annual Silver Bells Dance. This dance is planned by the sophomore class and is for all students from the sophomore class and up. We are looking for Virtus trained parents to help give out drinks and snacks during the dance. If you are interested in helping us on December 8 from 7:30 - 11:00 p.m., please contact Lisa Timmerding at [timmerdingl@ndapandas.org](mailto:timmerdingl@ndapandas.org). Thank you in advance for your help.

FOR \*PARENTS:

**CURRENT TRENDS + PREVENTION -  
VAPING, ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA, FENTANYL, ETC.**

Hear from America's  
#1 Booked School Presenter:

**Michael DeLeon**



PARENT ACADEMY  
WED. NOVEMBER 15 - 6:30 pm  
COVINGTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL GYM

**The three most dangerous words a parent can say are:  
"Not My Kid."**

**Come, be in the know!**

Sponsored by:



Four copies of Table Talks and dashboard conversations will be given as Door Prizes!  
All NDA PARENTS will receive a Student ticket for Dress-Down on Monday, Nov. 27

## PRESENTED BY

# STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

On Wednesday, November 15, the students will hear from a renowned speaker Michael DeLeon. He is the founder of Steered Straight, an organization committed to educating youth on the dangers and addictive nature of drugs. From their website - "Michael DeLeon is on a mission: A mission to educate youth to stay on the right path when it comes to serious life issues, especially drugs. He has become the #1 booked school presenter in the country and is the nation's leading expert on Vaping and THC.

Michael is the founder and powerhouse behind Steered Straight Inc., a non-profit organization formed in 2007 upon his release from prison and designed to carry an important message to youth on the extreme dangers of drugs, gang involvement and associated criminal activity." - A parent information session will be offered at CCH on 11/15 at 6:30 in the gymnasium. All parents from both CCH and NDA are invited and encouraged to attend. Students will receive an out of uniform pass if their parents attend the event. For more information about his organization, visit <https://www.steeredstraight.org/>

**VOTE!**  
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GO PANDAS!

**VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!**

Please consider voting for some of our student athletes. Remember to vote every hour and from your phone, not using the school wifi.

Top girls fall team of the week - Notre Dame Volleyball

NKY/IND Girls volleyball player of the week - Ava Tilden

<https://www.cincinnati.com/story/sports/high-school/high-school-sports/2023/11/06/cincinnati-enquirer-high-school-athlete-of-the-week-nov-6/71477990007/>



ATTENTION SOPHOMORES AND SENIORS

**CLASS RINGS AND GRADUATION ITEMS**

Herff Jones will meet with the Sophomores on Monday, November 13, during Homeroom to explain the class rings and hand out ordering packets.

On Wednesday November 15 from 3-7 p.m., Herff Jones will be in the front foyer to answer any questions that parents may have about the class rings and to take orders.

Herff Jones will be here on Thursday, November 16, during lunch to take any remaining ring order and orders for Graduation items (announcements, stationary etc).

SIGN UP TODAY

**PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Parent/Teacher/Student conferences. These conferences are a valuable time for you to be able to connect with your daughter's teacher and discuss her progress and any challenges she may face in the course. **Please note that school will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. on November 14** to allow the faculty time to prepare for conferences.

**Details for the Parent/Teacher/Student conference are as follows:**

- **Date: Tuesday, November 14**
- **Time: 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.**
- **Platform: Zoom**

Each conference will be limited to fifteen minutes to ensure that all parents have a chance to meet with their daughter's teachers. You may use [this link](#) to access the online scheduling system to reserve your conference time(s). We encourage you to book your conferences early to secure your preferred time slots. If you encounter any difficulties during the sign up process, please contact the school office. Additionally, while students are encouraged to participate in conferences, it is important to note that their attendance is not required. Once conference registration is complete, each teacher will provide you with a Zoom link to use for the conference.

At Notre Dame Academy, we believe that open communication between parents, teachers, and students is crucial for student success, and we look forward to welcoming you to our conferences on November 14!



## ANNUAL DINNER BUTLER SCHOLARS

Several of our students recently attended the Butler Foundation annual dinner. NDA is very appreciative of the Butler Foundation for supporting NDA education as one of our scholarship benefactors!



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE TRADITION OF SERVICE

For nearly 30 years, St. Elizabeth Hospice volunteers have been delivering a special holiday remembrance, a white china dove, to caregivers who have lost a loved one in the past year. Notre Dame Academy has partnered with Hospice in their Dove project for several years. NDA students help out by packaging the doves and getting them ready for delivery. This year group from the LIFE club went to St. E Hospice on to help them with their Christmas Doves project including a daughter, mother and grandmother who all NDA students/alumnae and all involved in St. E Hospice!



## QUEEN BEE DR. E! STRIKING A HEALTHY BALANCE

Even Though Dr. Ericson spends countless hours preparing a student-centered educational environment, she also makes time for her family, friends, community and former NDA Pandas all while doing what she loves, participating in races. Dr. Ericson recently participated in the Queen Bee 4-Miler with former NDA Pandas Lauren Garret (Class of 2006) and Mariangel Betancourt (Class of 2020). Countless other current and former NDA Pandas were also seen running both the 4-Miler and the Half Marathon. The following weekend Dr. Ericson didn't slow down, she participated in the University of Central Florida U Can Finish 5-Mile and 2-Mile in Northern Kentucky while her son ran it simultaneously in Orlando Florida. Her next adventure will be at the Cyclones Frozen 5K! Dr. Ericson believes it is important to have a healthy balance of family, work, and life.

# YEARBOOK

MEMORIES FOR LIFE

## ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY

NDA's 2024 yearbook, 24 hOURS, is on sale now for the early price of \$77 through December 15. Buy now to take advantage of early-bird pricing at the NDA store at [jostens.com](http://jostens.com). This is a must have for all Pandas! Mr. Glynn and our Publications team does an AMAZING job capturing all of the wonderful happenings at NDA throughout the year and students will look back at their yearbook for years to come.

NDA's 2023 yearbook, Finding Our Groove, is on track for fall delivery! Be sure to check the Panda Press for updates and a special '23 graduate welcome back/yearbook pickup event!

*Thank you!*

MERCI! GRACIAS! GRAZIE!

## THANK YOU FOR A GREAT OPEN HOUSE!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Open House so successful! We appreciate the parent volunteers who displayed yard signs, donated refreshments and helped staff information tables. The feedback was very positive and it was a true community effort. Thank you again!



OPEN HOUSE HIT

## LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE BAND!

A special thank you to our NDA/CCH for providing an enthusiastic welcome to our guests at Open House!



PLEASE NOTE!



## GETTING READY QUILT SHOW

The Quilt Show is coming up on December 14 and 15. Our students are working very hard! Watch for more detailed information.



## NEW MERCHANDISE BAMBOOTIQUE

There are several new items available in the Bambootique - just in time for Christmas! You can find them online [HERE](#).

ALSO, The following dates / hours is when the spirit shop is open during the holiday season.

Monday - Friday. 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Saturday hours are 9:30 to 2:00 (dates are below)

November 11 , 18  
December 9 , 16

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](mailto:attendance@ndapandas.org) or call the main phone line 859-261-4300.

PLEASE NOTE!





# 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.

FROM THE DESK OF THE

## ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

We have had an outstanding fall season for all sports! Every team represented NDA at the State tournament/Meet!

**Golf** - Didi Jimdamkerng finished 43rd out of the top 90 golfers who made it to the state tournament.

**Cross Country** - placed 2nd at the Regional Meet and place 7th at the State Meet

**Soccer** - won the Districts, won the Region and was one of 4 teams in the State Semifinals

**Volleyball** - won the Districts, won the Region and was a finalist in the state tournament finishing 2nd.

**Winter Sports** are gearing up to start their seasons after a month of practice.

**Bowling** is in full swing with their tournament schedule

**Archery** is beginning their practice with their first tournament is 11/17 - 18. We have a new assistant coach - Lauren Meese!

**Swimming and diving** are looking forward to the start of their meets on 11/18 at the Keating natatorium

**Basketball** is hosting their "Panda"monium event 11/8 at 7:00. Their first game is Nov. 18th.

**College Recruiting Session** being held November 8 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. We have over 50 signed up to attend.

# 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.



GREAT JOB

## DRUG FREE CLUB

The NDA Chapter of Drug Free Club has 399 students enrolled, which is 81% of our Pandas! (Our Juniors have 90% of their class enrolled!) Almost all members have completed their Initial Round of Drug Testing and will be receive their plastic member ID cards soon.

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](#)

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL  
FOR THE ARTS  
A PROGRAM OF



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PERFORMING  
ARTS

- 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

The [GSP website](#) has applications and information for GSP 2024. Applications for NDA students are due November 20. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.



# ADVANCING THE MISSION

NOVEMBER 11, 2023

## LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA

**Event Sponsors:** Thank you to all of our [2023 Light the Night for NDA Event Sponsors](#). We are truly grateful for your support.

You can find the [LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA PROGRAM HERE](#).



There are just a few days remaining to get your **Golden Opportunity Raffle** tickets. Don't miss out on getting your NDA Tuition covered 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 [HERE](#) or at the Development Office from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. 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](mailto:bowmand@ndapandas.org).

**Bidding is now OPEN!** Click [HERE](#) to see our amazing Silent auction items and preview the Live auction items that will be sold in person at the event!

Speaking of previewing our items... **HAVE YOU SEEN THE PaNDA Puppy?**

This sweet female F1 Goldendoodle puppy was born on September 7, 2023. She will be full sized when fully grown, with her anticipated weight being between 44-55 pounds. Consider her the best Christmas gift ever!



**It is not too late to grab a group of your friends and attend Light the Night for NDA!** It is a remarkable evening of fun, friendship and celebration of Notre Dame Academy! Buy your tickets today, you won't regret it! You can purchase your tickets [HERE](#).

*First Choice*



**First Choice Raffle Tickets Available:** As the winner of this special raffle, you will be able to select any Luxury or Silent auction item of your choosing. Don't pass up this great opportunity to have your First Choice!

Note: Live auction items are not included. **Only 125 tickets are sold. \$50 per ticket.**

[Click here](#) and select Package 107! If your name is drawn we will contact you so you can choose your package!



*Thank You!*  
2023 Event Sponsors

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	<i>Columbia Sussex CORPORATION</i>
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<b>Signature Cocktail</b>	
<b>Bronze</b>	Brian and Heather Isler Chris and Karen Kleman Joe and Stephanie Lawrie Jim and Kendall Reynolds Marilyn Slaughter Dan and Peggy Summe Dan and Meghan Weber

# 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

November 8	Showcase Auditions
November 9	Alumnae Rosary during Panda Prime Time
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 29	Sophomore Retreat
December 3	Junior Retreat #2
December 4	HSPT Prep
December 7	In School - Christmas Band & Choral concert
December 8	Silver Bells Dance - Newport Car Barn
December 9	HSPT at NDA
December 10	NDA to the Bengals game
	Christmas Band /Choral Concert
December 11	HSPT Make-up date
December 14	Quilt show
December 15	College Welcome Back Night - Class of 2023
December 18	Exams begin
December 20	Faculty/Staff Christmas party
	End of 2nd Quarter
December 21- January 2	Christmas Break
January 3	Classes Resume