



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

This is Red Ribbon Week at NDA which not only brings awareness and education of drug use to our students, but also encourages them to participate in drug prevention activities. This week falls right in line with our theme of *Embracing Dignity in Self, Others and Community*. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that enrollment for NDA's Drug Free Club is open until November 22. Notre Dame Academy currently has **62%** of our total student body enrolled in Drug Free Club. This is a huge increase from last year and I would like to thank NDA Personal Counselors, Kathy Hildreth and Erin Maggard for all they have done and continue to do to keep our students drug free!

Congratulations to NDA Theatre Director Caroline Stine and her cast and crew of *The Crucible* on a wonderful weekend of performances. The fall play, was very well received and Ms. Stine and our students involved in the play should be very proud of their work.

Good luck to our Volleyball and Cross Country Pandas at their regional events this week. Unfortunately the season has ended for our Soccer Pandas but they are to be commended on a great season.

I hope you have signed up for our upcoming **Student/Parent Teacher Conferences to be held on Monday, November 7 from 2:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Student/Parent Teacher Conferences are a wonderful opportunity for our students to take ownership of their education and I encourage you and your daughter to attend teacher conferences this year. While this is optional, every student can greatly benefit from a personal conversation with her teachers. We are blessed with very qualified and dedicated faculty members at NDA who are invested in making each student's educational experience at NDA the best it can be. Please encourage your daughter to take advantage of this great opportunity, to be responsible for her education, and attend this year's Student/Parent Teacher Conferences.

Students will fill out a form prior to November 7 that will help them prepare and actively participate in the conference. You can view the form [HERE](#). Also, online sign-ups for conferences are open through November 2. You can sign up for this year's Student/Parent Teacher Conferences [HERE](#).

Thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education and for supporting our efforts this school year of *Embracing Dignity in Self, Others and Community*. Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Freshmen Homeroom Representatives:

Congratulations to the following freshmen who were elected as Homeroom Representatives:

Homeroom 313 Grace Winstel  
Homeroom 308 Sommer Shields  
Homeroom 210 Ashley Nerswick  
Homeroom 209 Molly Kleier  
Homeroom 202 Phoebe Boyle  
Homeroom 204 Chloe Collins

### Halloween Festivities

On Monday, October 31, students are encouraged to participate in the Halloween fun by wearing costumes to school. Students should keep in mind that masks, gore, weapons, face/body paint are not permitted; moreover, costumes should provide proper coverage as outlined in our school's dress code.

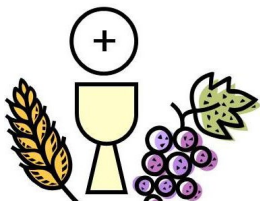


### Halloween Bash for freshmen:

Covington Catholic is hosting their annual Halloween Dance for the freshmen this Saturday from 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. Tickets are available in homeroom and before and after school for freshmen to buy. No tickets will be sold at the door.

### Teen Leadership Club

Members of the Teen Leadership Club (TLC) attended the Anthony Munoz Youth Leadership Seminar. While at the seminar they listened to multiple speakers, including the founders of Tom + Chee, talk about leadership and making your dreams turn into reality. While at the conference they also solidified a service project they will work on implementing this school year. They are pictured with 2 of the speakers - Nick Jackson and Danny Ciamarra from the Speak Love movement. From left to right back row - Katie Schawe, Olivia Resing, Danny Ciamarra, Liz Urban, and Emily Rice Front row - Nick Jackson



## JOIN US FOR MASS ◀

This Friday, October 28, we will celebrate Mass at 7:15 a.m. in our chapel. We will be praying for all who have been effected by drug addiction. Please join us in the celebration of the Eucharist. We welcome all students, parents, faculty and staff.

## IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

### Incidental Billing and FACTS

We began the process of using FACTS for our Panda Fees for Athletics and Theatre.

We initially thought that FACTS would notify you of the bill, tell you the due date, then do an automatic payment on the due date. That is not the case.

You must log into FACTS and initiate the payment. You should be getting notices from FACTS telling you that you have an invoice that is due. If you do not remember your password or user name you must contact FACTS directly for that 866-412-4637. However, if you have other questions in regard to the incidental billing, please contact the accounting office 859-292-1844 or [hehmanl@ndapandas.org](mailto:hehmanl@ndapandas.org).

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

# STUDENT/PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

## HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET?

**WHEN:** Monday, November 7, 2016 | 2:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** NDA Students with their Parents

**HOW TO SIGN UP:** You can sign up online [HERE](#) from now through November 2

**HOW TO PREPARE:** Students should fill out [THIS FORM](#) prior to the conferences

*Every student can benefit from a Student/Parent Teacher Conference!*



### INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

#### SWAT Team Attends Summit

Today NDA's SWAT team attended the region's inaugural innovation and technology summit – ComSpark.

This summit was perfect for our SWAT Pandas because it was designed for people with a passion for tech and innovation.

The goal of the ComSpark Summit was to help attendees of today's event grow as professionals, provide opportunities to meet and learn from industry leaders and celebrate how innovation and technology are impacting our world.

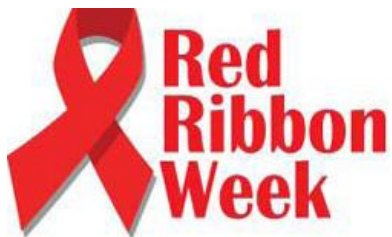
At the event, SWAT team members joined CEOs, executives, developers, entrepreneurs, innovators and dreamers with a passion for tech during our region's landmark celebration of technology and innovation. They experienced top-quality tech programming, interactive experiences and demonstrations and educational opportunities that surely inspired their passion for innovation and technology!



### PUMPKINS IN TEXTILES! ◀

Pat Brennan's Textiles class is getting into the spirit of the season with pumpkins!





### Red Ribbon Week at NDA

This week is Red Ribbon Week which encompasses bringing awareness and education regarding drug use to students and families here at NDA. Some of our activities here at school include a door decorating contest tying drug use to our school theme of embracing dignity in self others and community and daily “quiz” questions regarding drug and alcohol use at lunch.



A large part of helping to keep our community drug free comes from our parents. Research has shown parent involvement is one of the major factors contributing to children making healthy choices regarding drug and alcohol use. Check out the following link to see what positive parenting techniques can be used to help prevent drug and alcohol use.

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/family-checkup>

### KENTUCKY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS

Kentucky Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE) is a three-week residential summer program where 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students, working in teams, take an idea for a product or service and utilize science, technology, engineering, art, math and business skills to design a product and develop a business model for it. GSE 2017 will be held at Transylvania University from June 25-July 15. Application deadline is Jan. 4, 2017.

Students learn about: company start-up and growth, product development and design, customer validation, business models, marketing and sales, production, investment capital and long-range strategy. At the end of the summer program, some teams may be ready to launch an actual company and/or product or service! 2017 Applications are NOW OPEN! Information and Applications available on the [KY GSE Website](#).

A GSE Informational Meeting will be held in the NDA Library after school on Nov. 2. Hear from GSE Attendees and see application videos from accepted students!



### ENROLLMENT DEADLINE EXTENDED ◀

#### Don't miss the 2017 Summer Trip to the Eastern Seaboard!

Did you need just a little more time to think about attending the 2017 Summer Trip? Well, you're in luck! The Enrollment Deadline for the 2017 Summer Trip to the Eastern Seaboard has been extended through October 31, 2016. So enroll today and explore Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington D.C. with us this summer. It's a trip you will never forget accompanied by experiences of a lifetime. So gather your panda sisters and enroll today. If you need any additional information about the trip, please don't hesitate to email Mrs. Theresa Van Auken ([vanaukent@ndapandas.org](mailto:vanaukent@ndapandas.org)) or Ms. Hillary Johnson ([johnson@ndapandas.org](mailto:johnson@ndapandas.org)). We look forward to traveling along the Eastern Seaboard with you this summer!

### CALLING ALL ARTISTIC PANDAS! ◀

Is your child a star in Creative Writing, Dance, Instrumental Music, Theatre, Visual Art, or Vocal Music? The Overture Awards program is one that recognizes, encourages, and rewards excellence in the arts among Greater Cincinnati students grades 9-12. Its mission is to encourage arts education as an integral part of a student's academic experience and to create an environment that encourages training in, and appreciation of, the arts. If you are interested in entering, please email Ms. Stine ([stinec@ndapandas.org](mailto:stinec@ndapandas.org)). Deadline for registration is November 18, 2016.



### TO COMPETE, OR NOT TO COMPETE, THAT IS THE QUESTION ◀

ESU Competition - Does your child have a love of Shakespeare? Consider entering the English Speaking Union Cincinnati Shakespeare Competition! A competition rooted in developing the skills needed for and a love of Shakespeare, his dramatic and poetic art, his universality, and his use of the English Language. Deadline to register will be November 1. School competition will be held in January.

## NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

### NDA HALL OF FAME

NDA is pleased to announce that the next Hall of Fame Induction will be March 9, 2017. If you know any former NDA athletes, coaches or supporters please take a moment to nominate them here: [NDA Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Form](#)  
Nominations are due December 10, 2016. Questions? Contact NDA AD, Myanna Webster at [websterm@ndapandas.org](mailto:websterm@ndapandas.org).

### SOCCER

Congratulations to our Soccer Pandas on a great season! Unfortunately, they lost in Semi State after a hard fought battle that ended in PK's with West Jessamine.

### VOLLEYBALL

NDA Volleyball Pandas won against Dixie in three last night. They play tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Dixie vs. Cooper in the Regional Semi Finals. Good luck Pandas!

### CROSS COUNTRY

Good luck to our Cross Country Pandas at their regional meet this Saturday at Shermann Elementary at 2:15 p.m. Come out and cheer them on!

### SWIMMING

The swimming team will be having a team activity Saturday, November 5, between 1:00-3:00. It will be held at Edgewood's Freedom Park at the corner of Dudley and Thomas More Parkway. Parents, if you want to help with these activities or have questions please contact Joanne Glass at [jglass@fblaw.com](mailto:jglass@fblaw.com).



### MOTHER DAUGHTER 2016 ◀

Mother Daughter is coming up on Friday November 11, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Receptions. It is a Cowgirl Rodeo theme this year so start getting your costumes together! More information and registration form can be found online [HERE](#).



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Sunday,  
November 6  
1:00 - 3:30



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# NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

2016-17 SPEAKER SERIES

The Northern Kentucky Tribune

and



Notre Dame Academy



invite you to a special reception celebrating  
Notre Dame Academy graduate

**Lt. Col. Amy McGrath Henderson**



on her induction into the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame  
Notre Dame Academy Alumnae Hall  
November 14 - 5:30-7:30 p.m.

## **NDA SPEAKER SERIES CELEBRATES ALUMNA LT. COL. AMY McGRATH HENDERSON, A Woman Truly Making a Difference in the World** ◀

NDA's next Speaker Series event will be a celebration of NDA alumna Lt. Col. Amy McGrath Henderson. We hope you will join us with your daughter for this special reception celebrating Lt. Col. McGrath Henderson on her induction to the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame. The event will be held on Monday, November 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in NDA's Alumnae Hall. We are hosting this special event in conjunction with The Northern Kentucky Tribune. Lt. Col. McGrath Henderson will speak informally at 7:00 p.m. For more information about the event [CLICK HERE](#).

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# NDA

# GIVING TUESDAY

# NOVEMBER 29

## **NDA JOINS GLOBAL DAY OF GIVING** ◀

This November 29, Notre Dame Academy will join more than 10,000 organizations worldwide in a day dedicated to giving back - Giving Tuesday. Please plan to be part of this global day of giving by making a donation to our Annual Appeal during this special event. Every gift, no matter the size, will make a real difference for current and future NDA students!

Help us make a difference and join this worldwide movement maintaining that it is better to give than to receive!



## DO YOU KNOW PROSPECTIVE PANDA PARENT? ◀

Parents are invited to a “sneak peek” at NDA:

Who we are, what we value, and how we will prepare your daughter to make a difference in the world.

### Dates and Times:

Friday, November 4, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.\*

\*Reservations are required for these events. Please RSVP to Katie Caccavari, Director of Admissions, [caccavarik@ndapandas.org](mailto:caccavarik@ndapandas.org), 859-292-1829 at least 24 hours prior to the date you wish to attend.

## ▶ Important dates

October 27	Wear red shirts with uniform skirts for Red Ribbon Week! SWAT at ComSpark NHS Induction 6:30 p.m.
October 28	Mass at 7:15 a.m. in Chapel - All are welcome! Out of Uniform Day for Drug Free Members ONLY Picture Retake Day
October 29	CCH Halloween Bash
November 1	<b>All Saints' Day - No School</b>
November 6	Open House
November 7	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 8	<b>No School: Election Day</b>
November 11	Remembrance Mass Mother/Daughter Dance
November 14	Speaker Series - Amy McGrath-Henderson Reception 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
November 15	Fall Sports Awards
November 16	Freshman Retreat #2
November 18	Mid-quarter Panda Funfest for Prospective Pandas!
November 22	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
November 23-25	<b>No School: Happy Thanksgiving</b>

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Check out the Community News section of NDA's website for news about...

- Life's 5th Quarter
- St. Agnes Youth Group
- Park Hill's Animal Hospital Halloween Pet Fair
- Part-time job opportunity for moms and students
- National League of Junior Cottillions

For a complete list of community news, [CLICK HERE](#).

