



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Happy Halloween! In celebration of All Hallows' Eve, our students can enjoy dressing up in costumes and going through our haunted house during their lunch periods tomorrow. Please note that Friday is All Saints' Day and there will be **NO SCHOOL**. I hope you are able to take time to attend Mass with your daughter on Friday as it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

This is Red Ribbon Week at NDA which not only brings awareness and education of drug use to our students, but also encourages them to participate in drug prevention activities. This week falls right in line with our theme of *Cultivating Hope and Happiness, Strengthened by God's Love*. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the **last day to submit Drug Free Club applications is tomorrow, October 31**. Notre Dame Academy currently has over 75% of our total student body enrolled in Drug Free Club. This is an impressive number and I would like to thank NDA Personal Counselors, Kathy Hildreth and Erin Maggard for all they have done and continue to do to keep our students drug free!

This Sunday we are opening our doors to potential Pandas and their families to learn more about Notre Dame Academy. If you know a young woman who could benefit from an NDA education, please invite her to learn all about the All-Girl Advantage at Notre Dame Academy **this Sunday at our Open House from 1-3 p.m.** As parents, you know first-hand the value of an NDA education. I appreciate your help in spreading the word about the excellent education offered at Notre Dame Academy and I am grateful to our students who generously offer their time to give tours at our Open House. Our students do a tremendous job showcasing NDA and they are wonderful examples of young women making a difference in the world.

I continue to be heartened, inspired and impressed by your daughters each day. Thank you for your commitment to Catholic education and Notre Dame Academy!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

*Cultivating hope and happiness,
Strengthened by God's love.*



I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13

STUDENT LIFE

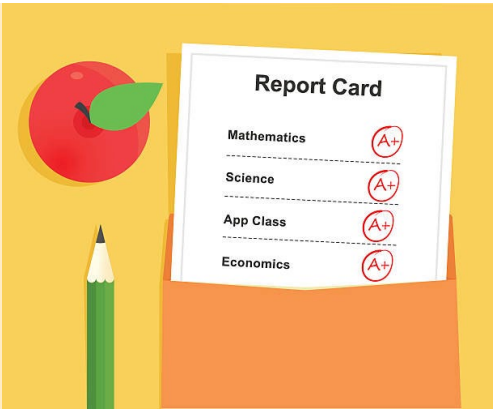
HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES ◀

Happy Halloween from Notre Dame Academy! Tomorrow, students and faculty are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes. Students are reminded that costumes must be appropriate and provide proper coverage; in addition, no gore, face/body paint, masks or weapons are permitted. Thanks to our Junior Student Council Officers for coordinating the Haunted House during the lunches tomorrow!



REPORT CARDS ◀

Digital reports cards for the first quarter are scheduled to be sent home on Wednesday, 10/30 using the Alert Solutions system. Only a digital report card is sent for the first quarter. Paper report cards are issued at the end of the semester and year when credit is earned for courses. The report card will be password protected using the student's seven digit student number. Please check with your daughter if you don't know her student number. The report cards are sent in a PDF format. You will need a PDF document view application such as Adobe Acrobat Reader to view them. Please contact Mr. Schlosser (schlosserr@ndapandas.org) if you do not receive a report card.



GOOD NEWS ◀

Two sophomores placed in the First Annual Cincinnati Area Young People's "Writing Our Roots" Contest, sponsored by the University of Cincinnati, in the 13-15 year old category. Claire Hulett was awarded 3rd place and Emma Wald an honorable mention, both for poetry.



ROCKING THROUGH THE AGES ◀

This year our Pandas and their moms are Rocking Through the Ages! The annual Mother Daughter Dance will be held on **November 9 from 6:30-10:30 p.m.** at Receptions in Erlanger. Come dressed as your favorite Rock Band or Rock and Roll star! Seniors, get started on your Mother/Daughter posters now - they are due in the school office by November 7. You can register online for this year's Mother Daughter Dance [HERE](#). **The Registration Deadline is November 1.**



NHS SERVICE PROJECT ◀

By Laura Neltner

Last Saturday, October 26, several members of our National Honor Society went to the city of Crescent Springs to help with the annual autumn event, "Halloween in the Park." While the rain prevented the activity from taking place outside, it was still a success. Many children, dressed in Halloween costumes, went trick or treating inside the city building! The NHS students read spooky stories that the children loved, and they helped pass out snacks and candy for the kids. The children were thrilled to fill up their bags with goodies, and the students were excited to help out at such a fun, seasonal event. In the end, it was a rewarding experience for all.





CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

At NDA, we celebrate our Catholic Identity everyday by living the Gospel message of Jesus through kindness and generosity to others, respect for life, community service and striving to use our God given gifts. Take a look at our Campus Ministry Department calendar for the next week [HERE](#).



NDA MISSION TRIP TO SANTO DOMINGO ◀

Service is the language of the heart and the knowledge gained is engraved there

An educational and a personal growth opportunity: Serving others in Santo Domingo

Two summers ago, NDA offered a mission trip to work with orphans and help with renovation of the orphanage in Santo Domingo. The students were moved by the simplicity of the children, improved their Spanish skills, and learned about another part of the world. Eight to fourteen students can go next summer. You can find a brochure online [HERE](#). Any questions or additional information as well as acquisition of an application can be obtained by emailing Sr. Maria Francine at stacymf@ndapandas.org. This is truly an invaluable experience for high school students who plan to study a semester abroad in college. The student will earn service hours and the linguistic and cultural advantages are numerous. Deadline is November 8.



PANDA PARENT CLUB MEETING ◀

Mark your calendar for the next Panda Parent Club meeting on November 11 at 7:00 p.m. The topic is **Vaping** and our speaker will be Joyce Jacobs, a Heart and Vascular Prevention and Wellness Nurse Navigator at St. Elizabeth Healthcare.



CONGRATULATIONS! ◀

Congratulations to our Volleyball Pandas on their Regional Championship win tonight! Go Pandas - take State!



COUPON BOOK SPREADSHEET AND UPLOAD ◀

Please use the below tally spreadsheet to track your coupon book payments. Use the spreadsheet upload to submit your completed spreadsheet to the athletic department for review. You can only submit an excel or sheets, you cannot submit a screen shot image or anything from notability. When you upload your completed tally spreadsheet, please turn all money into the front office in an envelope with the student's name, homeroom and labeled coupon books on it. All money is due by December 11.

[Coupon Book Tally Spreadsheet](#)

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COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



RED RIBBON WEEK ◀

This week we and many other schools across the nation are celebrating Red Ribbon Week. As a parent of a teen you are the most influential person in their life. What you say - and how you listen - to your teen can help them to stay away from drug use. Some tips when talking with your teen include



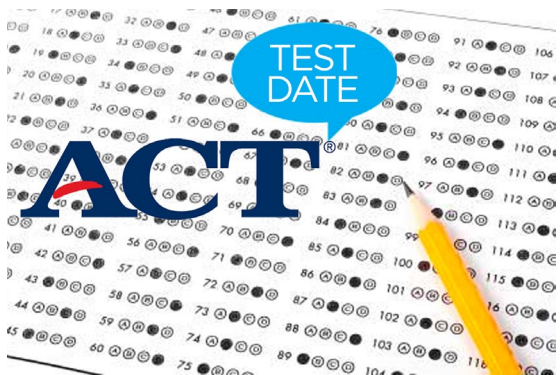
1. Take advantage of “teachable moments.” Use every day events in your life to point out things you’d like your child to know about. Point out alcohol and drug-related situations in celebrity headlines, or stories going on your own community that show the consequences of alcohol and drug use. If you and your child are at the park and see a group of kids drinking, use the moment to talk about the negative effects of alcohol. When watching TV together, ask if the shows and advertising make drug use look acceptable and routine? Or do they show its downside? How did that program make your child feel about drugs?

2. Share stories. [Stories of people in recovery](#) and stories of those lost to drugs and alcohol can be powerful teaching tools. Ask your teen his or her thoughts and feelings after reading the stories.

These tips came from the Partnership for Drug Free Kids and you can find more tips for talking with your teens at their website <https://drugfree.org/article/how-to-talk-with-your-teen/>

DECEMBER 14 ACT ◀

The December ACT is one of the Test Dates that allows students to order a copy of their Test Booklet and Answer Key. Getting your Test Booklet and Answer Key back from an ACT Test gives students an opportunity to see what they missed and can be used to prep for future tests. It cost an extra \$22 to order your Test Booklet/Answer Key. For more information, go to: [ACT Test Info Release](#)





DRUG FREE CLUB ◀

The **LAST DAY TO SUBMIT DRUG FREE APPLICATIONS IS TOMORROW - OCTOBER 31!** Complete the application [online](http://drugfreeclubs.com) (drugfreeclubs.com) or submit a paper application, available at school. Don't be left out of the multitude of benefits this club offers! Contact Mrs. Kathy Hildreth with any questions.



HALLOWEEN BASH ◀

Covington Catholic High School is hosting their annual Halloween Bash, open to all NDA and CCH Freshmen! This year it will actually be on Halloween, October 31, from 8-11 p.m. at CCH. Lots of fun, and prizes for best costumes! Cost is \$5.00 ticket at lunch and after school.



GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM ◀

Applications for the KY Governor's Scholars Program are due to Mrs. Hildreth on Wednesday, November 20.



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NDA PARENT TOOLBOX? ◀

Articles by Lisa Damour are this week's highlight from the NDA [Parent Toolbox](#). Timely topics include lying, emotional storms, stress, and so much more!



College
Rep
Visits

2019-20 College Rep Visits ◀

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch periods. You can find a list of upcoming visits [HERE](#).



HELP WANTED ◀

Notre Dame Academy is searching for a flexible part-time Custodian to assist the Facilities Manager with daily set-ups, cleaning, trash removal and other routine maintenance tasks. Normal hours will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, with possible additional hours based on weekly work demand.

This position requires the physical ability to walk and stand for long periods of time, as well as, the ability to lift and move heavy objects. Custodial experience is preferred. A High School diploma or GED equivalent, a valid driver's license and Virtus training is required.

Please submit letter of interest, resume, and salary requirements to ndahr@ndapandas.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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

- Work Study Positions Available
- Catholic Bible Study with Reverend Schehr
- Instructional Assistant Needed



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World



Do you know a young woman who is ready to make a difference in the world?

OPEN HOUSE
NOV. 3, 2019
1-3 p.m.

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All-Girl Advantage at
www.ndapandas.org

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▶ Important dates

October	30	Alumnae Mass
November		
	1	No School: All Saints Day
	3	Open House
	6	Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents
	8	Alumnae Remembrance Mass
	9	Mother/Daughter Dance
	12	NHS Induction
	13	Freshman Retreat
	14-15	Blue Ribbon Award Ceremony, D.C.
	15	Midquarter
	22	Panda Funfest for Prospective 8th Graders
	26	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
	27	Class of 2019 Welcome Back Night
	27-29	No School: Thanksgiving Break
December		
	4	Sophomore Retreat
	6	Freshmen Semi Formal Dance
	8	No School: Immaculate Conception
	10	Christmas Choral Concert
	13	In School Band and Choral Concert
	14	ACT and HSPT at NDA Silver Bells Dance
	15	Band Concert
	17	Advent Prayer Service
	18-20	Exams