

FRESHMAN CLASS INFORMATION 2019-20

Welcome to Freshman year at NDA! 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 webpage 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 and skirts must be an appropriate length. Students will bring home a flier prior to Sept. 6th 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 a night! At 7:00pm parents follow their daughter's schedule as each teacher explains his or her curriculum and expectations. Your daughter will provide you with a copy of her schedule.
- Club Orientation** **Sept. 13** - Freshmen attend an all-school assembly to learn about the many clubs that NDA offers. This is an opportunity for students to determine what extracurricular activities they wish to get involved in. This is an exciting event and facilitated by NDA's Student Council.
- Freshman Snack** **Sept. 16** - Sophomore Ambassadors join Freshmen for a snack during homeroom, which provides an opportunity for freshmen to connect with upperclasswomen.
- Parent/ Student/ Teacher Conferences** **Oct. 3** - Parents and students 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 8:00 pm
- CERT** **Oct. 4, March 24** - 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. Students and parents can go online and see the results of the test and be given detailed video instructions for each answer.
- 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 for guests in the school lot.
- Freshmen Retreat** **Oct. 16, and Nov. 13** - The Freshmen class retreat focuses on personal spirituality and the ethic of serving others. Freshmen will be split into two groups: on one of these days they will take part in their retreat and on the other they will take part in a service activity in the local community. Details will be explained in Religion classes the first few weeks of school.
- CCH/NDA Freshman Halloween Dance** **Oct. 31** - The Freshman class is invited over to Covington Catholic for a Halloween dance from 8:00-11:00pm.
- Mother/ Daughter Dance** **Nov. 9** - This event is sponsored by the Panda Parent Club and is held in the evening from 7:00-11:00pm 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.

- 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 PPC, at Receptions in Erlanger from 7:00-11:00pm. The event 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.
- Academic Awards** **May 14** - Students who have won scholarships, first honors, and state or 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 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 Freshmen, 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:

- School Dances** Sponsored by various school clubs, dances are held at NDA from 8:00 - 11:00 pm. They are chaperoned by our parents, teachers, and administration. Police officers are also present. All-school dances are open to any high school student.
- Special Schedules** Sometimes there are adjusted schedules. The one most frequently used is the "Delayed Schedule." We use this schedule every Wednesday when school begins at 9:00 am. On these days, the faculty meets from 7:30 - 8:30 am, and students begin school at 9:00 am. Students may be required to report to school before 9:00 on some Wednesdays for a class meeting, club gathering or other important meeting. The "Delayed Schedule" may also be used for snow delays.
- Service** Freshmen will have their Service Requirements explained in their Religion class.
- Scheduling** The scheduling process for the following year begins in January. Freshmen 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.