



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Today was Common Reader Day at NDA and one of those days that makes it all worthwhile! We began our day with discussions about this year's Common Reader, *I Choose to be Happy* by Missy Jenkins Smith and William Croyle. We were blessed to be able to welcome both Missy and Bill to NDA to take part in the day. Missy spoke to our community about her horrific experience of becoming paralyzed after being shot in the 1997 Heath High School shooting in Paducah, Kentucky. While her story of survival was difficult to read about this summer, her message of hope and forgiveness was inspiring to all of us today.

Students attended four breakout sessions following Q&A with the authors and lunch. The sessions included a strengths study, making sisterhood bracelets, finding an outlet for stress and a prayer service. The prayer service focused on forgiving and being forgiven and included a very moving meditation. We ended our day with a prayer circle in the gym where we recited the Sisterhood Happiness Pledge together.

You can find more information about our Common Reader Day and pictures from today's event on our website [HERE](#). I encourage you to have a discussion with your daughter about today's Common Reader Day experience. I believe that our students took away a number of valuable life lessons about faith, courage and forgiveness. They also heard a great deal about the power words and the importance of kindness. It was a wonderful day celebrating our theme of *Cultivating Hope and Happiness, Strengthened by God's Love* and I hope your daughter is eager to share some of what she learned at this year's Common Reader Day.

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

*Cultivating hope and happiness,
Strengthened by God's love.*



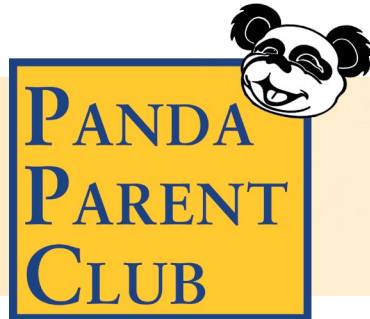
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT COUNCIL FRESHMEN ELECTIONS ◀

Congratulations to the freshmen elected as Student Council Homeroom Representatives:

Chelsea Collins
Hailey Fullenkamp
Ellie Greenwell
Kendall Hemsath
Taylor Jones
Jada Kramer
Sophia Stacy
Abby Unkraut



PANDA PARENT CLUB MEETING ◀

Mark your calendar for the next Panda Parent Club meeting on October 14 at 7:00 p.m. The topic is **Parenting Strategies that Work** with Thom Cox/ from Tri-D Center and Dr. Charles Roberts from Compass Point Counseling.



CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

At NDA, we celebrate our Catholic Identity everyday by living the Gospel message of Jesus through kindness and generosity to others, respect for life, community service and striving to use our God given gifts. Take a look at our Campus Ministry Department calendar for the next two weeks [HERE](#).



ROCKING THROUGH THE AGES ◀

This year our Pandas and their moms are Rocking Through the Ages! The annual Mother Daughter Dance will be held on November 9 from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Receptions in Erlanger. Come dressed as your favorite Rock Band or Rock and Roll star! You can register online or print out a registration form [HERE](#).

PLEASE NOTE! ➡

CONTINUED EMAIL ISSUES ◀

We are having continued issues sending communications to Cincinnati Bell email addresses which are part of a group email. We are working with Cincinnati Bell to resolve this issue as soon as possible and we apologize for the inconvenience. In the meantime, we will post any parent communications on the Parent Information page on our website [HERE](#). You can also find the Panda Press Weekly on the website [HERE](#). If you have a Cincinnati Bell email address but now would like to use a secondary email account for NDA communications, please email help@ndapandas.org with your name and that email address.



CREATING JOY ◀

The three textiles classes just completed pumpkin wall hangings. Each wall hanging is darling with the pumpkins reflecting the personality of their creator. In tiny amounts we are participating in the creative nature of our Creator and God. It makes us happy and we hope that our artwork brings joy to others as well.



BRINGING THE HYPE TO FRIDAY NIGHTS ◀

Let's hear it for the NDA/CCH Band, Color Guard, the Dance Pandas and of course Mr. Greg Cerimele! These folks work hard practicing every day of the week so they can bring fun and excitement to the crowd on Friday nights! Check out a few pics from Friday night [HERE](#).



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World



Do you know a young woman who is ready to make a difference in the world?

OPEN HOUSE
NOV. 3, 2019
1-3 p.m.

Learn about NDA's
All-Girl Advantage at
www.ndapandas.org

1699 Hilton Drive, Park Hills, KY 41011 | 859.292.1829

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

SWIMMING AND DIVING ◀

If you are interested in swimming or diving for this season that there will be an informational meeting on October 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

LET'S BOWL! ◀

Interested in having a ton of fun, meeting new friends and earning a varsity letter? Join the Bowling Pandas! Contact coach [Gary Wagner](#) ASAP with questions and to join!

Join the Bowling Team!

Current Bowlers Say:

Bowling is only 2 nights a week and it so much fun!

You make so many friendships with other girls on the team!

Bowling is a super fun sport!

I joined bowling as a freshman and I had zero idea on how to bowl.

Pros:


- Earn a Varsity Letter!
- Make some great friends
- Looks good on a college resume.

Cons:

- Laugh until your side hurts
- Gutter balls

NDA & CCH PRESENT

RADIUM GIRLS



OCT 18 7 P.M.
OCT 19 7 P.M.
OCT 20 2 P.M.

\$12 FOR ADULTS \$5 FOR STUDENTS

VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.NDAPANDAS.ORG/ARTS/CURRENT-SEASON.ASPX](https://www.ndapandas.org/arts/current-season.aspx)

RADIUM GIRLS ◀

Inspired by a true story, this play traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter in 1926 who uses the miracle discovery of Radium to make watch faces glow, as she fights for her day in court. Her former employer, Arthur Roeder, is an idealistic man who cannot believe that Radium could be the cause of the deaths of girls in his employ, and fights back against Grace and her friends. As the case goes on, Grace follows a campaign for justice that may or may not backfire.

Don't miss Radium Girls - October 18-20! You can purchase tickets [HERE](#).

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



CONGRATULATIONS ◀

Congratulations to the following students who were accepted into the St. Elizabeth Health Career Explorers Program:

- Kierstin Haas
- Isabel Alcorn
- Samantha Bailey
- Laura DeJonckheere
- Macy Feagan
- Madison Matthews
- Mary Ann Nerswick
- Abby Powers
- Hannah Ransom
- Megan Gebhart
- Ashley Nerswick
- Emma Neuhaus
- Hailey Taylor
- Taylor Wachs



YOUNG WOMEN IN BUSINESS ◀

Xavier University - Young Women in Business

Saturday, November 9

9 a.m. - Noon

Free event for female students (grades 9-12). Explore the field of Business, learn about Business majors/careers, and tour Xavier's Business program. Great opportunity! (Space is limited) RSVP: [Here](#) Full Event Info: [Here](#)



FAFSA ◀

Reminder to Seniors and Senior Parents: The FAFSA (College Financial Aid Application) is now open. Info and Tips: [FAFSA 101](#)



College
Rep
Visits

2019-20 College Rep Visits ◀

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch periods. You can find a list of upcoming visits [HERE](#).



UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY HEALTH SUMMER CAMPS ◀

AHEC offers two summer camps for students interested in health careers at UK. One is for juniors and focuses on the research end of medical careers. The sophomore camp is an overview of health careers. Both are offered from June 7-26. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).



DRUG FREE CLUB INFORMATION ◀

Drug Testing was conducted last week on over 450 of our Drug Free Club members! All tested students received reward goody bags, and all their parents received an email providing tips for conversation about drug-related themes. If your child is not yet signed up, it's not too late! Applications will be accepted through October 31st. Parents can sign students up through the DFCA website or through the paper application available in the school office or Quad. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.

PSAT

PSAT DAY ◀

Next Wednesday, October 16 the sophomores and juniors will be taking the PSAT (preliminary SAT Test). We will start the test at 9 a.m. on that day. There is not a makeup day for the test. All students need to bring a #2 pencil and their calculator. The juniors who take the test will be eligible for the National Merit State Qualifying competition. For more information about PSAT test click here:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>



GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS ◀

Attention Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors!

The Director of Kentucky Governor's School for Entrepreneurs, Tasha Sams, will be at the GSE Informational Meeting tomorrow (October 10) after school in Alumnae Hall. Any KY freshman, sophomore, or junior can apply for GSE, which will be held on the campus of Northern Kentucky University June 7-27, 2020. During the program, motivated teams of high school students develop a business model, design a prototype, and pitch their startup to a large audience and a panel of judges. Applications for GSE launch open on October 10.



GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS ◀

Information Session with GSA students from NDA:
Thursday October 24, after school in Alumnae Hall
Applications: open now
Deadline: January 10



GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM ◀

Applications due to Mrs. Hildreth on Nov. 20
See GSP website for information!



START THE BIDDING! ◀

Even if you aren't lucky enough to be attending this year's Autumn Gala, you can still support NDA by bidding on our Silent Auction items. To see all of the wonderful items up for bid, click [HERE](#).

The following is just a sampling of some of the items that will be offered in the Live and Silent Auctions:

- Pappy Van Winkle- 23 Year!!
- Scottsdale Spa and Resort
- 2020 Macy's Day Parade Grandstand Tickets for 4 and \$1500 Visa Card
- Charleston Condo for a Week
- Pedal Wagon Experience with the Principal AND Sisters Mary Paul Ann and Rachel
- Disney Park Hopper Passes
- Hilton Head Getaway
- Emperor's Dinner for 12 at the Oriental Wok
- Senior Graduation Package
- Thurby Experience to Churchill Downs
- Fighting Irish Football Tickets
- Xavier, University of Dayton, and Bellarmine University Tuition Grants
- Party at the Gardens
- Bonefish Restaurant Excursion for 10
- Smoky Mountain Getaway
- And much much more!

Take a look at our adorable Gala puppy!



ALUMNAE NEWS ◀

Alumnae Mass

All are welcome to join us at our monthly Alumnae and Friends Masses in our new *Mary, Mother of the World* Chapel at 11:30 a.m. on the last Wednesday of the month. Masses are scheduled for the following dates: October 30, November 20 (one week earlier due to Thanksgiving).

COMMUNITY NEWS



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

- Work Study Positions Available
- Living Your Strengths: Taking Your Life to the Next Level
- Rosary Coast To Coast, Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Yoga For a Cause



Being a local, family owned & operated full service dental practice, the [Dental Center of Florence](#) team works hard to offer you excellent dental care in a warm, friendly & comfortable atmosphere. Our services include every aspect of family, general and cosmetic dentistry including sedation and implant dentistry, teeth whitening & Invisalign. We are the tri-state leader in same day dentures and have the latest dental techniques and technology available, including our on-site denture lab. We invite you to join the many NDA Panda families we care for. To serve your busy life, we have evening and Saturday appointments available. We'll bring a smile to your face "all in a day!" Go Pandas! Corinne Laws, Class of 2021

► Important dates

October	9	Common Reader Day
	10	Junior Retreat
	11	No School: Faculty Professional Development
	12	Autumn Gala
	14	NON-FEEDER SHADOW DAY
	16	Super Day: SO/JR PSAT Freshman Retreat #1
	18	End of 1st Quarter
	18-20	Fall Play
	21	Red Ribbon Week begins
	21-24	Senior Retreat #2
	30	Alumnae Mass
November		
	1	No School: All Saints Day
	3	Open House
	6	Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents
	8	Alumnae Remembrance Mass
	9	Mother/Daughter Dance
	12	NHS Induction
	13	Freshman Retreat
	14-15	Blue Ribbon Award Ceremony, D.C.
	22	Panda Funfest for Prospective 8th Graders
	26	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
	27	Class of 2019 Welcome Back Night
	27-29	No School: Thanksgiving Break