



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I would like to thank those of you who took the time yesterday to attend our Student/Parent Teacher Conferences. I would also like to extend my gratitude to our faculty members who always take the time to speak with parents and students in an effort to promote student success. We are blessed to have such dedicated faculty members.

Last week you received an email with links to our AdvancedEd Parent Surveys for NDA's accreditation process which is taking place this school year. Due to the importance of accreditation, your participation in our Parent Surveys is significant. **I ask that if you have not already done so, please take time to complete both surveys prior to TOMORROW - Thursday, October 26 at 9:00 p.m.** If you did not receive the email, please contact the school office at 859.261.4300. As you will see in the email, there are a few important things to note prior to taking the surveys:

- Both surveys can be completed within 15 minutes.
 - The NDA Climate & Culture Parent Survey 2017: 2-3 minutes to complete
 - The Catholic Identity Parent Survey 2017: 8-10 minutes to complete
- You need to complete the online surveys in one sitting.
- Survey results are anonymous.
- Surveys must be completed by Thursday, October 26 at 9:00 p.m.

Thank you for participating in these two Parent Surveys and for making a difference in the continuous improvement of Notre Dame Academy.

Please note that next Wednesday, **November 1 is All Saints' Day** and there will be **NO SCHOOL** on that day. I hope you are able to take time to attend Mass with your daughter on that day as it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Finally, thanks to our spirited students who have been on the sidelines cheering on our fall athletes. It's wonderful to see our Pandas supporting each other in this way.

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



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STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Halloween Festivities

Happy Halloween from Notre Dame Academy! As of today, some of NDA's homeroom classes have been "ghosted" by another. Organized by the Student Council, "ghosting" began earlier this week and involved the ghostly delivery

of candy surprises to homerooms. Next Tuesday, students and faculty will participate in a Halloween costume contest. Students are reminded that costumes must be appropriate and provide proper coverage; in addition, no gore, face/body paint, masks or weapons are permitted.



REMINDER: NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, NOVEMBER 1 - All Saints' Day



ARE YOU PART OF THE MARCH FOR LIFE MOVEMENT? ◀

If you would like to be part of the March for Life movement, sign-ups for the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. will begin this week here at NDA. The March will take place on January 19, 2018 and the cost is approximately \$130.00 a person. Buses will leave Thursday evening and return Saturday morning. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Theresa Van Auken at vanaukent@ndapandas.org. Parent chaperones who are virtue trained are needed so please let Mrs. Van Auken know if you are able to join us.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING ◀

Last week in Catholic Social Teaching we watched the documentary Poverty, Inc. This allowed us to explore the differences and similarities between Charity and Social Justice. It also challenged our image of charity and the way our charity may affect others around the world.

This week, Detective Mary Braun of the Cincinnati Police Department spoke with our juniors about Human Trafficking and the injustices that stem from this issue. Mrs. Van Auken also presented the Catholic Church's teachings and stance on this issue as well as challenging our students to look at how it is portrayed in the music, movies and culture that surround us everyday.



IT'S SKYLINE TIME ◀

No worries about "what's for dinner" next Thursday, November 2! Our friendly Ft. Wright Skyline is generously offering to donate 20% of sales between 3 and 9 p.m. to NDA for our dances and events. Please support NDA and eat Skyline on November 2!

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ◀

Parents, did you know that NDA's daily announcements are posted each day on our website? You can find them [HERE](#).





NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World



www.ndapandas.org

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday,
November 5
1:00 - 3:00



A National School of Excellence

DO YOU KNOW A YOUNG WOMAN WHO IS READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? ◀

If you know a young woman who could benefit from an NDA education, please invite her to learn all about the Notre Dame Life and the All-Girl Advantage at our Open House on Sunday, November 5 from 1-3 p.m.

NDA PUMPKIN CHUCK ◀

NDA's Intro to Engineering class is busy running power tools and building their catapults for their competition with the AP Physics class.

Join us on Sunday, November 5 from 3-4 p.m. for NDA's first Pumpkin Chuck! Bring your leftover jack-o-lanterns and our Pandas will show off their physics and engineering skills by "chucking" them into the garbage for you!




A special performance by
Elisabeth von Trapp
October 29, 2017
4:00 p.m.

HIITON DR. IS ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC! ◀

Notre Dame Academy presents a special performance by Elisabeth von Trapp, granddaughter of Maria von Trapp, whose story inspired *The Sound of Music*. This special event will be held on **Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 p.m.** at NDA. Admission is \$25 - Tickets can be purchased by calling the NDA Advancement Office at 859.292.7729 OR you can purchase tickets online [HERE](#). Seating is limited.

POWER OF THE PURSE ◀

Notre Dame Academy is hosting a FREE speaker series this year especially for women to learn about a variety of financial topics. The first session will be a "Lunch and Learn" on The ABC's of Estate Planning and will be held on November 15 from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. This session will cover:

- Living Wills
- Power of Attorney
- Basic Will Preparation
- Planned Giving

Please join us for this special presentation given by NDA alumnae Donna Bloemer and Jessica Rawe! If you have questions about the speaker series, please contact NDA's Advancement Department at 859.292.7729. You can register online [HERE](#).



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Session 1 - November 15, 2017
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
The ABC's of Estate Planning

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



RED RIBBON WEEK

This week is Red Ribbon Week where we take some time to focus on the dangers of drug use and abuse. Some ways we are doing that here at Notre Dame include daily announcements providing factual information regarding drug use, having a door decorating contest, sharing ways we can be inclusive to help prevent drug use, and a “quiz” at the end of the week where students can answer for prizes!



Parents are a big piece of the puzzle when it comes to preventing drug use. Below are some tips for parents which come from the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. The link will take you to the full article to see all of the tips.

<https://www.ncadd.org/family-friends/there-is-help/ten-tips-for-prevention-for-parents>

- **Promote Healthy Activities:** Help your kids, and their friends, learn how to have fun, and fight off the dreaded “I’m bored.” Physical games, activities and exercise are extremely important because of the positive physical and mental benefits. Encourage kids to become engaged in other school and community activities such as music, sports, arts or a part-time job. The more your children are active, the less time they have to get caught up in the pressure from peers to drink alcohol and use drugs.
- **Keep Track of Your Child’s Activities:** Asking questions, keeping track, checking in are all important. Research has found that young people who are not regularly monitored by their parents are four times more likely to use alcohol or drugs. Make the time to know what is happening in your child’s life – especially in families where both parents work outside of the home, life is busy but you must find time for your children – know what they are up to!



Governor’s School for the Arts (GSA)

The Kentucky Governor’s School for the Arts is offering a Prep Resource/ArtShop at Thomas More College on November 18 from 9:00am-4:00pm. Register [ONLINE](#) soon if interested!

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY CHAPTER OF DRUG FREE CLUBS OF AMERICA



Congratulations to the freshman class at Notre Dame Academy: 71% of the class signed up for Drug Free Club! (Don’t you want your daughter to be rewarded for choosing to be drug free, too?!) Applications for Drug Free Club can be completed online, or through a paper application available outside the school office or in Counselor’s Suite. Cost of membership for one year is only \$25; benefits last for a lifetime. **Applications will be accepted only through this Friday October 27. If you’ve been putting this off, the time is NOW!** Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀ SOCCER

Soccer advances to the state quarterfinals at 12:00 p.m. at Saturday against Corbin at Frederick Douglas high school after a 4-1 won over Lex Cath last night! Go Soccer Pandas! Take State!

VOLLEYBALL

Don’t miss our Volleyball Pandas as they take on Highlands tonight in Region Semi finals at 6:30 p.m. at Holmes. Finals are tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Holmes.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country Pandas run in Regionals at 5 p.m. this Saturday at Ryle! Go PANDAS!

► Important dates

October 27	Picture Retake Day
	Freshman Halloween Bash at CCH
October 29	Elisabeth vonTrapp Performance
November 1	All Saint's Day - NO SCHOOL
November 3	Common Reader Day
	Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents 8:00 a.m. Alumnae Hall
November 5	OPEN HOUSE - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
	Panda Pumpkin Chuck - 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
November 8	NHS Induction
November 9	Remembrance Mass
November 10	Junior Retreat
	FR/SO Breakfast
November 14	Fall Sports Awards
November 15	Freshmen Retreat
November 16-19	National Catholic Youth Conference
November 17	Panda FunFest
	InterAlliance Women in Technology Luncheon
November 21	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
November 22	NO SCHOOL: Professional Development Day for Faculty
	College Welcome Back Night for Class of 2017
November 23-24	NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Check out the **Community News** section of **NDA's** website for news about.

- Positions Available for Students
- Aubrey Rose "Above and Beyond Doctor of the Year"
- National Catholic Youth Conference

For a complete list of community news [CLICK HERE](#).

