



THE *nda* LIFE

## Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am truly grateful for the way our students are embracing the call to *Love God, Love Others, and Change the World* this school year. Their dedication to faith and service has been inspiring, and I am excited to share some wonderful updates with you.

This Saturday marks our largest fundraiser of the year and we are thrilled to announce that it is officially sold out! This success wouldn't be possible without the enthusiastic support of our NDA families, and we are incredibly grateful. If you couldn't secure a ticket, there are still ways to support this important event, which you can find on the following page.

We also have exciting news to celebrate: NDA has been named to the 2024 AP® School Honor Roll. This achievement reflects our commitment to expanding access to college-level coursework and preparing our students for success. NDA is one of 5,061 schools recognized nationwide for providing more students with Advanced Placement opportunities. This honor is a testament to the hard work of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and our commitment to creating a culture of college readiness.

In November, a time when we traditionally remember our loved ones who have passed, our community gathered for a beautiful Remembrance Mass to honor those who have gone before us. As we reflect on our blessings this month, we are grateful for our NDA community and the values that unite us.

Our mission is clear: to educate young women to make a difference in the world. As St. Julie reminds us, "Great souls are needed." We strive to help each student become a "great soul," teaching them that caring for their own souls and the souls of others is a core responsibility. Our students show they understand this through their enthusiastic service to the community, reflecting Christ's light and goodness in the world.

Thank you for your continued support of Notre Dame Academy!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



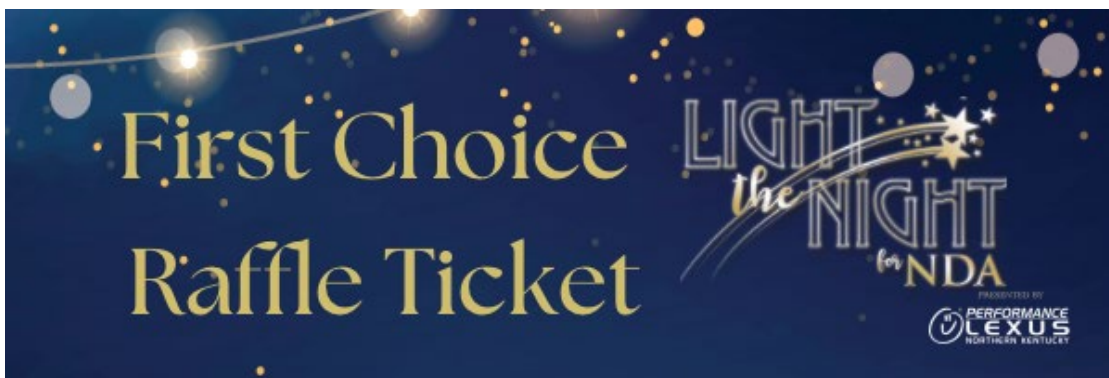
# ADVANCING THE MISSION

BID HIGH, BID OFTEN

## LIGHT THE NIGHT - SOLD OUT YOU CAN STILL PARTICIPATE!

Light the Night for NDA is Saturday and we are so excited for this SOLD OUT event!

We invite you to support this event through the raffles, silent auction and our First Choice raffle tickets. We only sell 100 First Choice chances and the winner gets their pick of any silent auction item before the event!



PURCHASE FIRST CHOICE RAFFLE TICKETS [HERE](#).



PURCHASE FIRST CHOICE RAFFLE TICKETS [HERE](#).



BID ON SILENT AUCTION [HERE](#).

# CAMPUS MINISTRY



## CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

### UPCOMING MASSES IN OUR CHAPEL

We invite you to join us for Mass on Friday, November 22, at 7:20 a.m. in our *Mary, Mother of the World* Chapel. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith and prayer as a community. All are welcome!



## GROWING IN FAITH

### SENIOR RETREAT PRAYERS

Please keep our second group of seniors in your prayers as they make their retreat next week, November 18 through 20. This is a special time for our students to reflect, grow in faith, and connect with one another. Let us join together in support and prayer for their journey.



## HOLIDAY SEASON

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The holiday season brings many opportunities to give back and support our community. Be sure to check out the upcoming [service opportunities](#) shared with our Campus Ministry Office. This is a wonderful time to lend a helping hand and make a difference during this season of giving. For more details, reach out to Campus Ministry and see how you can get involved!



# Student Life



## DELICIOUS NEWS! 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](#).

## ATTENTION SOPHOMORES AND SENIORS CLASS RINGS AND GRADUATION ITEMS

Herff Jones will meet with the Sophomores on Friday, November 15, during Homeroom to explain the class rings and hand out ordering packets. On Tuesday November 19 from 3-7 p.m., Herff Jones will be in the front foyer to answer any questions that parents may have about the class rings and to take orders. Herff Jones will be here on Wednesday November 20, during lunch to take any remaining ring order and orders for Graduation items (announcements, stationary etc). That will be the last day to order rings through Herff Jones.

PLEASE NOTE!



## ATTENTION JUNIOR AND SENIOR PARENTS AFTER PROM - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in helping plan and supervise After Prom this year, please reach out to Lisa Timmerding at [timmerdingl@ndapandas.org](mailto:timmerdingl@ndapandas.org). The After Prom has traditionally been held from 11:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. at NKU in their Health Center. In order for this event to be a success, we will need many parent volunteers. Please reach out to Mrs. Timmerding if you are interested. Thank you in advance for your help!

VOTE!  
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## 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.

- Julia Grace, Notre Dame – Named Kentucky's defensive player of the year, she was named to the all-tournament team after helping lead the Pandas to the KHSAA state semifinal game against Assumption with 19 digs.





## QUILT SHOW TEXTILES TIME TO SHINE



Mark your calendars for this year's Quilt Show. Our students in Textiles are working hard to create masterpiece quilts showcasing their creativity, talent, and style. Be sure to come to Alumnae Hall during the week of 12/11 - 12/13 to check them out.

The official Quilt Show for Textiles is planned for Wednesday 12/11 (to coincide with the choral concert), but the quilts will be on display for that week as well.





NDA PRESENTS

# CAN THE CRU & BEAT THE BREDS

PROCEEDS GO TO SAINT  
VINCENT DE PAUL



## WHAT WE NEED?

- PEANUT BUTTER
- CANNED VEGETABLES (PEAS, CORN, MIXED VEGGIES, GREEN BEANS, CARROTS)
- CANNED FRUITS
- CANNED BEANS
- CEREAL AND OTHER BREAKFAST ITEMS LIKE POP-TARTS, OATMEAL, GRANOLA BARS
- SOUP
- SIDES LIKE RICE-A-RONI, NOODLES, KNORR SIDES, ETC.
- MAC AND CHEESE
- INSTANT/CANNED POTATOES
- CANNED TOMATO SAUCE, PASTE, DICED TOMATOES
- PASTA AND PASTA SAUCE
- CANNED PASTA (RAVIOLI, SPAGHETTI RINGS, ETC)
- CANNED MEATS SUCH AS TUNA, CHICKEN, CHILI, SLOPPY JOE, ETC.

**Nov. 11th-22nd**

## DOUBLE COMPETITION THIS YEAR CAN THE CRU AND BEAT THE BREDS

For the annual Canned Food Drive, we will be competing against both St. Henry and Newport Central Catholic. We will calculate the average number of cans turned in per student to determine the winning school. The losing school will have a consequence such as doing a cheer at a basketball game hosted by the winning team, singing the winning team's school song, etc. The drive will begin on November 11 and run until November 22. Our Family Leaders and Student Council will work collaboratively to run this event and it will also be used as a family competition as well. See the flyer for more details, especially the incentives that will be offered.



### DANCE ALERT

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

The Freshmen Semi-Formal Dance (put on by our Drug Free Club) will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 8-11 p.m. at NDA. This dance is exclusively for freshmen and their guests. It is offered to both NDA and CCH students, however freshmen girls can bring someone from another school as their guest if they wish (the guest must also be a freshmen).

The annual Silver Bells Dance will be held on Saturday, December 14 from 8-11 p.m. at the Newport Car Barn. The theme for this dance is "Christmas in NYC." Details about both dances and the dress code requirements were shared with students on Monday. Parents, be sure to talk to your daughter about the acceptable dance attire. An email to parents and guardians will be sent out with regard to the specifics that were shared with the students about the dances. Please watch for that email that will also include the link to purchase tickets.

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



**MOTHER, DAUGHTER  
GAME OFF**

**CHICK, CHAT, CHALLENGE**

**GAMES INCLUDING:  
CORNHOLE, PICKLEBALL, FAMILY TIES  
TRIVIA, Pictionary, BASKETBALL,  
HUNGRY HUNGRY HIPPO, DIRECTIONAL  
DILEMMA, MITTENS AND KISSES, LET'S  
MAKE A DEAL, AND MORE  
DINNER AND DANCING AS WELL!!**

**SAVE THE DATE: 11/22 FROM 7 - 10:30 AT NDA**  
**REGISTER [HERE!!!](#)**

We are also in need of some help and additional items to make this event a success. We have a small committee of mothers working hard to plan this amazing event; if you can lend us a hand at donating an item or volunteering to help in some capacity, we would greatly appreciate it. We are in GREAT need of volunteers (like dads and college students) to help run the various stations that we plan to offer. **Please see the Sign Up Genius [linked here](#) to see how you can help.**





## EYE-OPENING EXPLORATION

# ANATOMY STUDENTS EXPLORE EYE ANATOMY

Students in Ms. Meese's Anatomy and Physiology class dissected cow eyeballs last week in order to learn about different tissues found in the body, how they are structured and how their structure allows for them to do unique functions. The lab activity allowed the students to explore the intricate layers of the eye, such as the cornea, lens, and retina providing a hands-on experience to help students make connections to what they had previously studied in class.



## FANTASTIC FINISH

# JOSIE BOZEMAN RIDES TO SUCCESS IN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

We're excited to share that senior Josie Bozeman recently raced her final cross-country mountain bike race, securing an impressive second-place finish overall in the state! Josie's dedication and hard work have truly paid off, and she enjoyed every moment of the race and the senior festivities this weekend. Although her fellow NDA teammates, Hope and Annie Dierker, were unable to compete due to injury, Josie represented NDA with pride and determination. Congratulations, Josie, on a fantastic finish!







## HIT THE SLOPES WITH NDA'S SKI CLUB DISCOUNTED PNS PASSES AVAILABLE THROUGH DECEMBER 1

**Purchase a PNS** pass today! Pricing is 20% off through December 1st so don't wait to purchase your pass and miss out on the discount. You don't have to be an NDA student to take advantage of this discount, families and friends are welcome to purchase passes using our club login.

**Username: notredame**

**Password: panda**



NDA's Ski Club will be skiing as a group at Perfect North on January 9, 23, 30 and February 6 (weather dependent). Please note we are not skiing as a group on January 16 as those going on the Colorado Ski Trip will be flying to Denver that day.

If you need a ride from NDA to PNS (and back to NDA), [here](#) is the form to purchase a bus pass. We will depart from school at 3:15 p.m. and return to school by 8:30 p.m.. Email Ms. Dooling at [doolingm@ndapandas.org](mailto:doolingm@ndapandas.org) with any questions.



## START YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT NDA'S BAMBOOTIQUE

Looking for the perfect Christmas gifts? Start your holiday shopping at NDA's Bambootique! We have all sorts of festive goodies, like our Christmas Cookie and Mug Set or our popular Christmas Panda T-shirt. Whether you're shopping for family, friends or something special for yourself, the Bambootique has a great selection of gifts to make your holiday season extra cheerful. Stop by and see what's new or shop at the online Bambootique! [HERE](#)

The spirit shop holiday hours are: Monday thru Friday: 7:00 to 1:00  
The shop will be open on the following Saturdays from 9:00 to 12:00:  
November 16, 23 and December 7, 14, and 21.

**PLEASE NOTE!**

## 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](mailto:attendance@ndapandas.org). Remember you can always call the school office with any questions 859-261-4300.

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



## FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

### **VOLLEYBALL**

Congratulations to our Volleyball team on another successful year. We are proud of them, even though the season ended in the semifinal round at State. Congratulations to Julia Grace and Audrey Dyas for being named to the KHSAA State Volleyball All Tournament Team. Additionally Ava Tilden and Julia Grace received KVCA 1st team All-State Honors, while Julia was also named the Defensive Player of the year.



### **BOWLING**

Bowling is off to a good start. They will be competing this Thursday against Conner at Erlanger Strikes and Spares and again this weekend in the Holy Cross Tournament at Bellwood.



### **SWIMMING**

Swimming is off and running. They had a great meet last week and are back in action this weekend at Keating Natatorium on Saturday.

### **BASKETBALL**

Basketball kicks off its season with their first scrimmage at Henry Clay high School.



### **GARAGE SALE!**

Mark your calendars Friday Nov. 22nd from 3:00 - 4:00 and Saturday Nov. 23rd from 9:00 - 12:00, we are having a garage sale! Old jerseys and t-shirts are being sold for \$5/piece. Additionally, old desks are also being sold at the same time! See you in the gymnasium!



# 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:

**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!

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.



**PANDA  
PARENT  
CLUB**

**COLLEGE  
REP VISITS**



## CONGRATULATIONS! BEST AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the Best Awards Winners for this last quarter. These students were nominated by multiple teachers as hard workers in the classroom as well as embracing the NDA mission. The following are the winners:

Freshman Hannah Dettmer

Sophomore Sophia Iannarelli

Junior Abbey Hollenkamp

Senior Josie Bozeman



## WAY TO GO! NAVIGO HEALTHCARE CAREERS

Congratulations to Camryn Peery, Faith Bent, Ella Goetz, Lucie Kiely, Adilynn Melton, Michelle Ross, Ava Tilden and Erin Piatt for being selected to participate in the St. Elizabeth NaviGo Healthcare Careers in a Day program! On November 16, students will engage in problem-based learning by collaborating with healthcare workers and analyzing case studies that reflect real-world patient experiences in the healthcare field at the St. Elizabeth training and education center. These students were chosen due to their passion for helping others, compassion and dedication, interest in Math and Science, strong communication skills, and focus on outcomes and attention to detail. Great job making a difference in the world!

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.

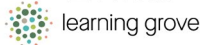
**Did you know that many school districts in NKY are already offering this incredible tool to students?!** Join us for a **FREE virtual info session** to find out what YouScience is and how it can help your student/young adult.

**THURSDAY, 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 [navigo@learning-grove.org](mailto:navigo@learning-grove.org)



## DISCOVERING YOUSCIENCE HELPING STUDENTS FIND THEIR FUTURE

Do you have a high school student or young adult exploring career and college options? Join us for a free virtual info session on YouScience, an innovative tool that helps students uncover their unique aptitudes and identify over 500 potential career pathways that align with their strengths and interests.

This YouScience Info Session offering will take place on Thursday, November 14, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Many NKY schools are already offering this incredible resource, and this session is an excellent opportunity to learn how it can benefit your student. To join, scan the QR code to register by 5 p.m. on November 14.

Questions? Contact [navigo@learning-grove.org](mailto:navigo@learning-grove.org) for more details.





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

- St. Tim's Mission Trip
- Hero Night

## Important dates

November 14	Students wear sweatpants for \$3 or 3 cans Alumnae Rosary 12:47 p.m.
November 10 - 22	Can Food Drive
November 15	Mid-Quarter Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
November 16	HSPT Prep Classes Light the Night for NDA at The Grand in Covington
November 18-20	Senior Retreat #2
November 21	Dress down day for \$5 or 5 cans Panda Parent Club Speaker - Suicide Prevention - Alumnae Hall
November 22	Mother /Daughter Event at NDA
November 27	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
November 28-29	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
December 1	Junior Advent Retreat - Alumnae Hall
December 6	In School Band and Choral Christmas Concert - Gym
December 7	Freshman Semi-Formal Dance - Auditorium/Cafeteria
December 8	Christmas Band Concert - Theatre/Alumnae Hall
December 9	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass
December 11	Winter Choir/Dance Concert at 6:30 p.m.
December 13	Cookies with Santa Alumnae Event
December 14	HSPT Silver Bells Dance
December 17	Alumnae Welcome Back Night - Alumnae Hall
December 23	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break begins
January 6	School Resumes
January 20	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day