



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

We had a very busy weekend at NDA! On Sunday we welcomed a number of prospective Pandas from around the Greater Cincinnati area to our Open House. Special thanks to our student ambassadors who were so gracious and professional in greeting our visitors and giving tours. I also want to take note of the hard work and dedication of our faculty and staff who helped us showcase our school so well. We truly appreciate their efforts. I received many positive comments about our school and especially about our student tour guides and renovated spaces. We definitely demonstrated to our visitors how we are *Becoming Fully Alive Through Education and Love* this school year!

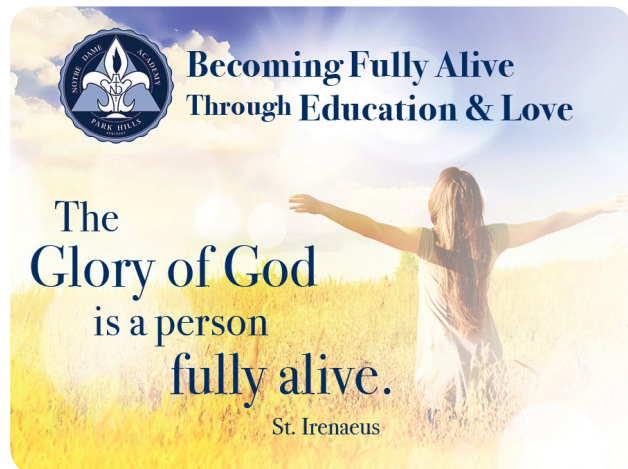
On Friday, November 16, NDA will host the Panda Funfest. This is a fun event and an excellent opportunity for eighth-graders to come and experience NDA and meet other students who are considering enrollment for next fall. If you know of a young lady who would like to join us for this event, please contact Katie Caccavari at 859.292.1829.

An important part of an NDA education is service to others. Our annual canned food drive kicks off this Monday, November 12 and runs through Friday, November 16. I apologize in advance for the canned foods items missing from your pantry - our Pandas are very motivated! This year for our canned food drive, our Pandas will be partnering with St. Henry to feed as many hungry people as possible this winter. On Tuesday, November 13, students can dress down if they bring in 3 canned goods/non-perishable food items. We appreciate your support in our endeavor to claim victory over the Crusaders by gathering the most items and fill the shelves at St. Vincent dePaul for those in need.

We have many goals at NDA, big and small. A Notre Dame Academy education is not just about these goals but about our hope for the future. We are here to serve and support our students as they become women making a difference in the world. We are here to help them to become transformative women leaders embracing God's goodness in our world. Together, we make this happen!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Can the Crusaders is here! This year we are revamping our canned food drive, and we will be competing against St. Henry. It will be next week November 12-16.

[CAN THE CRUSADERS VIDEO!](#)



Here are a couple incentives:

1. Beating the Cru #1peat
2. The losing school will cheer at the winning school in the morning
3. The winning grade level will receive an out of uniform day and pizza party

This week is a great week to stock up on cans! Local grocery stores (i.e. Kroger, Remke's, etc.) sell lots of cans and have great deals, so go out and buy some! Our cans will go to St. Vincent de Paul. They are in need of the following items:

Stove Top stuffing

12 or 14 oz cans of:

Cranberry sauce

Ravioli, spaghetti o's

Chicken noodle soup

Beef stew

Chili with beans

Tomato soup

Vegetable soup

Cans of:

peaches

pears

mixed fruit

mandarin oranges

pineapple chunks

Cans of pork & beans

Spaghetti

Spaghetti sauce

Any type of noodles

Mac & Cheese

Peanut butter

Packets of gravy mixes - chicken & beef

Tuna

Hamburger and tuna helper

Crackers

Instant potatoes

Instant Oatmeal

We will have an out of uniform day on Tuesday, November 13. You need to bring in 3 cans to be out of uniform.

Dance Dress Code

NDA is looking forward to two semi-formal dances in December. Registration for the dances will open in the upcoming weeks.

- Saturday, December 8: NDA and CCH Semi Formal Freshmen Dance at NDA
- Friday, December 14: NDA Silver Bells Dance for Sophomores through Seniors

Any student or guest whose dress, dancing or behavior is deemed inappropriate by the coordinators will not be admitted to the dance. Dresses must be the appropriate length (extending below the student's fingertips when held straight at her side), cover the front and back areas appropriately and avoid cutouts where the midriff or usually covered areas are exposed. For any specific dress code questions, please contact Mrs. Grayson.



2019 MARCH FOR LIFE: WILL YOU JOIN US? ◀

Saving lives, ending abortion, and promoting a culture of life is why we march each year in Washington D.C. If your daughter would like to attend this important event on January 18, 2019 and be a voice for the voiceless please have her stop by front office to pick up permission slip forms. 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

THANK YOU! ◀

Special thanks to everyone in the NDA community who helped to make this year's Open House such a success!



THE PRACTICAL SIDE OF PSYCHOLOGY ◀

Students often want to know how what they study in class relates to the "Real World." Mrs. Johnson's junior and senior Psychology students decided to go beyond what was expected of them and share what they have learned about Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and Multiple Sclerosis. They first studied these neurotransmitter-related diseases and decided that such information is important for the student body to be aware of.

Students began their work in 3 small groups, each researching 1 of the three diseases. A group leader was chosen and each group quickly got to work in the classroom. It was amazing to see such excitement because they knew they would make a difference in the lives of their fellow classmates.

After working the first day, the groups decided to use their new knowledge to compile and send out a survey to see what students already knew and what misconceptions they had.

Their work finally took them to the Collaborative Learning Center to work on flyers and posters which are displayed on the stairwells of each floor as well as the bathrooms. As can be seen, by the pictures, the results were truly amazing since students accomplished their work in the span of 2 1/2 days!





ANNA RESING

NOVEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Notre Dame Academy Senior, Anna Resing, who has been selected as November's Student of the Month. Her Morality and Entrepreneurship teacher Mrs. Brennan says, "Anna is an excellent student and studies hard. She enhances the class with her preparedness for lessons and demonstrates her love of others with kindness to all." Her Math teacher, Mrs. Hilbert says, "Anna has such a kind and warm personality. No matter how hard the material is Anna is always willing to try and has a positive attitude." We are proud to call you a Panda, Anna!

SOMETHING ABOUT ANNA

This year, Anna serves on Student Council as the Senior Grade Level Co-President. She is also a member of National Honor Society, Theatre, Sign Language Club, Uganda Pandas and Northern Kentucky Youth Advisory Board.



Anna advises younger Pandas to "embrace every moment because you only get one high school experience." When Anna heads to college next year, she will especially miss the Sisterhood and a school where "everyone is a leader in her own way."

"From her leadership as Senior Co-President to her leadership in the classroom, Anna's positive attitude and work-ethic inspire those around her to work to their fullest potential," says Anna's Psychology teacher Mrs. Johnson.



Anna enjoys crocheting and plans to create and sell headbands and donate the proceeds to a non-profit organization. A great example of Anna's entrepreneurial spirit!



INTERESTED IN JOINING THE NDA SKI CLUB? ◀

Please register online by November 14. Parents and siblings may also register for the group to receive discounted lift tickets.

Online Procedure:

www.perfectnorth.com

Select Club Log-In located on the Perfect North Slopes home page

Search the ABC Chart to find your club

Club Members type in the ClubPassword using lower case

Club Name: Notre Dame Ski Club

Club Password: panda



WORK STUDY AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LONGSHORE DINING HALL ◀

Do you have just one day a month to volunteer for two hours in the NDA cafeteria? Helping out is neither difficult nor time-consuming and our current volunteers have fun visiting the school and seeing their daughters, granddaughters and friends. Volunteers are also welcome to stick around after their two-hour shift for lunch with "the crew". Grandparents in particular seem to love this job, so please consider asking your daughter's grandparents if they would like to help out. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karen Brungs at 859.292.1856 or brungsk@ndapandas.org. The schedule is online and you can sign up [HERE](#).

ALSO, we have a Work Study position open in the Longshore Dining Hall dishroom as well. If you are interested in this position, please contact Karen Brungs at 859.292.1856 or brungsk@ndapandas.org.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



A group of NDA students from Teen Leadership Club and ROX recently attended the Young Women Lead conference. #ywlnku



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](#)
Saturday, November 10 @ 9 a.m.
Saturday, December 7 @ 9 a.m.

Preview UC (University of Cincinnati)

Monday-Friday @ 9 a.m.
For Info and to Schedule Visit: [Preview UC](#)

Morehead School of English, Communication, Media, and Languages: Fall Open House

November 9, 2018
10 a.m. to Noon
To schedule your visit: www.moreheadstate.edu/visit

Visit Thomas More University!

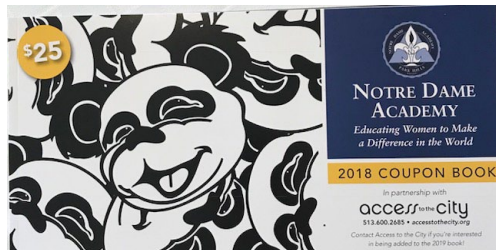
Thomas More offers visits from Monday - Friday.
For Info and to Schedule Visit: [Visit TMC](#)

Case Western Reserve University - Fall Open House

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

University of Dayton Women in Engineering Overnight

UD has a no-cost overnight event November 9 - November 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 ◀

Coupon Book Sellers:

The Coupon Book Fundraiser is underway. If anyone would like to purchase a coupon book you can contact Susan Colvin in Athletics at colvins@ndapandas.org. The books cost \$25 and checks can be made payable to Notre Dame Academy.

Any student Athlete that has not yet picked up their coupon books can stop by the

Athletic Department to sign for their books.

Once an Athlete has sold her books, she can turn her money in to Athletics or the Main office. All money and checks should be in a sealed envelope with name and homeroom on it.

ALSO: From the [NDA website](#) - each Athlete must submit and attach her Tally Sheet through the online link under Athletics / Fundraiser - Submit Tally Form.

Fall Sports Program

The Fall Sports Program honoring all Fall athletes will take place on Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Theatre. Family and friends are welcome to come and celebrate our hardworking athletes and celebrate their successful sport's season.

▶ Important dates

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
December 9	Band Concert
December 10	Seniors leave for retreat
December 14	Silver Bells Dance
December 19	Faculty Christmas Party
December 20- January 2	Christmas Break
January 3	School Resumes

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Scripture Study
- Women's Health and the Catholic Church
- NCYC
- B.R.A.K.E.S. - Teen Pro-Active Driving School



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