

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we continue to enjoy this beautiful fall season, we have much to celebrate and reflect upon here at NDA. Last Thursday we celebrated our annual Common Reader Day, focusing on the incredible life and impact of St. Frances Cabrini. The day was filled with opportunities for our students to learn, reflect and engage with Cabrini's legacy of service to others. Through homeroom discussions, the viewing of the film *Cabrini*, and a meaningful talk from Ms. Julia Attaway, Executive Director of the St. Frances Cabrini Shrine, our students were reminded of the profound difference one person can make in the world. We are grateful to everyone who helped make this day possible, especially Sister Anita Marie, who shared her personal experiences of mission work in Uganda and the sacrifices involved in serving others.

Our students performed Romeo and Juliet this past weekend and I want to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work they put into the production. Their efforts were clear on stage and it was a solid representation of the dedication our Fine Arts students have. It was good to see their talent come together for the performance.

I invite you to mark your calendars for our Buenger Sports Complex Upgrade Dedication this Tuesday, October 29 at 12:45 p.m. We are excited to celebrate the completion of this project and will be praying the rosary as a school community on the newly upgraded track, asking for the Blessed Mother's protection over our student-athletes and all those involved in athletics at NDA.

You're invited to *Light the Night for NDA* on November 16 at The Grand in Covington. This is our largest fundraising event of the year, and your participation can make a huge difference. Whether you attend, bid on auction items or sponsor the event, every contribution directly benefits our students and helps advance Notre Dame Academy's mission. We're excited to see you there and appreciate your support in making this a memorable evening.

Thank you for your continued trust and support as we work together to provide an exceptional education and experience for your daughters.

Have a wonderful week!

In Notre Dame.

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Invites you to join us for the Dedication of the

Buenger Sports Complex Upgrade

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 12:45 p.m.

We invite you to join us for a special dedication ceremony celebrating the completion of the Buenger Sports Complex upgrade. In honor of the Blessed Mother's protection over our athletes and the broader NDA community, the ceremony will include praying a Rosary, led by the student body, as they process around the newly resurfaced track.

This meaningful tradition reflects our commitment to faith, community and the ongoing development of our student-athletes.



R.S.V.P. HERE

CAMPUS MINISTRY

GIRLS GONE Holy

AN EVENING OF FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

GIRLS GONE HOLY EVENT

Girls Gone Holy will take place on Thursday, October 24 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Alumnae Hall. This is an evening of fellowship, faith and worship. Students will have the opportunity to ask our chaplain, Fr. Kunath, questions about the Catholic teachings on evil spirits, ghosts, and other "spooky" topics while building community. We will end our evening in prayer and adoration in the chapel. Students that attend will also have the opportunity to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All NDA students are welcome to join.



FAMILY NEWS

ST. JOAN OF ARC FAMILY ROSARY

This Friday, October 25, at 12:47 p.m., the Notre Dame Academy community will gather to pray the Rosary in honor of St. Joan of Arc. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to come together in faith, seeking strength, courage, and guidance through prayer.



JOIN US

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

We will offer a decade of the rosary in our *Mary, Mother of the World* Chapel Thursday morning at 7:45 a.m.

Also, we will celebrate Mass this Friday, October 25 at 7:20 a.m. in the chapel. All are welcome to join us!

Student Life



2024 COMMON READER DAY

CELEBRATING THE IMPACT OF MOTHER CABRINI

On Thursday October 17 we celebrated our Common Reader Text: God's Messenger, The Astounding Achievements of Mother Cabrini. Mother Cabrini's life was dedicated to serving others. She helped to build schools, hospitals, and orphanages to care for the children of immigrants. Her passion of helping those in need to have a fresh start when building a life in a new country earned her the title of Patron Saint of Immigrants. She dedicated her life to enriching the lives of others through education and healthcare and never backed down to corrupt officials working against her mission.

Our students were engaged in various activities throughout the day to allow them to reflect on the life and work of Mother Cabrini. They participated in many discussions in their homerooms, watched the movie: Cabrini, played a game related to the challenges of language barriers, and got to gain insight from a guest speaker and our very own Sister Anita Marie. Sister Anita Marie shared her experience based on her mission work in Uganda. She spoke to the students regarding the sacrifice that missionary work entails and the treasures of life that are given up by those who commit to doing work for others. The students also got to hear from Ms. Julia Attaway who is the Executive Director of the St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in New York City. Julia worked previously as a freelance writer, editor, and marketer along with raising five children.nShe became passionate about the work of Mother Cabrini and soon that took over her life. She now spends days speaking to pilgrimage groups, writing devotions, and developing new exhibits. Her goal is to understand how we can draw closer to Jesus by learning about Mother Cabrini and asking for her intercession.

We thank Mr. VonHandorf, Mrs. Proudfit, Mrs. Lashua, Mrs. Price, Sister Maria Francine and Sister Anita Marie for dedicating so much time and energy into the planning of this day and enlightening us with the work and passion of a beloved Saint. Our theme this year encompasses the work and accomplishments of Mother Cabrini - she loved God, she loved and cared for others and she helped to change the world. May our girls know of the power of their actions, their passions and work to live out the NDA mission by becoming "women making a difference in our world."



EXTRA FUN

FOOD TRUCK DELICIOUSNESS

In conjunction with our Common Reader Day, our students were also offered the opportunity to purchase lunch from various food trucks. Chicken Mac, Marty's Waffles, and Wildside Experience offered our students many delicious options to add a bit more fun to our day. The cafeteria offered pizza to those who did not want to participate, so there was a plethora of choices for our students. Thank you to Ms. Hilbert, Ms. Meese and our Student Council for offering this fun and unique experience to our students.



PLEASE NOTE...

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- On Tuesday, October 29, we will celebrate the conclusion of the upgrades to our track and field complex. We will have a dedication of the Buenger Sports Complex in the afternoon in conjunction with an all school rosary service. All are welcome to join us!
- On November 1, NDA will be closed to celebrate All Saints and All Souls Day.
- · On November 5, NDA will be closed due to Election Day.

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

TIME TO VOTE!!!

LET'S HONOR OUR ATHLETES

Please be sure to vote for our Athletes of the Week. You can vote here!
Please be sure to vote from your phones and vote once every hour.

- Maya Tully She had two goals and two assists in a 6-0 win over St. Henry in the Ninth Region Tournament.
- Julia Grace She led the Pandas to a five-set win over Assumption with 44 digs, two assists and two aces, then had 15 digs and three assists in a sweep of Conner.



THANK YOU!

LOVE THE TIMMERDING FAMILY

Words will never adequately express what the Notre Dame Academy community, faculty, and staff mean to us. Thank you for showering us with love, compassion, grace and kind gestures over the past few months. Throughout the journey of losing Sean, we have continuously been uplifted by the work of others which we know is the work of God.

September 13 is a day we will never forget as we celebrated the life of someone so special to us joined by so many from this incredible community. Thank you to the students, faculty and staff who joined us to celebrate the life of Sean. Thank you to Mr. VonHandorf, Mrs. Proudfit and Mrs. Kleier who rallied the students together to show support for both Lydia and Lisa. The pictures of the girls dressed in gray supporting the cause of "Go Gray for Brain Cancer," the pictures of the girls praying the rosary for our family, and the uplifting message will forever be remembered by the Timmerding family.

Finally, thank you to the administration, faculty, staff and community for generously taking care of us with a monetary gift that took our breath away. Due to your kindness and love, we can extend our gratitude to the staff of St. Elizabeth Hospice who took such great care of Sean in the facility for so long. Most importantly, thank you for reminding us of the bible verse, "Be strong, be brave, be fearless. You are never alone." Joshua 1:9

- Love, the Timmerding Family

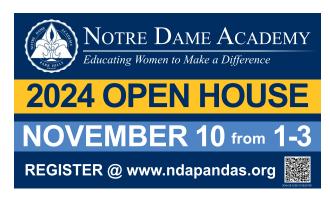
GET YOUR GAME FACE ON!

ANNUAL MOTHER DAUGHTER EVENT

NDA's 2024 Mother Daughter Event is just around the corner and it's a night you won't want to miss! This year we are inviting you to "come on down" for a Mother / Daughter Game Off on Friday, November 22 from 7-11 p.m. right here at NDA. Tickets are only \$25 per person and are now available **HERE**. Secure your spot by Friday, November 15. What's in store for this exciting evening?

- · Delicious dinner
- · Indulgent dessert and candy bar
- A chance to show your competitive side
- · Memories captured at our photo booths
- A concluding game where the winner from each grade level will face off in a challenge similar to a popular game show
- A dance party
- Raffle baskets and prizes





OPEN HOUSE YARD SIGNS

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

NDA's Open House is scheduled for Sunday, November 10 from 1 - 3 p.m. Please help us spread the word by putting a yard sign at your home and/or place of business. Yard signs will be available in the school office. You can pick one up during school hours, have your daughter bring one home, or grab one as you drive through the car line at drop off or pick up. Mr. Lonnemann will be happy to deliver the sign to your car!



PACKING OVER 1,400 ORNAMENTS

LIFE CLUB VOLUNTEERS CONTINUE 25-YEAR TRADITION OF SERVICE AT ST. ELIZABETH HOSPICE

Some volunteers from the LIFE club along with some volunteers from CCH went to St. Elizabeth Hospice yesterday to help pack Christmas ornaments for patients' families. With about 20 volunteers, we readied over 1400 ornaments for mailing yesterday. This service project is a longstanding tradition for over 25 years between NDA and St. Elizabeth Hospice, and we are proud to continue the tradition each year.



BAMBOOTIQUE

PANDA SPIRIT WEAR!

There are a couple of special items on sale in the Bambootique thsi week:



Paw Print Crew Sweatshirts

Also, get your NDA Halloween shirt online **HERE**.



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.





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**.

Schedule Donation hoxworth.org | (513) 451-0910 f y in p



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!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

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 or see the flyer **here**.



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!

VOTE YES ON AMENDMENT 2 THIS NOVEMBER

Amendment 2 will result in greater investment in education and WITHOUT taking funds from Kentucky's public school system Visit https://covdio.org/YesOnTwo.





WHAT AMENDMENT 2 DOES



Enable the General Assembly to provide increased resources for additional education opportunities in local communities



Encourage healthy competition in education, improving quality and outcomes for students in public, private, and homeschool



Create an opportunity for the legislature to consider school choice policies that will work best for Kentucky families



Empower more families to seek education opportunities that more closely align with their own values and beliefs



Recognize the shortfalls of a one-size-fits-all approach to education by encouraging innovation and choice for the good of students

WHAT AMENDMENT 2 DOES NOT DO



Eliminate the General Assembly's constitutional obligation to adequately fund public schools or take money away from individual counties or rural schools



Close any public schools in the Commonwealth or decrease teacher pay



Require the state to adopt a certain type of school choice program



Increase government control or regulation over homeschool or private school instruction



Require parents or private schools to accept school choice resources

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EVERY STATE surrounding **KY** has a school choice program.



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT







Purchase a \$25 NDA DIGITAL CARD Don't miss out on some great deals at local restaurants, boutiques, golf courses etc..

Please Scan the QR code below to purchase

Kenton County Golf course: BOGO free greens fee any day of the week & BOGO RANGE BUCKET

UK Golf Club: BOGO free greens fee any day of the week AND BOGO RANGE BUCKET

Stephens Golf Center - \$5 off \$20 or

World of Golf: BOGO free bucket of

halls (10 offers)

<u>Erlanger Putt Putt:</u> BOGO game (must be used by the same player. Good for up to 6 players. Can be used once a day

Local Restaurants:

Barleycorn's
Better Blend - Ft Mitchell,
Florence & Cold Spring
(12 offers \$1.00 off)
Biggby Coffee
(\$1 off speciatty coffee
every day!)
Sis's on Monmouth
Longnecks Izzy's Poseidons Pizza Peace Love and Donuts Guthries

(Newport) Pixie Sweets

Glamour Nails & Spa III & V Elle Skin & Beauty Co. Lauren's Lashes & Makeup

Local Boutiques

Bunches of bows

Frame and Hang Seasonal Bliss

Montgomery Boutique
Downtown Girl NDA Alum

Washington Square Highland Square Padrino Italian Restaurant Boomtown Riscuits Bender's Pub Grub Honey Hole (Alexandria) Sub Station II Blind Squirrel Miss Shirley's Bakery Papa John's (Cold Spring) Avenue Brew (Bellevue) The Coffee Bean

Pretzel Place (Bellevue)

COU E CONTROL NO.

McHales CLeaning owned by Cov Cath Alum Alex Schneider & Cole Hicks

Swan Florist - NDA Alums

D1 TRAINING

Johnny's Carwash Erlanger Batting Cages Bailey's Carwash ABBY'S CHARCUETERIE

FROM THE DESK OF THE

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Soccer

Soccer saw its season end last week with a tough 1 - 0 toss to Conner in the second round of the Region tournament. We congratulate them on another great season and we want to say thank you and how proud we are of our seniors!

Cross Country

Cross Country is now in the postseason and will be racing in the Region meet this weekend at Williamstown. We wish them well!

Volleyball

Volleyball takes on Beechwood tonight for the finals of the District Championship. They will play in the Region on Sunday, October 27 at St. Henry. We wish them well!

Winter Sports are in full swing now! Basketball, Archery, Swimming and Diving and Bowling. Look for schedules to be uploaded to the website under athletic teams soon!

Electronic Coupon Books

Looking for. a little pick me up for a friend or a fun Holiday Gift for some local friends? Purchase a \$25 discount card today! The card is good until 12/31/2025 and it is electronic so you will never forget to have it with you as long as you have your cell phone! Use the below QR code to purchase and you can help support our Athletic Department!



NOMINATION TIME

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Reminder that Hall of Fame Nominations end on October 31. 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.

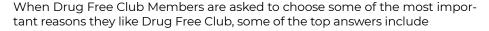
COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



SIGN UP NOW!

DRUG FREE CLUB

Drug Free Club - Sign up Now - Time is Running Out!



- 1. It looks good on a college application
- 2. It makes parents/guardians proud
- 3. It shows what I stand for and allows me to be a role model. Signing up to be a member will close at the end of October, so if your daughter still needs to join, use **this link here** to help her enroll.



Drug Free Clubs

DIOCESAN CAREER FAIR AT THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS EXPLORE CAREER PATHS AND NETWORK WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Thomas More University hosted a Diocesan Career Fair for Diocesan high school seniors to network with community partners, learn about their best fit careers through breakout sessions and table fair conversations, and envision how they can contribute to their community in the future. Students were able to explore Thomas More's campus and see the new Robert W. Plaster College of Business building.



PARENTS - PLEASE READ

REMINDER TO SENIOR AND SOPHOMORE PARENTS

Earlier in October information was emailed to Sophomore and Senior parents regarding the KIP Survey. If you have filled out the permission form already, we thank you. If you haven't had the opportunity to do so yet, we encourage you to complete this soon. 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/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

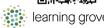
powerful tool that can help students determine their future career goals by taking out the guess work.

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, NOVEMBER 14th, 6-7:30PM Register* by scanning the QR Code by 5pm 11/14 ---*You must register to receive the meeting link. Questions? Email navigoelearning-grove.org







STAY INFORMED WITH THE PPC

YOU SCIENCE PARENT INFO SESSION

When: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 6-7:30 p.m.

Our NDA students have accounts and have completed the You Science career and college online program. For information about how to help use this information with your student and to register for a session, please scan the code on the graphic to the left.



PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

NDA COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE

CLICK HERE for a list of college visits specifically for NDA students/ families. The visits are in the hallway outside the cafeteria. All students are welcome to visit the reps.



JOIN 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.



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.

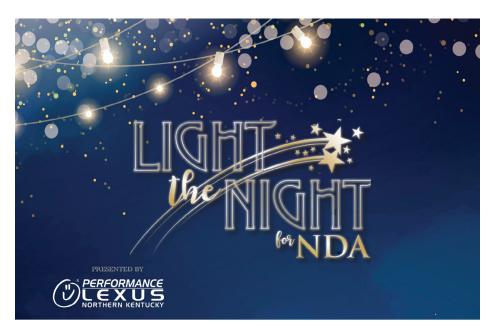
We want to hear more from you about topics you, as a parent, would be interested in learning more about. Please complete the brief survey **HERE** to help us better support you!



PANDA

PARENT

ADVANCING THE MISSION



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

You're Invited!

Cocktail Hour | Dinner | Open Bar | Auction & Raffles

JOIN US

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

You're invited to join us for *Light the Night for NDA* on November 16 at The Grand in Covington, our largest fundraising benefitting Notre Dame Academy. You can support the evening by attending, bidding on auction items, or sponsoring the event. Every contribution helps enhance our students' experience and advances the mission of NDA.

Early bird pricing for *Light the Night for NDA* ends on **October 31**. Don't miss out on the chance to attend!

Get your tickets now before prices go up! We can't wait to see you there!

Purchase tickets **HERE!**



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 24 Rosary in Chapel 7:20 a.m.

Girls Gone Holy 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

October 25 Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. - All are welcome!

Graduate Services - Senior Meeting

St. Joan of Arc Family Rosary 12:47 p.m.

October 29 Buenger Sports Complex Upgrade Dedication 12:45 p.m.

Senior College/Career Visit OR ACT

November 1 NO SCHOOL - All Saints' Day

November 5 NO SCHOOL - Election Day

November 6-8 Showcase Auditions- Theatre

November 8 Remembrance Mass

Showcase Auditions

November 10 Open House

November 10 - 22 Can Food Drive

November 15 Mid-Quarter

November 16 HSPT Prep Classes

Light the Night for NDA at The Grand in Covington

November 18-20 Senior Retreat #2

November 27 NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day

November 28-29 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

December 1 Junior Advent Retreat - Alumnae Hall

December 23 NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break begins

January 6 School Resumes

January 20 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day