



# The Gavel

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## PANDAS TAKE STATE

The hashtag “PTS” stands for something different for the Pandas after the girls high school state soccer championship game. The former #PTS meaning “Pandas Take State” now can also stand for “Pandas Took State” with regards to NDA’s soccer team who won 2-0 while facing Sacred Heart. The term was recently popularized with the Volleyball team and quickly became well-known with the entire school through Twitter. Needless to say (for anyone who has a Twitter account) the term overflowed Northern Kentucky’s timeline

because of the Cross Country, Volleyball, and Soccer Pandas going to state and the Soccer girls coming home with the win.

The phrase also takes a new place in NDA cheers. As the NDA soccer girls played, “P.T.S.” was chanted by the Notre Dame cheering section multiple times; but the most memorable chant was directly after the last second of the winning game, when NDA won!

It will be interesting to see in the future if this phrase takes a new place in NDA history or if it is just a popular trend for the time being.

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# Theatre Pandas

## FALL PLAY = BIG HIT!

### Christmas Show:

“The Only  
Christmas Pageant  
in Town”

December 14 -1 pm  
December 14- 4 pm  
December 15-1 pm

Get your tickets!  
\$5 Student  
\$10 Adult  
Sold after school.

### Next Production:

1960's Showcase

After a shaky final dress rehearsal Thursday night, the cast of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* was anxious for opening night. The play opened for a sold out crowd Friday night. Against all odds, the play went almost flawlessly! Members of the audience raved after the show, saying how thrilling and impressive the production was. The cast and crew managed to deliver just as thrilling of performances Saturday and Sunday, as well. Whether it was the shocking, intense fight scene between Ichabod Crane and Brom Bones, or the eerie, heart-pounding chase scene between Ichabod and the Headless Horseman, this play had audiences on the edge of their seats!

Kelsey Schwarber held the lead female role of Katrina Van Tassel, Ichabod's humble, intelligent love interest. Standouts included Szofia Komaromy-Hiller, as Sophia the schoolteacher,

and Megan Kathman, as Emmaline the student. Both acted as narrators of sorts during the course of the show. Katie Maurer played Grandmother Nella who held an essential role in setting up the ghost stories of the town. Abigail Martin played the frightening Woman in White who haunts Sleepy Hollow and creeped out the audience throughout the show.

The play was an original work by the playwright Harper K. Lee and the NDA/CCH Theatre Program was the first to ever perform it! This is what Aaron Schilling (Ichabod Crane) had to say about the production, “I’m very thankful for this rare experience, as it provided me with the once in a lifetime chance to be a part of an inaugural production and work with the playwright herself.” The cast, crew, and all involved are extremely proud of this play. Hopefully you were lucky enough to see the world premiere!

## Auditions 101

The next play is the Christmas show (*The Only Christmas Pageant in Town*), which is a no-cut show. This meant that anyone who auditioned got cast! Kelsey Schwarber, a freshman who had a lead in the fall play, was intimidated by auditions at first. She said, “I remember coming into auditions and being the typical nervous freshman, but I noticed right away that I was in a very loving, welcoming environment.” Those whom auditioned did a cold read of the script, meaning they performed the script only moments after receiving it.

Then, the roles were cast and rehearsals have started! What kept you from auditioning for the Christmas show, *The Only Christmas Pageant in Town*?

For the musicals, such as the upcoming *1960's Showcase* or *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, you have to do a singing audition if you want to be considered for a singing role. If you only want to be in the dance chorus, you only have to do a dance auditions. Don't be intimidated by auditions. The real fun begins afterwards at rehearsals!



# *Theatre Pandas*

## **THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW**





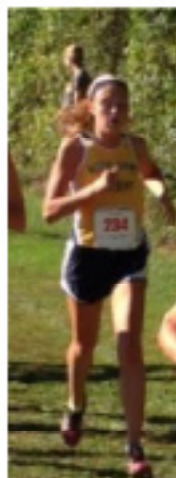
# Sports

## Cross Country

### Cross Country

Regionals- 3rd place

State- 14th place



### Volleyball

Districts- 1st place

Regionals- 1st place

State- 2nd place

All-Tournament Team-

Heidi Thelen  
Morgan Hentz  
Lauren Hollman



## Volleyball





# Golf

Conference- 1st place

Regionals- 1st place

State- 12th place

Individual Awards-

Jill Edgington: 4th-  
place Conference,  
25th- KHSAA State

Josie Hammon:  
5th- Conference, 6th-  
Owen Co.

Amy Pugliano: 6th-  
Conference

Ali Maier: 6th-  
Conference

# Soccer

Districts- 1st place

Regionals- 1st place

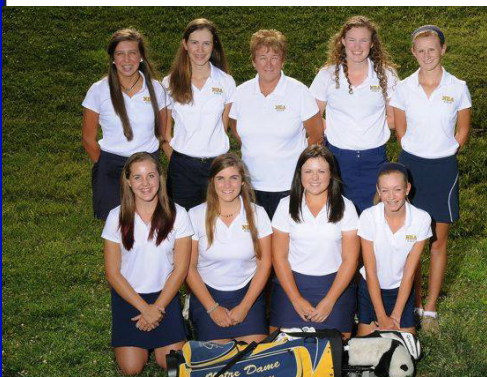
State- 1st place

All-Tournament Team  
Ellen Combs  
Maddie Tierney

MVP  
Libby Greenwell

# Sports

# Golf



# Soccer





# A r o u n d S c h o o l

## Mrs. Grayson

**What is your favorite thing about Thanksgiving?**

My most favorite thing about Thanksgiving is that I get to spend it with my family since I live in a different state than them. My grandparents are also there so it is one of our bigger family gatherings.

**What do you do for Thanksgiving?**

I travel to Minnesota and we will be eating a lot.

**Do you go Black Friday shopping?**

Absolutely not! I would rather sleep in and shop online all day at home.



## Faculty and Staff

## Mrs. Witt

**What is your favorite thing about Thanksgiving?**

Stuffing!

**What do you do for Thanksgiving?**

I cook and my whole family comes to my house.

**Do you go Black Friday shopping?**

Yes I go as early as 4:15.





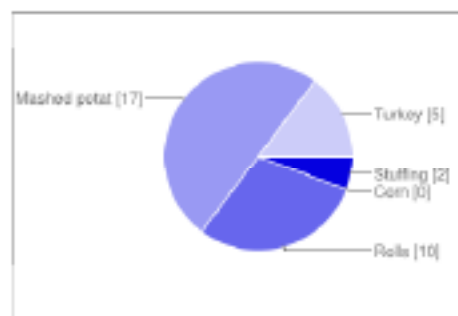
# The Holiday

- Top 5 Thanksgiving Desserts:**
- 1. Pumpkin Pie**  
–323 calories per slice
  - 2. Apple Pie**  
–67 calories per slice
  - 3. Pecan Pie**  
–117 calories per slice
  - 4. Pumpkin Cheesecake**  
–740 calories per slice
  - 5. Carrot Cake**  
–362 calories per slice

## The Turkey Mystery

You may wonder how the delicious turkey came about on Thanksgiving. The first meal that the Native Americans and Pilgrims shared is not known for sure, but over the years, the tradition has come about. Regardless, wild turkey, native to North America, was a major food source for both Native Americans and pilgrims. The turkey was a respectable bird, nevertheless a true original native of America. The turkey was more available than any other meat and it was easily accessible. The turkey was fresh, affordable, and big enough to feed a crowd. The garden vegetables such as potatoes and corn, made the tradition of turkey dinner complete.

In our NDA poll, we asked some students what their favorite Thanksgiving food was. By the results we received, mashed potatoes was the favorite. Rolls came in second, turkey in third, stuffing in fourth, and corn with zero votes, came in last.



## Thanksgiving Turkey Cookies

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 roll Pillsbury refrigerated sugar cookies
- 1 container chocolate cream frosting
- Candy corn
- Orange decorating icing
- Mini candy-coated chocolate baking bits

### STEPS

- 1) Bake cookies as directed on roll or package. Cool for 10 min.
- 2) Pipe chocolate frosting onto outer edge of cookie. Arrange candy corn over frosting for feathers
- 3) Pipe orange icing onto each cookie to resemble turkey face and feet. Use orange icing to attach baking bits to turkey face for eyes. Pipe black gel on baking bits for centers of eyes.

