



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we continue to settle into the school year, I hope your daughter is finding her rhythm and enjoying her classes. It's been an eventful and exciting time at Notre Dame Academy as we live out our theme for the year: *Love God, Love Others, Change the World*. This theme beautifully encapsulates the mission and values that guide us every day at NDA as we strive to provide a faith-filled, academically excellent education at NDA.

One of the highlights of our fall season is quickly approaching - the Playing for a Purpose game on Saturday, September 7, vs. St. Henry at Boone County High School. This is not just any game; it's the biggest event of the year, filled with spirited competition and deep meaning. While we cheer for our team in this rivalry, the true purpose of this event resonates with our mission: to make a difference in the world. It's heartening to see our students learn and live out this valuable lesson through such a fun and impactful event. I encourage all of you to come out, enjoy the games and support our Pandas and this important cause.

Looking ahead, I'd like to extend a warm invitation to Parent Mini-Night on Thursday, September 12, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to walk your daughter's schedule and meet her teachers. Students will receive their schedules on Tuesday and should make a copy or create one for you to follow. We will be running a Monday class schedule that evening. During the night, you'll have the chance to learn about the policies and procedures of each class, the content that will be taught and more. We look forward to welcoming you and giving you a glimpse into your daughter's academic life at NDA.

On behalf of our faculty and staff, thank you for entrusting us with your daughter's education. We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to another wonderful and productive school year.

Go PaNDAs!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



CAMPUS MINISTRY



EXPLORING DISABILITY AWARENESS

JUNIOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Once a week the junior religion classes meet as a larger group to explore different topics related to injustices in our world. Each gathering is rooted in prayer and presents the Catholic Church's documents and initiatives in these areas. Speakers are invited to share their expertise and personal experience for the different topics.

This week we focused on disabilities and the challenges that people with disabilities face as well as ways to help in our day to day lives. We welcomed Mrs. Janie Zembrodt (1997), Mrs. Lisha Stross (2008) and Mr. Goddard who held a panel discussion with our students.

SUPPORT TUNNELS TO TOWERS FOUNDATION

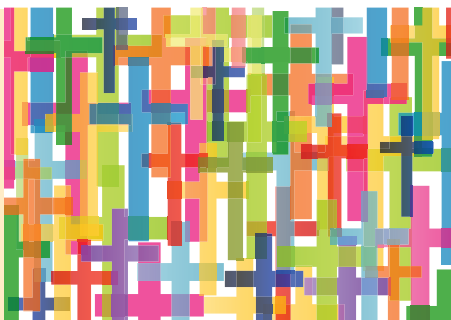
\$3 DRESS DOWN DAY: SEPTEMBER 11

There will be a **\$3 dress down day on Wednesday, September 11** to benefit the Tunnels to Towers program. Since 9/11, this organization has "been helping America's heroes by providing mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children and by building specially-adapted smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. They are also committed to eradicating veteran homelessness and helping America to Never Forget September, 11, 2001. More information about this organization can be found at T2T.org.



MONDAY MORNINGS - ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME! BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

The Monday Morning Bible Study will resume next week on September 9 at 7:20 a.m. in the reflection space of the chapel.



JOIN US

FAITH FORMATION

September 5: Rosary in Chapel 7:45 a.m.

September 6: Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.

AN EVENING OF MIRACLES AND INSPIRATION!

"IT'S A MIRACLE" DINNER



Hosted by St Michael the Archangel Council of the Knights of Columbus



SEPTEMBER 16TH | 6:00PM-9:00PM | RECEPTIONS, 1379 DONALDSON RD., ERLANGER, KY

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to meet and speak with the recipient of a Vatican-certified miracle? Most of us associate miracles with Jesus, saints, and those who have passed before us. However, miracles can also happen in our everyday lives.

The Knights are honored to host the "It's A Miracle" dinner, a beacon of light in our local faith community calendar. This unique event will feature Mr. Dan Schachle, whose son Michael played a special role in the beatification of Fr. Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus.

COME JOIN US!

Be inspired, uplifted, and strengthened in your faith by joining us for this unforgettable evening.



GET TICKETS

ADULTS \$15 | STUDENTS \$10

Scan the QR code or visit:

www.stmichaelkofc.org/event/its-a-miracle-dinner/

MEET OUR SPEAKER

Mr. Dan Schachle

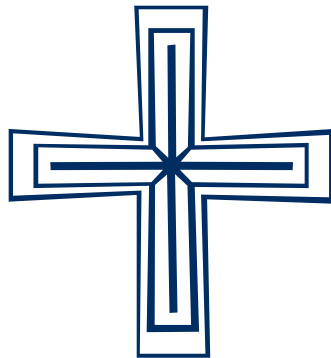
Dan Schachle's son, Michael, was diagnosed with a fatal condition while still in the womb. Despite this, Dan and his family prayed fervently to Fr. Michael McGivney, and Michael was miraculously healed. This miraculous healing was recognized by the Vatican as the miracle needed for the beatification of Fr. Michael McGivney.



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Opportunities for Spiritual Growth



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with CHRISTOPHER WEST MUSIC BY MIKE MANGIONE

Made for More is an inspired blend of live music, art, and presentation that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they offer a vision of the Gospel like you've never heard through the lens of Saint John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*.

Appropriate for ages 12-13 & up.

Wednesday
October

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2024

St. Timothy Church
10272 US 42
Union KY 41091
7-9:30 PM

\$25
aftontickets.com/M4MUnionKY

For more information contact: Dcn. Steve Alley
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Student Life



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

PARENT MINI NIGHT

Please join us on Thursday, September 12 for Parent Mini-Night in the evening. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be a wonderful opportunity to walk your daughter's schedule and meet her teachers. Students will be provided with this schedule on the Tuesday prior and should make a copy and create their own schedule for you. We will follow a Monday class schedule. Parents will have the opportunity to learn of the policies and procedures for the class, content to be taught, etc. We look forward to seeing you.



SAY CHEESE

SCHOOL PICTURES - THIS FRIDAY

School Pictures will be taken this Friday, September 6. Please scan the QR code to the left to pre order your daughter's school pictures.



EARLY DISMISSAL

ADJUSTED SCHEDULES COMING UP

On September 19 and September 20, the students will be dismissed by 11:30 a.m. due to professional development that will occur for our faculty. More information will come regarding specifics, but as you plan for the following weeks, be sure to note this change.

VOTE!
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SUPPORT YOUR FELLOW PANDA!

VOTE FOR ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Please be sure to vote for our Athlete of the Week. You can vote [here!](#)

Abigail Carnes – Her eighth-place finish at Ryle in 20:52.95 helped the Pandas to a team runner-up finish.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

UPCOMING MISSION TRIP

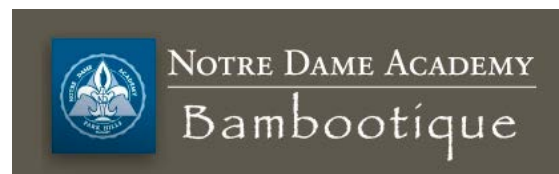
We are offering a mission trip through Catholic Mission Trips Inc. in June of 2025. We will take 12 students for a week (the dates are to be determined, but we will go between June 1-10) to Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos orphanage in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. We will be staying and working in the visitor center of the children's home and school run by religious sisters. This is a life changing opportunity full of making global connections, serving others, practicing Spanish, and truly living out our mission at NDA. **If your daughter is interested, there is an informational meeting directly after Parent Mini-Night on September 12 in room 211.** We look forward to seeing you there! (More information can be found here: <https://catholicmissiontrips.net/upcoming-trips/dominican-republic/>)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

Due to increased cost of food purchased for the cafeteria, this year we will be selling items on an a la carte basis. The prices are marked on each item as the girls/faculty/staff go thru the line. This year the cafeteria will be offer breakfast to the girls. We will start small and increase in items offered as interest grows. Be sure to check out this week's lunch menu [HERE](#).



PANDA SPIRIT WEAR!

BAMBOOTIQUE

Have you seen all of the adorable new items in the Bambootique? Take a look and shop online [HERE](#).

EXCITING NEWS

HELP US REACH 50 DONORS!

If we can reach a total of 50 donors by October 27, NDA will receive a \$500 grant! Every donation counts, whether it's at our school or any Hoxworth location. We are still eligible for this Hoxworth grant, so please spread the word and encourage others to donate. Let's work together to meet this goal and secure valuable funds for NDA.

All the details can be found in the information below. Let's continue to make a positive impact and help save even more lives in our community!



Hoxworth
BLOOD CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

SAVING LIVES
Close to Home Since 1938



Be a Superhero, Donate Blood. Earn \$500 Grant!

High Schools

Superhero Challenge

Earn \$500 Grant

LOCAL 12
WKRC CINCINNATI

THE CHALLENGE:

Gather 50 or more students, family, friends, or alumni to donate blood in your high school's name at any of Hoxworth's seven Neighborhood Donor Centers or an upcoming blood drive at your high school during the high school football regular season through October 27th and your school will earn a \$500 grant!

Winning schools will be presented a check live on Local 12 TV.

Schedule Donation

hoxworth.org | (513) 451-0910



Where to Donate

Donate blood at your school's upcoming blood drive

Neighborhood Donor Centers

- **Anderson**
7715 Five Mile Road
- **Blue Ash**
9708 Kenwood Road
- **Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky**
2220 Grandview Drive
- **Tri-County**
11812 Springfield Pike
- **Central**
3130 Highland Avenue
- **North**
7844 Kingland Drive
- **West**
6323 Glenway Avenue



Did You Know?

**Amendment 2
Provides
Education
Opportunity to
ALL Kentucky
Students**

www.KentuckyStudents.org



SUPPORT SCHOOL CHOICE

VOTE YES ON AMENDMENT 2 THIS NOVEMBER

There will be an important piece of legislation on the ballot in November supported by the Bishops of Kentucky, a state constitutional amendment – Vote YES on Amendment 2.

For many years Ky. families have been advocating for school choice to no avail. This may be Kentucky's last chance to join the rest of the nation! Read more and volunteer to help us with grassroots efforts at <https://covidio.org/YesOnTwo>.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



NOMINATION TIME

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Please submit any nominations for our 2025 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony [HERE](#) by October 31. We'll announce the inductees in mid-November 2024, and the Hall of Fame ceremony will take place in the first week of February. Stay tuned for more details!



FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Volleyball had a great tournament in Florida where they finished 3rd by beating Sacred Heart! They play against Sacred Heart on Thursday September 5 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Soccer was very successful over the long weekend with wins over Central Hardin and Greenwood! They play against Lebanon on Thursday September 5 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Cross country is off to a great start with a 2nd place finish at the Ryle Invitational and our JV squad won the race!

Playing for a Purpose is this Saturday September 7. As a reminder you will not be allowed if you have paint anywhere but your face! Paint must be dry. No Glitter either!



2024

PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE

Don't miss the biggest game of the year... Playing for a Purpose!

Saturday, September 7

Boone County High School

Games are scheduled for 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

and 7:00 p.m.

You can purchase tickets [HERE](#). Let's go PaNDAs!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



STAY INFORMED WITH THE PPC

JOIN THE NDA PANDA PARENT CLUB TO SUPPORT AND CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

The Notre Dame Academy Panda Parent Club (PPC) is an opportunity for parents, organized by the Student Services Department, to learn more about topics and information to support families in navigating pressures and concerns our students face daily. It is designed to help enhance communication between parents and the Student Services Department and to occasionally coordinate volunteering opportunities and community events to provide support for the school's educational goals. Meetings will be bi-monthly and information regarding presenters and topics can be found here.

Upcoming meetings:

September 26, 2024 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Alumnae Hall -

Erin Stanley will be presenting on The Effects of Drugs and Alcohol on the Teenage Brain and Legal Consequences. Our Diocesan SRO Ted Edington and the Commonwealth Attorney Rob Sanders will also be presenting at this meeting.

November 21, 2024 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Alumnae Hall -

Debbie Zegarra from Ethan's Purpose will be presenting on suicide prevention and parents will be trained in QPR (think CPR but for mental health emergencies). See the flyer to the left.

We want to hear more from you about topics you, as a parent, would be interested in learning more about. Please complete the brief survey [HERE](#) to help us better support you!

ETHAN'S PURPOSE;
MY STORY ISN'T OVER YET

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING
QUESTION
PERSUADE
REFER
Three steps anyone can learn to save a life!

OBJECTIVE
QPR is an evidenced-based training providing practical and proven suicide prevention strategies for work, school, at home and in your community. Upon request, our QPR trained associates will schedule a presentation to provide certified training at your school or workplace.

WHAT TO EXPECT
Through lecture, slide presentations and videos, you will learn:

- suicide prevention data and needs;
- how to recognize the warning signs for someone at risk for suicide;
- to increase knowledge of intervention skills and how to question a person about suicidal thoughts;
- referral resources and services
- how to persuade someone to get help and how to refer the person for help;
- common myths of suicide.

BENEFITS

- Reduce suicide;
- Offer HOPE to someone in crisis;
- Early recognition of warning signs to avoid a crisis situation;
- Help save a life!
- Certification

RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT GOOD MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION!
To schedule a training presentation contact patty@ethanspurpose.org

SUICIDE AT A GLANCE
Suicide is one of the leading causes of death in the United States;
Over 49,000 people died by suicide in 2022;
1 death in every 11 minutes;
13.2 million people seriously thought about suicide;
3.8 million made a plan for suicide;
1.6 million attempted suicide.

ETHAN'S PURPOSE FOUNDATION

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

QPR INSTITUTE



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.

Student Grief Support Group

Facilitated by Fernside Center for Grieving Children

Groups meet during the school day, once a week for 5-6 weeks

GRIEF SUPPORT

FERNSIDE ON-SITE SUPPORT GROUPS

Fernside Center for Grieving Children will be offering time-limited support groups during the school day, meeting once a week for 5-6 weeks, depending on what works best for the group. These sessions will cover various themes each week, including telling your story, feelings, changes, family and memories.

If your daughter is interested in participating, please sign up using the interest form linked [HERE](#).

DRUG FREE CLUB - JOIN TODAY!

“MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE EASY”

The time is NOW to sign up for Drug Free Clubs of America (DFCA). Drug Free Club is the largest club at Notre Dame Academy, with over 400 members last year. It offers confidential drug testing, education, school and community rewards, positive reinforcement, student leadership opportunities, parent support, and a safety net when dealing with drug situations by saying, “I can’t, I might be tested.” Parents can obtain more information and complete online applications on the Drug Free Club website found [here](#). For more information about how Drug Free Club works at Notre Dame Academy, please reach out to school counselor Erin Maggard at maggarde@ndapandas.org.



FREE Virtual Info Session brought to you by



What is it & how is your student using it?

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS: Do you have a high school student or young adult trying to figure out their career and college options? Have you heard about YouScience, but aren't really sure what it is, and what it can offer? Students/young adults have the power to uncover their aptitudes and match with over 500 possible best-fit career pathways through YouScience. This is a powerful tool that can help students determine their future career goals by taking out the guess work.

Did you know that many school districts in NKY are already offering this incredible tool to students?! Join us for a **FREE virtual info session** to find out what YouScience is and how it can help your student/young adult.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th, 6-7:30PM

Register* by scanning the QR Code by 9/1 -->

*You must register to receive the meeting link.

Questions? Email navigo@learning-grove.org



Christian College Fairs



Find Your Christian College

Cincinnati Area

Wednesday, October 30
10 AM - Noon

Cincinnati Christian School
7474 Morris Road
Fairfield, OH 45011



Register Now

FindYourChristianCollege.com



ADVANCING THE MISSION



11.16.24 | 6:30-10:30 PM | The Grand Ballroom

You're Invited!

Cocktail Hour | Dinner | Open Bar | Auction & Raffles
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



You're invited to the

Junior Parent Gift Gathering Party

Wednesday 09.18.24 6 pm - 8 pm

The Klemans' House - 12 Ft. Mitchell Ave, Ft. Mitchell KY 41011

All items donated benefit Notre Dame Academy's Fall Fundraiser Light the Night for NDA, Presented by Performance Lexus Northern Kentucky.



Gift cards to local restaurants



Rare bourbon



Entertainment / Sports Tickets



Contribute to larger gift card raffle with a cash / Venmo donation

Party Hosted By:

Karen Kleman, Stephanie Lawrie, Meg Piatt, Heather Ramsey, and Jen Yapp

RSVP here
or



Did you miss your grade level Gift Gathering Party?

Shop our

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Wishlist

HERE



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

- YES on 2

Important dates

September 5	Rosary in Chapel 7:45 a.m.
September 6	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. Picture Day Playing for a Purpose / Fall Sports Pep Rally
September 7	PaNDA Roar Rally - at NDA 2:30 - 3:30pm Playing for a Purpose Volleyball - Boone County H.S.
September 10	St. Joseph Crescent Springs Shadow Day
September 11	Mid-Quarter
September 12	Blessed Sacrament Shadow Day Alumnae Rosary 12:50 p.m. - All are welcome! Parent Mini Night
September 14	Junior Pilgrimage Retreat
September 17	Feast Day of St. Hildegard of Bingen - Purple Family Celebration
September 18	Donor Scholarship Breakfast
September 19	Early Dismissal due to faculty PD 11:30 a.m.
September 20	Super Day - dismissal 11:30 a.m.
September 24	St. Pius X Shadow Day
September 26	St. Agnes/Prince of Peace Shadow Day
September 27	Club Orientation
October 1	Foundation Day Mass and Accreditation Celebration
October 3	NDA Information Night for Potential students
October 6	Golden Girls Mass and Luncheon
October 7	Non-Feeder Shadow Day
October 11	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
November 1	NO SCHOOL - All Saints' Day
November 5	NO SCHOOL - Election Day
November 10	Open House
November 16	Light the Night for NDA
November 27	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
November 28-29	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break