



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I am very happy to share the news that our new and improved kitchen opened today! After months of renovations, our students had the opportunity to walk through our new lunch line for the very first time. I certainly appreciate our students packing their lunches while kitchen renovations reached completion and parents, I thank you for your patience as well. I would also like to thank our Cafeteria Manager Karen Brungs and our cafeteria staff for all they did to get the kitchen ready for our students, faculty and staff.

In light of the completion of our kitchen renovations, it is time to celebrate all of the amazing new spaces at Notre Dame Academy. Dr. Koehl and I invite you to be part of our Dedication Celebration on Sunday, October 28 at 12:00 noon. Bishop Foys will be joining us for a dedication of the new facilities in a formal ceremony and a reception and tours of the new spaces will follow. I hope to see you there. You can find information about the event and how to let us know if you plan to attend on the page below.

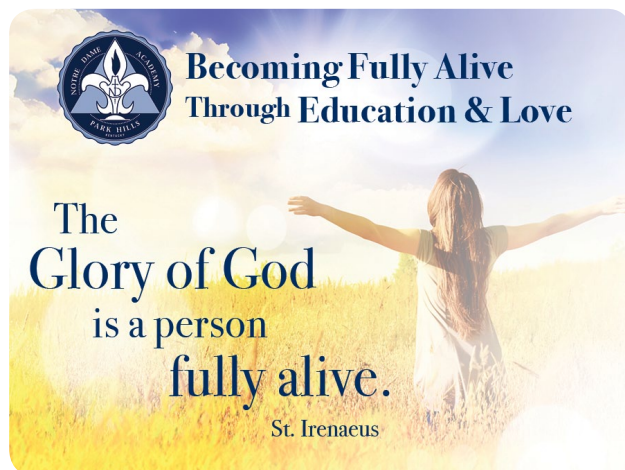
On Thursday, October 25, NDA will hold Student/Parent Teacher Conferences from 2:30 - 8:00 p.m. Student/Parent Teacher Conferences are a wonderful opportunity for our students to take ownership of their education and I encourage you and your daughter to attend teacher conferences this year. While this is optional and may not have been common practice in the past, every student can greatly benefit from a personal conversation with her teachers. We are blessed with very qualified and dedicated faculty members at NDA who are invested in making each student's educational experience at NDA the best it can be. Please encourage your daughter to take advantage of this great opportunity, to be responsible for her education, and attend this year's Student/Parent Teacher Conferences.

Students will fill out a form prior to October 25 that will help them prepare and actively participate in the conferences. We will once again use MyConferenceTime to schedule conferences online. You can access the online scheduler by going to www.myconference-time.com/nda. The website will allow for scheduling of these conferences until October 23 at 5:00 p.m. After that time you will need to contact your daughter's teacher to schedule a conference at an alternative time and date. Please note: Students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 25.

Finally, please note that this Friday we have a great deal happening at NDA and a delayed start at 8:45 a.m. Seniors will have a college planning/work day, juniors will take a practice ACT and freshmen and sophomores will take the CERT test. We will all conclude the day together with our Grandparents' Mass.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



You are cordially invited to attend

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S
21st Century Excellence Without Boundaries

Dedication

Celebration

October 28, 2018

at

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
1699 Hilton Drive
Covington, Kentucky 41011

Formal Ceremony from noon until 1:00 p.m.

Reception and tours to follow

Please confirm your attendance no later than

October 15, 2018

by contacting NDA's Development Department

at 859.292.7729

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Handbook Highlight

Now that the weather has officially cooled off, students should take note of warmer uniform options. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the uniform information found on the website.

Handbook
Highlight



IMPORTANT SCHEDULE NOTE: School will begin at 8:45 a.m. this Friday!

Out of Uniform Day

The Panda Parent Club is hosting an Out of Uniform Day next Tuesday, October 23. Proceeds will go to support this year's After Prom!



Pictured: Onali Fernando, Gabrielle Cottingham and Julia Hughes

CONGRATULATIONS! ◀

Notre Dame Academy is proud to announce that senior Gabrielle Cottingham has been named a National Merit Semifinalist in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. Gabrielle took the PSAT during her junior year and scored in the top 1 percent of test takers in the nation. Now, she has the chance to compete for National Merit Finalist status and 7500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$41 million dollars that will be offered next spring.

In addition, NDA is proud to announce that seniors Onali Fernando and Julia Hughes have been named Commended Students in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program.

"We are very proud of the accomplishments of these three students," said NDA Principal Mr. Jack VonHandorf. "Gabrielle's selection as a National Merit Semifinalist and Onali and Julia's selection as Commended Students are evidence of their hard work and dedication to their education at Notre Dame Academy. We congratulate Gabrielle, Onali and Julia, and their families as we celebrate these honors."

WELCOME TO THE SISTERHOOD ◀

Freshman PE students, Jayden Otto and Shelby Roman, enjoy a tennis match with their shadow guests, and sisters, Abby Otto and Emily Roman.



SCIENCE NEWS...

NDA ALUMNA SHARES HER STEM STORY ◀

Recently, NDA alumna, Cassidy Ryan '15, visited Mrs. Perrino's Intro to Computer Science class and Mr. Strickley's AP Physics classes to share her experiences and opportunities as a STEM college student. Cassidy is a junior in Purdue's chemical engineering program. Cassidy shared not only her academic experiences but the incredible co-op experiences at various Dow Chemical locations. Cassidy has co-op'd at Dow locations in Michigan, California and is currently in Texas. She explained to the students how important it is to get involved with extra-curricular activities because they helped her become an effective communicator and contributing team member. While on co-op at Dow, Cassidy utilized her background in Excel to develop a macro-enabled spreadsheet for operators to get real time data from the production process. NDA is very proud and happy for Cassidy!



SCIENCE STUDENTS TEAM UP TO LEARN ABOUT ORGANS ◀

Earlier this week, Corrie Ziegler's senior Anatomy classes got together with the freshman Health classes to learn about organs. They explored hearts, lungs and livers in this collaborative class!





NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World



OPEN HOUSE NOV 4 1-3 pm

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT NDA OPEN HOUSE ◀

Notre Dame Academy's annual Open House will occur on Sunday, November 4 from 1 - 3 p.m. If you own a business or have a home located on a busy street, please consider supporting Open House by having a sign on your property. We have the small yard signs available now in the school office. Please feel free to stop by and pick up a sign or have your daughter take one home.

MEET THE CANDIDATES OF THE CITY OF PARK HILLS

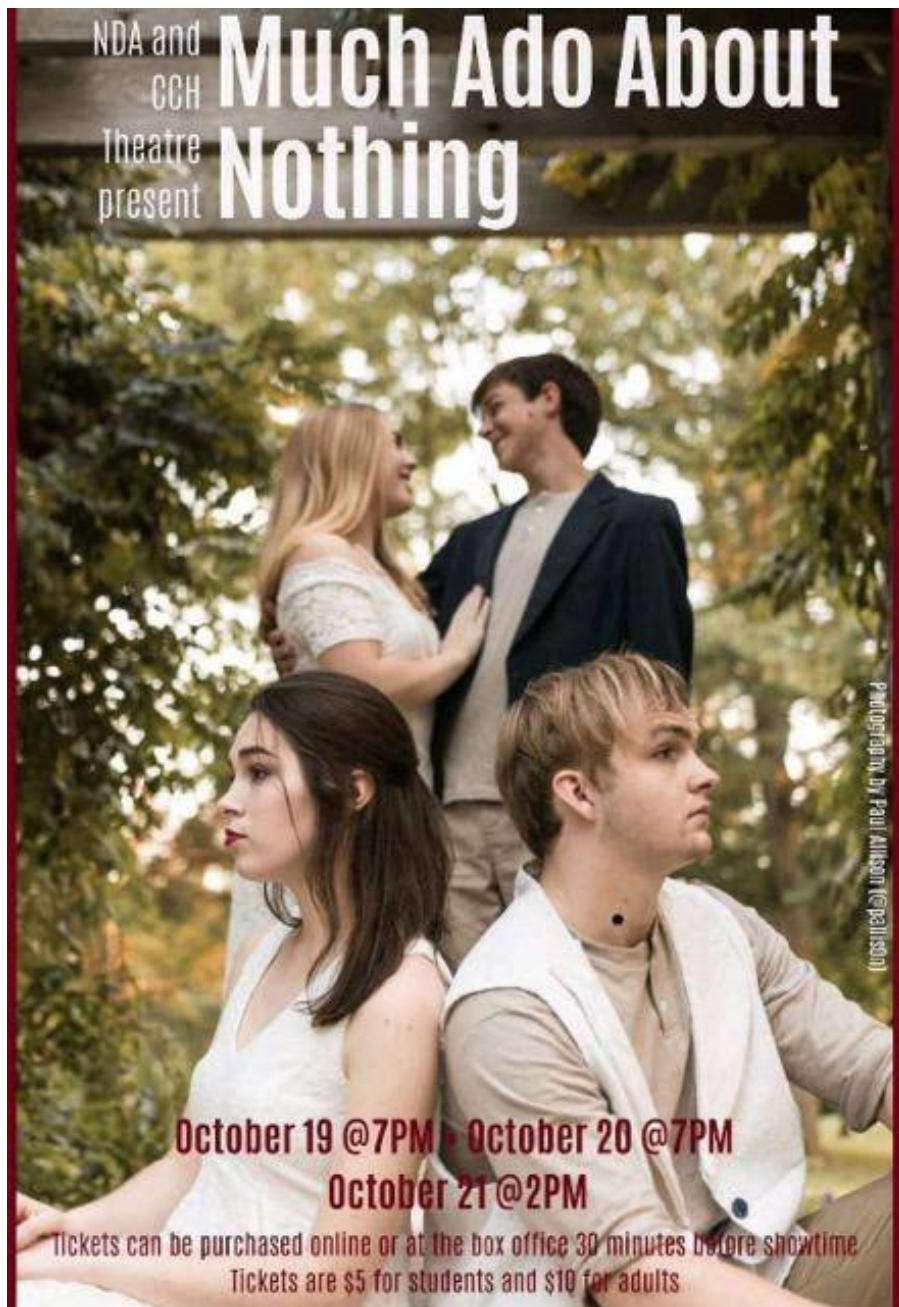
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Tuesday, October 23
7-9 p.m.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY HOSTS MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT FOR CITY OF PARK HILLS ◀

Notre Dame Academy is hosting Meet the Candidates Night for the City of Park Hills on Tuesday, October 23 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The event promises to be a lively venue for voters to meet the candidates first-hand, hear their positions on issues of importance to the city, and pose questions directly to them.

Residents of Park Hills are encouraged to meet and talk to the candidates running for City Council and Mayor at this event. Each candidate will have an opportunity to present their thoughts and ideas for Park Hills in an open forum setting. Afterwards, each candidate will be available for individual questions in an open meet and greet session.

The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be available. This event is sponsored by NDA's Rho Kappa Society, the National Social Studies Honor Society, in conjunction with Notre Dame Academy. Notre Dame Academy is dedicated to encouraging active and informed participation in government. In sponsoring Meet the Candidates Night, it adheres to strict guidelines to assure a fair and impartial opportunity for all candidates to present their views.



NDA/CCH SHAKES UP SHAKESPEARE.... AND IT'S FUNNY THIS TIME! ◀

NDA/CCH's production of the Shakespearean comedy *Much Ado About Nothing* will take place Friday through Sunday, October 19 - 21 at Notre Dame Academy. The NDA/CCH Theatre program is comprised of a talented group of young people who are dedicated to the arts and telling stories via the stage. Their productions are performed, designed, and managed by students of both schools.

The war is over, and love and mischief are in the air! Leonato, a respectable nobleman, lives in idyllic Messina with his daughter, Hero, his niece, Beatrice, and her father Antonio. Leonato is preparing to welcome home from the war his friends Don Pedro, a prince, Claudio, a young nobleman, and Benedick, a clever man who is always making witty jokes. Don John, the illegitimate brother of Don Pedro, is sullen and bitter about his brother's success, and plots to make trouble for everyone in Messina.

Miss. Caroline Stine, the theatre director of NDA/CCH theatre, is incredibly proud of all the work the students have done over the past several weeks. As stated in her own words, "NDA/CCH theatre is incredibly unique in the N. KY area in that our shows are completely run and designed by students. *Much Ado About Nothing* is no exception, an exciting romp through one of Shakespeare's funniest comedies. Our students display an amazing knowledge and in-depth understanding of Shakespeare's language, creating an experience for their audience that won't be repeated anywhere around!"

The show will run from October 19 - 21. Show times are 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Ticket prices are \$5 for students and \$12 for adults. Order tickets online [here](#). Tickets can also be purchased at the door 30 minutes prior to show time.

Welcome to the Longshore Dining Hall



IMPORTANT CAFETERIA NEWS ◀

We are thrilled to announce the new NDA kitchen is opened today! Here is what students can expect with the new kitchen layout:

- There are two entrances into the kitchen. Both sides will serve the main entree while the salad bar will only be available through the door on the right. The two lines will also lead to their own checkouts where fingerprints can be used.
- The new layout will promote efficiency, so we encourage students to practice respect and patience. Cutting in line will not be acceptable.
- Also, students will use the designated spaces to dispose of their trash and/or trays. We ask that students please recycle their cans and bottles.

Please be sure to go to PAYPAMS to check your daughter's balance in order that she has money in her account to purchase lunch.

We certainly appreciate our students packing their lunches while the kitchen renovations were being completed. We hope they enjoy eating lunch in the new Longshore Dining Hall!

Here is the menu for the rest of the month of October:

THURSDAY, 10-18-18

CHEESEBURGERS
CHIPS
PEAS
MANDARIN ORANGES

WEDNESDAY, 10-24-18

BUCA CHICKEN
PEAS
PEARS

TUESDAY, 10-30-18

HOT POCKETS
CORN
PEACHES

FRIDAY, 10-19-18

CHEESE STICKS
VEGETABLE
PINEAPPLE

THURSDAY, 10-25-18

STEAK HOAGIES
EDAMAME
PINEAPPLE

WEDNESDAY, 10-31-18

SPAGHETTI W/SAUCE
MEATBALLS
BROCCOLI
BREAD STICK
APPLESAUCE

MONDAY, 10-22-18

QUESADILLAS
CORN
MANDARIN ORANGES

FRIDAY, 10-26-18

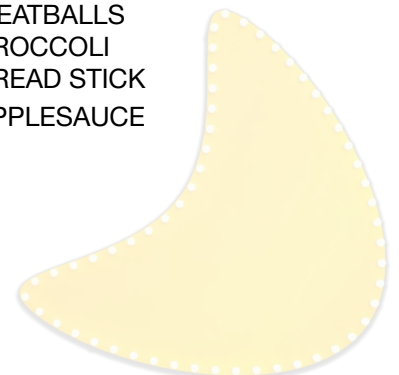
GRILLED CHEESE
TOMATO SOUP
APPLESAUCE

TUESDAY, 10-23-18

CHICKEN NUGGETS
GREEN BEANS
PEACHES

MONDAY, 10-29-18

CHICKEN TENDERS
GREEN BEANS
MANDARIN ORANGES



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



ACT Practice Test for Juniors this Friday

This Friday all juniors will be taking a full length ACT practice test. We will start an hour later at 8:45 a.m. that day due to testing and the fact that it is also grandparents mass and students will be parking farther away. Students will have their tests scored and returned to them next week. Students need to bring a #2 pencil and a calculator. This is sponsored by Torchprep Testing Service.

Freshmen and Sophomores Taking CERT Test this Friday

The freshmen and sophomores will be taking a practice for the ACT this Friday. We will be starting late at 8:45 to accommodate this testing day. They will be taking the College Equipped Readiness Test (CERT) on their ipads. This is only a practice but will give them immediate results and allow for them to re-visit the site for practice purposes. Please visit the CERT website here for more information about this test. The students will be re-taking the CERT in the Spring to track improvement.

KY Governor Programs Application Update:

| | <u>Online Application</u> | <u>Due</u> |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|
| Governor's Scholars Program (GSP) | Available | November 13 |
| Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) | Available | January 11 |
| Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE) | November 1 | December 20 |

COLLEGE VISIT OPPORTUNITIES:

We want to especially encourage Juniors to be getting on some College Visits this year! Here are some ideas and links to help.

NKU Open Houses:

For Info and to Sign-Up: [NKU Open Houses](#)

Sat., November 10 @ 9 am

Sat., December 7 @ 9 am

Preview UC (University of Cincinnati)

Monday-Friday @ 9 am

For Info and to Schedule Visit: [Preview UC](#)

University of Cincinnati Open House

Friday, Nov. 2

Link to Sign-Up: [University of Cincinnati Open House](#)

Visit Thomas More University!

Thomas More offers visits from Monday - Friday.

For Info and to Schedule Visit: [Visit TMC](#)

WKU's Head for the Hill Open Houses

Sat., Oct. 20th

Friday, Nov. 9th

For Info and to Sign-Up: [WKU Head for the Hill!](#)

Case Western Reserve University - Fall Open House

Nov. 12th - For more information and to RSVP: case.edu/admission

Transylvania Preview Night in NKY

On Thursday, October 25, Transylvania will be at the Newport Aquarium at 7:00 p.m. with faculty, staff and students. They would love to have local students and parents join them to learn more about Transylvania. To RSVP: [NKY Preview Night](#)

University of Dayton Women in Engineering Overnight

UD has a no-cost overnight event Nov. 9 - Nov. 10 for female juniors and seniors. This would be a great opportunity for any juniors and seniors curious about a career in Engineering! For more information and to sign-up for this event: [Women in Engineering Overnight](#)

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

Check out the **Play Like a Champion Today Parent Training** coming in January put on by Covington Catholic. This is a great opportunity for parents to hear about the [Play Like A Champion Today Program](#) and what it offers for them! I strongly encourage you to attend.

What: Play Like a Champion Today Parent Training

When: Monday January 14, at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Covington Catholic Gym

NDA Athletic Hall of Fame

NDA will host an NDA Athletic Hall of Fame induction next spring. You can nominate a deserving athlete here:

<https://www.ndapandas.org/athletics/hall-of-fame.aspx>

Playing a Winter or Spring Sport?

Any students planning to participate in a Winter or a Spring Sport must complete the Athlete Registration. The link can be found on our website under - Athletics / Information and Forms. Or you can register using this link: [2018-19 Athletic Registration](#)



2018-19 College Rep Visits at NDA

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch periods. Below is a list of upcoming visits.

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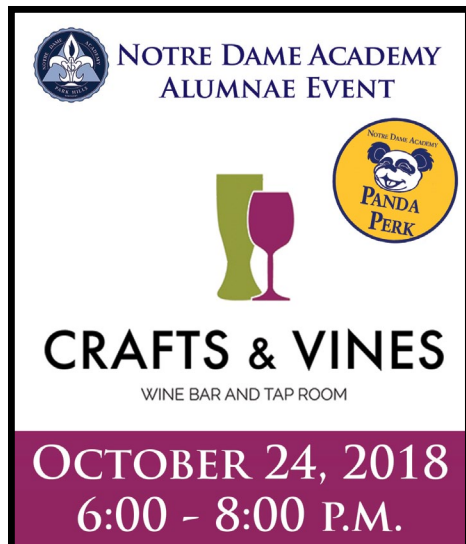


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THANK YOU! ◀

Special thanks to everyone who supported this year's Autumn Gala. We had a wonderful team of volunteers who worked very hard to create an incredible evening for our sold-out crowd! Thanks to all who attended and those who bid online as well. We truly appreciate your support of our mission to educate young women to make a difference in the world!



ALUMNAE PANDA PERK ◀

Attention NDA Alumnae - our next Panda Perk Event is at Crafts and Vines in Covington on October 24, 2018. Go between 6-8:00 p.m. to get \$2 off of all wine & beer on tap and 10% off of food purchases and all retail wine.

► Important dates

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|----------------|--|
| October 19 | SR College Planning/Work day JR ACT FR/SO CERT Testing Grandparents' Day Mass 1:30 p.m. |
| October 19-22 | Fall Play |
| October 23 | Park Hills - Meet the Candidates Forum at NDA |
| October 24 | Crafts and Vines Discount Night - Faculty & Alums |
| October 25 | Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| October 27 | ACT at NDA CCH Halloween Dance |
| October 28 | Dedication of New Facilities at NDA |
| October 31 | Halloween |
| November 1 | No School: All Saints Day |
| November 2 | End of the 1st Quarter |
| November 4 | Open House Daylight Savings Ends |
| November 8 | NDA Alum Wine and Paint Night |
| November 9 | Remembrance Mass |
| November 13 | Fall Sports Awards |
| November 14 | FR Retreat/Service Day |
| November 16 | Picture Re-Take Day |
| Panda FunFest | |
| November 21-23 | No School: Thanksgiving Break |
| November 21 | Class of 2018 Welcome Back Night |
| December 5 | SO Retreat |
| December 7 | Christmas Choral Concert |
| December 8 | High School Placement Test - HSPT ACT at NDA FR Semi-Formal Dance at NDA |

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- SND Pilgrimage Walk
- Women's Health and the Catholic Church

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

