



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Unfortunately, this week, we have some sad news to share with our NDA faith community. Our Assistant Principal for Student Life, Mrs. Lisa Timmerding, her daughter, Lydia, a senior at NDA, and their family are going through a very difficult time following the loss of their husband and father, Sean Timmerding. Sean passed away on Saturday afternoon after a long and courageous battle. His kindness and positivity touched the lives of many, and he will be deeply missed.

In times like these, the strength and compassion of our community are essential. To show our support for the Timmerding family, we have organized several initiatives and we encourage everyone to participate. One of these initiatives is donations for the Timmerding family to purchase gift cards for them. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated and will go a long way in helping them during this challenging time. **Students will be collecting money in the foyer tomorrow before school, during lunch, and during PPT. Donations can also be made via Venmo (@NotreDame-Academy). Please be sure to put "Timmerding" in the memo field.** Please keep Mrs. Timmerding, Lisa and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Looking ahead, I would like to remind you that Parent Mini-Night is tomorrow evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to follow your daughter's class schedule and meet her teachers. Your daughter will provide you with a schedule to guide you through the evening.

Finally, please watch your email later this week as we will be sending out surveys for our comprehensive five-year strategic plan and our accreditation engagement review process. We greatly value your input, and your feedback will help shape the future of NDA. We ask that you take a few minutes to complete the survey when it arrives.

On behalf of our faculty and staff, thank you for your continued support. We are grateful to be part of such a caring community.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



CAMPUS MINISTRY



EDUCATIONAL JUSTICE LESSON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Last week in Catholic Social Teaching we explored the issue of Educational Justice. Students brainstormed what makes up a quality education and talked about the struggles that many schools around the world face when it comes to providing quality education. Mrs. Lenihan and Ms. Schappert from the Notre Dame Urban Education Center came and shared how their organization is offering educational support to students in urban areas and ways that our students can get involved.



JOIN US PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

We will not have 7:20 a.m. mass this Friday as our St. Rose of Lima Family will gather for mass during homeroom time that day. We will offer a decade of the rosary at 8:45 a.m. on Friday instead.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE SERVICE

There are several upcoming service opportunities in the community that could use our student's help. Service Opportunities are updated weekly on [this shared document](#) which students have access to on the Padlet each week.



JOIN US FAITH FORMATION

September 12: Rosary in Chapel 7:45 a.m.

September 13: Rosary in Chapel 8:45 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

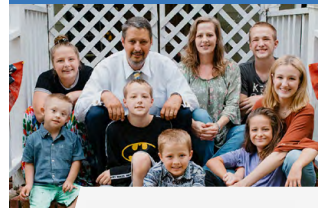
Scan the QR code or visit:

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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QUESTIONS? Contact John Carey

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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
E: steve.alley@me.com C: 5137025715



Student Life

**PARENT
SURVEYS
COMING FRIDAY**



**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
PLEASE READ**

EXCITING INITIATIVES

YOUR INPUT MATTERS!

We are thrilled to share that this school year is filled with exciting momentum and several important initiatives here at Notre Dame Academy. Among these are the creation of a comprehensive five-year strategic plan and our accreditation engagement review process. To ensure these efforts reflect the needs and values of our entire community, we've developed surveys for our key constituents - including parents, students, alumnae, faculty, staff and benefactors of NDA.

Your voice, as parents, is incredibly important to us. We value your unique perspective and want to ensure your feedback helps shape the future direction of NDA over the next three to five years. Earlier this week, students, faculty and staff were sent links to their surveys, and now it's your turn. **You will receive an email from NDA on Friday morning with links to the parent survey and we kindly ask that you take a few minutes to participate. Each survey will take no longer than 5 minutes to complete and will remain open until September 16, 2024.**

Your input is essential to our success in creating a strategic plan and reaccreditation process that aligns with our mission of empowering young women. We truly appreciate your time and thoughtful responses - your voice matters!

Thank you for being such an integral part of the Notre Dame Academy community.

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 were provided with the Parent Mini Night schedule today 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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL HAVE A LATE START ON FRIDAY DUE TO MINI NIGHT TOMORROW NIGHT.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

A hot lunch and salad bar will be available for purchase each day at our NDA cafeteria. You can find a menu price sheet as well as this week's lunch menu [HERE](#).

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.

PLEASE NOTE! →

VOTE!
VOTE!
VOTE!

SUPPORT YOUR FELLOW PANDA! VOTE FOR ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Defina Teller took fourth place at the Diocese of Covington championships in 21:28.59 and is up for Top NKY/IND girls cross-country runner of the week! Please be sure to vote for our Athlete of the Week. You can vote [here!](#)

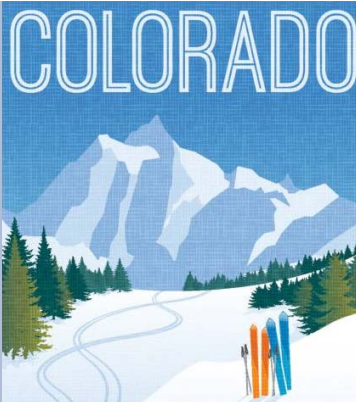
NOW AVAILABLE ON LIFETOUCH PORTAL NEW PICTURE DAY IMAGES & DATA

New Picture Day images and data for Notre Dame Academy are now available on the Lifetouch Portal. To download the images and data:

1. Log in to the Lifetouch Portal.
2. Go to Image & Data Management.
3. Select the information you want to view and download.
4. Click the Download button.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact your Lifetouch representative or call the local Lifetouch office. You can also contact Lifetouch Technical Support at 1-800-598-2466 or Inssfieldops@lifetouch.com.

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4th ANNUAL

COLORADO SKI TRIP

Registration for NDA's 4th Annual Ski Trip to Winter Park, Colorado (January 16-20th) is still open! If you're interested in skiing in Colorado, sign up using the link [HERE](#)! Please feel free to reach out to Ms. Dooling with any questions. There are currently only a few students signed up. **If we don't get at least 10 more students, the trip will be cancelled.**



PANDA SPIRIT WEAR!

BAMBOOTIQUE

Have you seen our NDA Camelback Water Bottles in the Bambootique? Take a look and shop online [HERE](#).



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/>)





HANDS-ON LEARNING

EXPLORING NETWORK STRUCTURES

In class today, Ms. Dooling's AP Computer Science students worked in groups to create computer networks using strings to represent connections between devices. Through hands-on challenges, they explored how different network structures impacted communication, navigating guidelines and making decisions on the best ways to connect. The unplugged activity helped students understand key concepts such as bandwidth, computing devices, and the flow of data within a network. By the end of the lesson, students identified paths between devices and justified their networking choices, setting the stage for deeper discussions on the societal and economic impacts of computer networks.



CONGRATULATIONS

AUDREY ROSE ACCEPTED INTO NKU YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA!

Congratulations to Junior NDA Band Member Audrey Rose. Audrey auditioned for the NKU Youth Symphony Orchestra over the weekend and was accepted into the Trombone section .

Audrey will be performing with this elite orchestra at NKU. In addition, she will be performing with our NDA/CCH Band at School.

Great job Audrey in proving yourself as one of the TOP trombone players in Northern Kentucky! We are so proud of you representing our NDA performing arts!

***The Band will be performing its halftime show with the dance pandas at various CCH Football and NDA Sporting Events. See you there!



SHADOW DAY

ST. JOSEPH'S 8TH GRADERS EXPERIENCE NDA LIFE

On September 10, 8th grade students from St. Joseph's School in Crescent Springs had the opportunity to experience "The NDA Life" during their shadow day, where they explored campus, participated in classes, and got a first-hand look at what it's like to be a Panda.



Read the Ballot Language

"The General Assembly may provide financial support for the education of students outside the system of common schools"

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>.

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
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SAVING LIVES
Close to Home Since 1938

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



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

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Volleyball completed a great week. They did lose a hard fought battle with Sacred Heart but came back with a decisive win over St. Henry in Playing for a Purpose! The team is off to a great start with a 11-1 record. Next week they return to Notre Dame to play St. Ursula at home. Several on the road games.

Soccer is off to a great start. They currently are 6-1-2. They tied both Sacred Heart and Fredrick Douglass; both are perpetual powerhouses. They are finishing up the Lexington Catholic Soccer Week. They return home to play Highlands on Sept. 21st.

Cross Country is off to another good start with 2 varsity teams competing last weekend in the Diocese Meet. One team finished first and our second team placed third. Our JV squad also brought home a second place finish too. They are off this weekend.

Golf is getting ready to head into the NKAC Championships next weekend, September 17.



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!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



PANDA PARENT CLUB

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

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

NDA COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE

The application for the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program is now available on the [KY GSP website!](#) Last week, current Juniors interested in the program met after school for an information session. That presentation and information about the application process has been posted in the Class of 2026 School Counseling Google Classroom which can be accessed by all Juniors at Notre Dame. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Slone at slonem@ndapandas.org





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.

WAY TO GO PANDAS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NAVIGO SCHOLARS



We want to recognize those students who applied and were accepted to one of the NaviGo Scholars Programs that help foster career information and mentoring for students in various fields. Here are the students that were accepted into the program:

Mental Health:

Maria Duisng, Camryn Peery, Lucy Kleman, Erin Piatt, and Michelle Roos

Business:

Ruth Maier, Erin Piatt and Kierstin Suedkamp

Law:

Juliana Von Wahlde Mendez and Jocelyn Shrontz

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.

SCHEDULED FOR NEXT FRIDAY

PRACTICE ACT AND CERT TESTING



This is a reminder that we will be testing next Friday, September 20. Freshmen and Sophomores will be taking the College Equipped Readiness Test (CERT) which is a practice ACT test. They will take this test again in the Spring to see growth. Juniors will take a paper practice test and it will be scored by Torch Prep (an ACT test prep company). They will take a real ACT during school hours on March 11th. The seniors will be having a presentation by Thrive regarding college safety and self defense. We will be dismissed close to 11:30 a.m. that day.

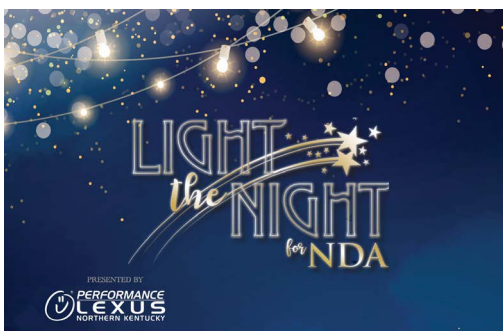
ADVANCING THE MISSION



Save The Date...
November 16
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
at The Grand
in Covington!

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for **NDA**

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

You're Invited!

Cocktail Hour | Dinner | Open Bar | Auction & Raffles



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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
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Party Hosted By:
Karen Kleman, Stephanie Lawrie, Meg Platt, Heather Ramsey, and Jen Yapp

RSVP here 





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

- YES on 2
- Hero Night

Important dates

September 12	Rosary in Chapel 7:45 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Shadow Day Alumnae Rosary 12:50 p.m. - All are welcome! Parent Mini Night 7:00 p.m.
September 13	Rosary in Chapel 8:45 a.m. Delayed Start - 9:00 a.m.
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 Panda Parent Club Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
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
October 14-16	Senior Retreat
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