

JUNIOR CLASS INFORMATION 2019-20

Welcome to the Junior 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** **Sept. 6-** 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 an appropriate length. Students will bring home a flyer prior to Sept. 6 and payment for pictures 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. 11** - 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.
- College Financial Aid Presentation** **Sept. 18** - This presentation will begin at 6:30pm and is designed for Juniors and Seniors and their parents.
- Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences** **Oct. 3** - Parents and daughters will have the opportunity to schedule ten-minute appointments with any of your daughter's teachers. School dismisses at 2:00pm. and conferences will be held from 2:30 until 8:00pm.
- Grandparents Mass** **Oct. 4** - 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.
- ACT Practice Test** **Oct. 4** - Juniors will participate in a practice test of the ACT from **8-11:15am**. This will be held at NDA.
- Retreat** **Oct. 10** - The junior class retreat takes place after school. The students do NOT attend classes that day, but are to report for their retreat from 2-8 p.m. at NDA. The junior retreat focuses on developing a personal spirituality by looking at self, friends and life events. The retreat is put on by the Jesuit Spiritual Center's Youth Ministry Team.
- PSAT** **Oct. 16** - This test is the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, which is a practice for the SAT. It also determines National Merit Finalists at the junior level. Students will take this test in the morning during the school day.
- Mother/Daughter Dance** **Nov. 9** - This event is sponsored by the Panda Parent Club and is held from 7 to 11pm. at Receptions in Erlanger. It includes food, fun, 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.
- Silver Bells** **Dec. 14** 8:00-11:00pm- This is a semi-formal dance held for Sophomores through Seniors at NDA. Appropriate attire is required. Students attending are required to attend school all day on the day of the event. This is a drug and alcohol free event and random breathalyzing will occur.
- Exams** **Dec.18-20** - Students will follow a special half-day schedule each of these days in order to have an exam in each of their classes.

Father/Daughter Dance **Feb. 7** - This event is sponsored by the Panda Parent Club and is held at Receptions in Erlanger from 7 to 11pm. and is held in the evening. It includes food, fun, 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

Junior ACT **March 24** - Junior will spend the school day taking the ACT at NDA.

Prom **March 27** - Junior/Senior Prom is a formal dance with dinner provided at Music Hall. Appropriate attire is required. Prom is school sponsored and drug and alcohol free. Random breathalyzers will be administered. Students must attend school all day in order to attend the event. The Panda Parent Club plans and provides an After Prom Event for the students at NDA.

Academic Awards **May 14** - Students who have won scholarships, first honors, state or national recognition, and their parents are invited to attend this event held at NDA from 7:00-8:30 pm. A reception follows the ceremony.

Final Exams **May 26-28** - Students will follow a special half-day schedule each of these days in order to have an exam in each of their classes.

Cleaning Day **May 29** -All Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors are required to come to 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

NHS Juniors who qualify for National Honor Society based on scholarship will be mailed an invitation in the fall to apply for membership. A faculty committee will review all applications that meet the deadline date to determine if students have met the additional NHS qualifications of service, leadership, and character. Those students who are accepted will be notified and invited to an Induction Ceremony.

Blood Drive **Fall & Spring** - We encourage all to donate blood.

College Days Six college or career visit days combined during Junior and Senior years are permitted and will not count as missed days. Please refer to the handbook for complete information regarding college visit days. To be excused absences, these days must be taken before April 30, and the proper form signed and dated by University/College personnel.

Scheduling The scheduling process for the following year begins in January. Juniors and their parents will be invited to attend an information meeting, and all students will meet during a homeroom period to discuss course options. The various departments recommend students for the level (college prep, honors, AP), of a required course, and students select their electives.

Service Junior year is a very special year of service because students will do their service during the school day. In the spring they will spend approximately two hours on Tuesday or Thursday mornings in a school, daycare, nursing home, shelter or other agency in need of volunteer help. The students will have a great deal of input in determining their service placement.