

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you've had a chance to enjoy the beautiful fall weather that God has blessed us with this week. Taking in the beauty around us reminds us of the many blessings of creation and the world we share.

Last night, we celebrated our National Honor Society Induction, welcoming 96 students into this prestigious organization. This incredible number is a testament to the hard work, dedication and academic excellence of our students. Their commitment to their studies reflects the high standards of learning we strive to foster at NDA and we couldn't be more proud of their achievements.

This Friday marks the end of the first quarter. It's amazing to think that we're already a quarter of the way through the school year. To help our students succeed, we're offering additional Panda Prime Time (PPT) sessions at the mid-quarter and quarter's end. These extra sessions provide students with the opportunity to focus on areas where they need additional support. Over the next two weeks, two extra PPT sessions will be held to help both students and teachers prepare for the next quarter.

Last Friday, we also hosted our annual Club Orientation, where Student Council highlighted the many clubs and activities available to our students. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to explore their passions and find ways to get involved. I always encourage students to participate in co-curriculars, as it enriches their high school experience and helps them grow in so many ways.

As Parent-Teacher Conferences approach, I want to remind you to sign up through MyConferenceTime. These conferences are an important chance to discuss your daughter's progress and how we can best support her educational journey.

It's truly a privilege for all of us to work with your daughters each day. Thank you for trusting us and for partnering with us in our mission to educate young women to make a difference in the world.

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

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Mr. Jack VonHandorf





NOTRE DAME ACADEMY *Educating Women to Make a Difference*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope your daughters have had a wonderful start to the school year and are thriving as we near the end of the first quarter. I wanted to take a moment to update you on our ongoing presidential search. The process is well underway, and we are excited to announce that the search is now public.

Notre Dame Academy is seeking a visionary, mission-driven leader to serve as President. This individual will be dedicated to advancing Catholic education and will embody the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame. We are looking for someone with strong leadership skills, financial acumen and a commitment to fostering a transformative educational experience for our young women.

The search is being led by Michele Plessinger and Megan Meyer of Gilman Partners. If you have any questions or know someone who might be interested in this exciting opportunity, please feel free to reach out to them directly via email at **mplessinger@gilmanpartners.com** or **mmeyer@gilmanpartners.com**, referencing the position title and organization in the email header.

We are eager to find a leader who will build on NDA's legacy of excellence and guide us into the future. If you would like more information, please click on the link below.

Thank you for your continued support of NDA as we move through this important process.

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Jane Kleier Interim President/CCO

NDA PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH INFORMATION

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ATTENTION PARENTS

IS YOUR DAUGHTER IS ON TRACK WITH HER SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

As we near the end of the 1st guarter it would be good to check and see how your daughter is doing with her service requirement. You can find the full list of service requirements linked here. There are also lots of opportunities that are being called into the Campus Ministry Office. All students have access to this information by clicking the Upcoming Service Opportunities linked to the Padlet each week.



RETREAT BLESSINGS

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SENIORS

Please pray for our first group of seniors who will be making their retreat next week (October 14-16) that they will be open to finding new ways to encounter Christ and live out their call to holiness.

Alumnae Rosary



Upcoming Rosary Dates:

Thursday, October 10

November 14 at 12:50 p.m. December 12 at 12:50 p.m.

we will pray the rosary together in the Mary, Mother of the World Cl

ALL ARE WELCOME!

OPPORTUNITY FOR FAITH FORMATION ALUMNAE ROSARY

Join us this Thursday, October 10 for our monthly Alumnae Rosary at 12:50 p.m. in Alumnae! All are welcome!



AN EVENING OF FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP **GIRLS GONE HOLY NIGHT**

All NDA students are invited to attend our Girls Gone Holy evening of faith and fellowship on October 24 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. This is an evening of fellowship, discussion, and prayer. More information will be shared with the students in the coming week.

Student Life



CLUB ORIENTATION SHOWCASING OUR MANY CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

On Friday October 4, our Student Council students, under the direction of Ms. Hilbert and Ms. Meese, were able to showcase the 27 clubs and 11 activities offered to our students. Each club was showcased with a slide presentation, a video, or a live skit. The freshmen students were seated up front so that they would have an up close view of all that is offered to our students. The Student Council leaders introduced each club before the video or skit was shown. The students were able to see the wide range of activities and clubs offered from Pickleball Club to Textiles, from Entrepreneurship to UgaNDA PaNDAs, from Textiles Club to Global Health Advocates. The students were also told that we are always open to new ideas and open to adding clubs and activities to what we offer.



VOTE! VOTE!

TIME TO VOTE!!! LET'S HONOR OUR ATHLETES

Please be sure to vote for our Athlete of the Week. You can vote <u>here</u>! Please be sure to vote from your phones and vote once every hour.

Volleyball – The Pandas are 23-2 after picking up six wins over the week, including four sweeps to win the ASICS Challenge in Chicago.

Ava Tilden – The senior had 14 digs, eight kills and four aces in a win over Dixie Heights and was named to the ASICS Challenge all-tournament team as the Pandas swept four opponents in Chicago.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR DAY OFF FOR STUDENTS

This Friday, October 11, students will have the day off as our faculty and staff dedicate their time to a day of service, fully embracing our mission to make a meaningful impact in the world by serving others. Please be sure to mark your calendar!







CONGRATULATIONS

NDA WELCOMES 96 NEW MEMBERS TO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Last night, Notre Dame Academy proudly inducted 96 students into the National Honor Society (NHS), a testament to the hard work, dedication and academic excellence of our students. NHS, founded on the pillars of scholarship, leadership, service, and character, honors students who not only excel in the classroom but also demonstrate a strong commitment to personal integrity and community engagement. These students embody the values of NHS, striving to lead by example, serve those around them and uphold the highest standards of character.

We are fortunate to have Mrs. Lara Heidrich as the dedicated moderator for this esteemed group, guiding our students as they continue to make a positive impact both at NDA and in the wider community. Congratulations to all of our new inductees!



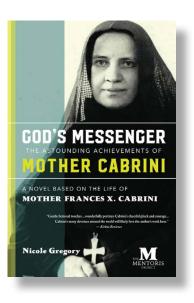


NDA TEACHER PUBLISHED IN THE EDUCATOR'S ROOM CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. BILL

We are thrilled to share that our very own Stacey Bill has been published in *The Educator's Room*, an online publication dedicated to innovative ideas in education. Her article, "Do You Want to Teach Empathy? Use Books in World Languages Classrooms", highlights the importance of empathy in learning and offers creative ways to foster it through world language education.

You can read Ms. Bill's insightful piece here: The Educator's Room.

We are proud of Ms. Bill's dedication to her professional development and her commitment to sharing her expertise with the broader educational community.



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A LOOK AHEAD COMMON READER AND FOOD TRUCK DAY

Two amazing NDA traditions will be combined once again this year. Mark your calendars for October 17 when we will hold our annual Common Reader Day in conjunction with the Student Council planned Fall Food Truck Day. Students should be sure to finish reading God's Messenger, The Astounding Achievements of Mother Cabrini. The English classes have enjoyed incorporating this common reader into their fall instructional plans.

The cafeteria will be open on October 17 and will serve pizza for those not interested in purchasing from the food trucks. We will be joined by Chicken Mac, Marty's Waffles, and Wildside Experience. If you are interested in ordering, please place your order before October 11 at 4 p.m. If you want to pay with cash, please email Ms. Hilbert or Mrs. Timmerding. Food Truck Order Form

SAVE THE DATE and NOTE EARLY DISMISSAL OCTOBER 22 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

We are pleased to announce that Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 22 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. via Zoom. This is a great opportunity to connect with your daughter's teachers and discuss her academic progress. Sign-up details are available through MyConferenceTime **HERE**. We look forward to meeting with you and working together to support your daughter's success.

Our students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. on October 22 so that our teachers can prepare for the conferences and be ready for their conferences to begin at 4:00 p.m.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED MOTHER/DAUGHTER DANCE!

Mark your calendars for November 22, our Mother / Daughter Event. We are considering something new this year rather than just a typical dance. Stay tuned for details! 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**.



QUARTER ENDING PPT IS A FOCUS!

Friday October 11 marks the end of the first quarter for our students and teachers. It is hard to believe that we are already a fourth of the way finished with this school year. This year at each mid quarter and end of the quarter, we are implementing additional Panda Prime Time so that students can work to get additional support if needed and focus on areas of concern or improvement. There will be two extra Panda Prime Times offered over the course of the next two weeks to provide students and teachers with this opportunity.

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS GRADUATION PREPARATION IS ALREADY UNDERWAY

On Monday, October 7, Herff Jones met with our senior students to discuss the ordering of their cap and gown and other products that might be of interest to them for graduation. The students submitted their measurements for the cap and gown (which have already been paid for) and received a packet of information for additional items that they might want to purchase. Graduation announcements, invitations, etc. are offered from Herff Jones so be sure to take a look at the packet your daughter received on Monday. Additional packets are available in the office. Herff Jones will return on Friday, October 25 during our lunch block so that students can place orders for additional items.



SAY CHEESE! PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Picture Retake Day is scheduled for this Friday, October 18.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 FRESHMAN HALLOWEEN DANCE

Get ready for a spooky night of fun! On Friday, October 11, we'll be hosting a Halloween Dance with the freshmen from Covington Catholic. Here are the details:

Time: 8:00-10:30 p.m. (Arrive by 8:30, and no one leaves before 10:00) Place: Upper level of The Gardens next to CCH Who: Only NDA and CCH freshmen (no other schools or grades) What: Wear your best costume (everyone does!), enjoy fun decorations, prizes, food, drinks, and a DJ!

Tickets are only \$5 (cash only) and must be purchased in advance. Mrs. Monohan will be selling tickets.



2026 FRANCE TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR EXCITING 2026 TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY TO FRANCE

Interested in traveling to France in 2026? Join us for an informational meeting on Thursday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m. to learn more about this exciting opportunity for students! Don't miss the chance to explore the details of this unforgettable trip.



CONGRATULATIONS NEWLY ELECTED FRESHMAN REPRESENTATIVES!

Last week, the newly elected freshman grade-level representatives attended their first student council meeting. They enjoyed getting to know the officers and eating some delicious cookie cake from junior Ella Nienaber.

Congratulations to the following ladies. We look forward to watching you grow into fantastic student leaders who will make a difference in our world!

Finleigh Anderson Emma Boyce Ashtyn Dirks Frances Maier Lauren Mba Erin Scheurle Adie Voelker



Notre Dame Academy Bambootíque

PANDA SPIRIT WEAR! BAMBOOTIQUE

There are many new items in the Bambootique! Take a look and shop online **HERE**.



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**.



SUPPORT SCHOOL CHOICE VOTE YES ON AMENDMENT 2 THIS NOVEMBER

Amendment 2 has the potential to remove financial and geographical barriers so that ALL Ky. parents can have the ability to choose the school that best fits the needs of their children.Visit https://covdio.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.

Let's continue to make a positive impact and help save even more lives in our community!



REPORTING ABSENCES ATTENDANCE POLICY

We have an attendance email for parents to call in a sick child or if a student is leaving early from school. Please use this email if your daughter is sick or needs to leave school early: **attendance@ndapandas.org**. Remember you can always call the school office with any questions 859-261-4300.



JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL PRESENTATION THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF PORNOGRAPHY ON YOUTH

The Diocese of Covington's Offices of Safe Environment and Catholic Schools invite all adults to a presentation by Dr. Mandy Sanchez, Director of Programming at Culture Reframed. Dr. Sanchez will address the crisis of pornography, its links to social media and gaming, and its harmful effects on children and families.

Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 Time: 6:00 PM (Doors open), 7:00 PM (Program begins) Location: St. Henry District High School, Drees Homes Auditorium Who: All adults (18+), pre-registration preferred: Registration Link

For more information, contact Julie Feinauer at jfeinauer@covdio.org.

Panda Student Discount

DRINK MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS IN OCTOBER

ONLY IN OCTOBER

SPECIAL STUDENT DISCOUNT

Exciting news! Reality Tuesday will be offering Notre Dame Academy students a 50% discount on drinks every Monday and Friday throughout the month of October. It's the perfect way to kick off and wrap up your week, so don't miss out on this great opportunity to grab your favorite drinks at half the price!

FINE ARTS



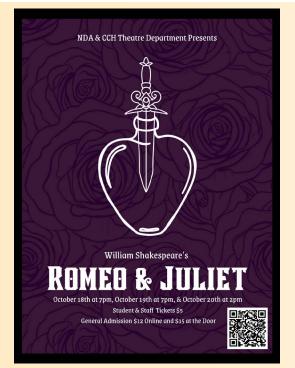
STUDENTS BRING SKELETONS TO LIFE IN CHARCOAL UNIQUE STILL LIFE CREATIONS

Our Art 2 students attempted a very still life of a skeleton. They did this using a viewfinder and the power of observation. They were to use black paper and both white and black charcoal in order to render out boney friend. They each chose an interesting angle and then added an object into their composition in order to tell a more interesting story of how the skeleton would interact with those objects and change the artwork's meaning through that symbol or relationship. If you would like to see their finished artworks they will be on display in Alumni Hall throughout the month of October, the spookiest month.









NDA AND CCH PRESENT SHAKESPEARE'S ROMEO AND JULIET

An age-old vendetta between two powerful families erupts into bloodshed. A group of masked Montagues risk further conflict by gate crashing a Capulet party. A young lovesick Romeo Montague falls instantly in love with Juliet Capulet, who is due to marry her father's choice, the Count Paris. With the help of Juliet's nurse, the women arrange for the couple to marry the next day, but Romeo's attempt to halt a street fight leads to the death of Juliet's own cousin, Tybalt, for which Romeo is banished. In a desperate attempt to be reunited with Romeo, Juliet follows the Friar's plot and fakes her own death. After a series of misfortunes and woe, the pair of star-crossed lovers take their lives.

> Friday, October 18 at 7 p.m. Saturday, October 19 at 7 p.m. Sunday, October 20 at 2 p.m.

BUY TICKETS HERE - \$5 student tickets

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Golf

The Season is complete for the team as they made it to the first round of the KHSAA State tournament again this year! Didi Jirdamkerng has qualified for the Final round of the KHSAA state tournament and will play this Thursday through Saturday at Bowling Green Country Club. Good Luck to Didi!

Cross Country

The team will be running the NKAC Conference Championship this weekend at Idlewild Park in Burlington, KY, hosted by St. Henry. They are busy preparing for the postseason

Soccer

Soccer enjoyed a 2 - 1 win over St. Henry on Saturday as they honored their Seniors. THe team is playing the District Tournament this week at Holmes HS with the Finals being held on Thursday!

Volleyball

Volleyball spent the weekend in Chicago and came home with the first pace trophy! They defeated teams from Florida, Illinois, Kentucky and Nebraska! The team will play Ursuline this Thursday at NDA.

Electronic Coupon Books

Student athletes are busy selling electronic coupon books. The books are \$25 and can be purchased online! We will have more information in next week's Panda Press!



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Reminder that Hall of Fame Nominations end on Oct. 31st. We will be announcing the date of the 2025 NDA Hall OF Fame Night soon! Stay tuned!

Please submit any nominations for our 2025 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony HERE by October 31.





COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES





What is it & how is your student using it?

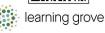
PARENTS/CAREGIVERS: Do you have a high school student or young adult trying to figure out their career and college options? Have you heard about YouScience, but aren't really sure what it is, and what it can offer? Students/young adults have the power to uncover their aptitudes and match with over 500 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.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 6-7:30PM Register* by scanning the QR Code by 9/14 --> *You must register to receive the meeting link. Questions? Email navigoalearning-grove.org







UNLOCKING CAREER POTENTIAL WITH YOUSCIENCE YOUSCIENCE VIRTUAL INFO SESSION

Notre Dame Academy utilizes YouScience, which is a one-of-a-kind career discovery profile designed to help students better understand their natural abilities, broaden awareness of career opportunities, and make more informed decisions about their individual pathway from school to career. Every NDA student has completed this assessment and has aptitude and career discovery resources available through their account available to view at any time. There is an online parent orientation on October 14th from 6-7:30 pm for parents to learn more about the platform and how to better support students in their career exploration. To register for the virtual event click <u>here</u>.



EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES APPLICATIONS FOR GSP, GSA AND GSE ARE NOW OPEN!

Students have received multiple communications about these programs, the applications and their deadlines. Please see each program's official website for details, tips and applications. All Juniors applying for GSP need to email Mrs. Slone at slonem@ndapandas.org.

Please visit this link for a quick reference chart describing each program and who is eligible to apply.



PARENTS - PLEASE READ ATTENTION SOPHOMORE AND SENIOR PARENTS

Information was emailed yesterday to Sophomore and Senior parents regarding the KIP Survey. In order for your daughter to participate we need parent permission. The data gathered from the KIP survey has provided NDA with valuable information which has guided our provided programming to students and parents. To provide your permission, please fill out the short google form with your name and your daughter's name by Wednesday, October 23. Please view the **parent letter**, **fact sheet**, and Google **permission form** at these links.



PARENTS - PLEASE READ GREEN DOT TRAINING



Last week, 14 sophomore, junior, and senior students attended our Green Dot Bystander Training where they learned more about what they can do when they see different forms of violence in our community. They also brainstormed ways they can spread green dots, or positive interactions, with community members.



PARENTS - PLEASE READ SAFE ENVIRONMENT/EMPOWERING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAININGS

Each school year the students will have 2 lessons (seniors only have one) presented in Religion classes that are part of the Empowering God's Children® age-appropriate comprehensive program through which we give children and youth the tools they need to protect themselves and know what to do if someone tries to violate their boundaries. The counselors will present this to the students in one of their classes. If any parent has questions, or does not want to have their daughter receive either of the two lessons this year, please email: **monohanc@ndapandas.org** by October 14.



TAKING CARE OF OUR PANDAS FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Family support groups will be starting soon for students here at NDA. Family Support Group is an opportunity for students who are challenged by a family divorce, separation or non-traditional family situation to meet with other individuals from similar families with the goal to clarify confusing issues, enhance communication skills, decrease loneliness, improve understanding and develop coping strategies.

Each grade level has its own separate group that meets five times a semester, on a rotating basis, with meetings being completely optional for students. Mrs. Slone, **slonem@ndapandas.org**, will run the freshmen and sophomore groups, and Mrs. Maggard, **maggarde@ndapandas.org** will run the junior and senior groups. Please reach out if you would like to refer your daughter or if you have any questions.



SECOND CHANCE

MISSED THE LAST PANDA PARENT CLUB MEETING?

If you were unable to attend last week's Panda Parent Club meeting, don't worry! You can catch up on everything discussed by accessing a copy of the meeting <u>HERE</u>. Stay connected and informed with all the latest updates from the Panda Parent Club!



DRUG FREE CLUB - JOIN TODAY! "MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE EASY"

Being a member of Drug Free Club means getting rewarded for living a drug free life. We rewarded everyone last Wednesday with popsicles and encouraged all students to join. Joining is easy - check out the link found <u>here</u> where you can sign up online. Freshmen are encouraged to sign up for all four years because not only does that make it easier after the first year, it also gives you a discount of your senior year being FREE! For any questions about how Drug Free Club works at NDA please reach out to counselor Erin Maggard at <u>maggarde@ndapandas.org</u>.

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.



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:

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.

* PLEASE NOTE: These meetings are for parents only. Students will get this information via Drug Free Club and other education initiatives through DFC throughout the year.

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!



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

NDA's counselors have put together some very useful tools for our parents <u>HERE</u>.

ADVANCING THE MISSION



JOIN US LIGHT THE NIGHT: NDA'S LARGEST FUNDRAISER ON NOVEMBER 16TH

You're invited to join us for Light the Night for NDA on November 16 at The Grand in Covington, our largest fundraising benefiting Notre Dame Academy.

You can support the evening by attending, bidding on auction items, sponsoring the event, donating to the event (Venmo: @NotreDame-Academy) or purchasing from our Amazon Wish List—just in time for the end of Prime Day on October 9!

Every contribution helps enhance our students' experience and advances the mission of NDA.

Notre Dame Academy







sharing our Community News

You can find a complete list of community news. HERE.

- St. Tim's Mission Trip
- YES on 2
- Hero Night

Important dates

October 9	Super Day
October 10	Alumnae Rosary 12:47 - ALL ARE WELCOME!
October 11	NO SCHOOL - PD -Faculty/Staff Service project
	NDA/CCH Frosh Halloween Dance
October 14-16	Senior Retreat
October 17	Common Reader Day
October 18	Picture Re-Take Day
October 18-20	Romeo and Juliet
October 22	Parent/Teacher Conferences via Zoom
	NDA Information Night for Potential students
October 23	Alumnae Coffee Shop
October 25	Graduate Services - Senior Meeting
October 29	Senior College/Career Visit OR ACT
November 1	NO SCHOOL - All Saints' Day
November 5	NO SCHOOL - Election Day
November 8	Remembrance Mass
	Showcase Auditions
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