

SOPHOMORE CLASS INFORMATION 2018-19

Welcome to the Sophomore year! Each year brings many opportunities for our students and parents to participate in various events, some of which are described below. This information, along with updates, can be found on our web page. www.ndapandas.org

- Picture Day** **Oct. 5** - Students may be out of uniform for their school picture. However, they may not wear a V-neck or any low cut top, or one that has writing on it. Shorts or skirts must be of appropriate length. Students will bring home a flier prior to Oct. 5th and payment for picture is expected on Picture Day. Students will still need to have picture taken if not buying a packet to get school id.
- Mini Night** **Sept. 19** - Parents have the opportunity to be students for the night! At **7:00pm** parents follow their daughter's schedule as each teacher explains his or her curriculum and expectations. Your daughter will provide a schedule for you to follow that evening.
- PSAT** **Oct. 10** - This test is the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, which is a practice for the SAT. It determines National Merit Finalists at the junior level and is used as a practice at the sophomore level. Students will take this test in the morning during the school day.
- CERT** **Oct. 19 & Feb. 20** - The **College Equipped Readiness Test (CERT)** is an online assessment used to help students get ready for the ACT. CERT tests are age appropriate and address the content areas included in the ACT: English, Math, Reading and Science. The tests also match the format of the ACT including timing, question types and difficulty levels. The test is given to sophomores once in the Fall and another time in the Spring. Students and parents can go online and see results of the test and be given detailed video instructions for each answer.
- Grandparent Mass** **Oct. 19** - All students may invite their grandparents to attend mass in the gym from **1:30-3:03pm**. Parking will be available in the school lot.
- Parent/ Student/ Teacher Conferences** **Oct. 25** - Parents will have the opportunity to schedule ten-minute appointments with any of your daughter's teachers. School dismisses at 2:00 pm. and conferences will be held from 2:30 until 8:00pm.
- Retreat** **Dec. 5** - Students will report to school at 8am, and the retreat will conclude by 3:00pm. The Sophomore class retreat is held at the Heights and focuses on personal spirituality by reflecting on scripture/rosary and applying it to their everyday lives. The retreat consists of talks, small group sessions, activities and prayer service. All Sophomores are required to attend this retreat.
- Silver Bells** **Dec. 14 - 8:00-11:00** This is a semi formal dance for Sophomores through Seniors and held at NDA. Students attending are **required to attend**

school all day on the day of the event. Appropriate attire is required. This is a drug and alcohol free event and random breathalyzing will occur.

Mother/ **Jan. 12** - This event is sponsored by the Panda Parent Club and is held in the
Daughter evening at Receptions in Erlanger from **7:00-11:00**. It includes food, fun,
Dance and dancing. Tickets will be sold in advance. Photos are available for purchase through Lifetouch. According to Diocesan Policy, alcohol may not be served or consumed at this event.

Exams **Jan. 15-17** - Students will follow a special half-day schedule each of these days in order to have an exam in each of their classes.

Father/ **Jan. 25** - This event is sponsored by the PPC and held at Receptions in Erlanger
Daughter from **7:00-11:00pm**. It includes food, fun, and dancing. Tickets
Dance will be sold in advance. Photos are available for purchase through Lifetouch. According to Diocesan Policy, alcohol may not be served or consumed at this event.

Class Ring **Jan. 4.** - A Herff Jones rep will be at NDA to take ring orders from
3:00-7:00pm. Purchasing class rings is optional. January 23rd orders will be taken during lunch.

Ring **April 2** - All Sophomores and their parents are invited to the celebration of the
Ceremony sophomores becoming upperclasswomen. The event will be held from **7:00-8:30pm**.
in the Theatre. If a student did not order a ring, she will receive a NDA pendant. There will be a reception following the ceremony.

Academic **May 16** - Students who have won scholarships, first honors, state or
Awards national recognition, and their parents, are invited to attend this event held at NDA from **7:00-8:30pm**. A reception follows the ceremony.

Final **May 28-30** - Students will follow a special half-day schedule each of these
Exams days in order to have an exam in each of their classes.

Cleaning **May 31** - All Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors are required to come to
Day NDA for one hour of cleaning. All students share in ownership of the school and are expected to care for it as well.

OTHER EVENTS:

Scheduling January begins the scheduling process for the following year. Sophomores and their parents will be invited to attend an information meeting, and all sophomores will meet during a long homeroom period to discuss course options. The various

departments recommend students for a specific course and level (college prep, honors, AP), and students and parents receive a tentative schedule at the meeting.

Service

Sophomores are expected to complete 15 hours of service this year. Students will be responsible for planning this service on their own which meet specific criteria. The main guideline is that the service be done in/with a non-profit social agency/event that clearly supports the needs of others, and one preferably supported by NDA. Opportunities that are pre-approved for Sophomore service will be provided throughout the year. A full list of requirements will be explained to the sophomores in their religion classes the first few weeks of school.