



*An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy*

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

We continue to prepare the way of the Lord during this Advent season. In this special time of hope and waiting, we draw closer to each other and especially to God who sent His only son to save us from our sins. During Advent, we look for new ways in which God enters our lives. We open ourselves to discovering Christ in all things and each other and we continue *Cultivating Hope and Happiness, Strengthened by God's Love*.

It's hard to believe that we are just over a week away from Christmas break. Exams will be held December 18-20 this year. Students are dismissed for the day at the end of their last exam on each of those days. Please make sure your daughter gets plenty of rest and has a good breakfast for each exam day as it can be difficult to manage the stress of exams this time of year. You can find our exam schedule [HERE](#). If you have any questions regarding exams at NDA, you can find our exam policy under the Academic Policy category in our handbook [HERE](#).

I would also like to call your attention to our Honor Roll lists which are mentioned below. Our students have been very diligent in their studies this year and their commitment to education is evident in the large number of students on the Honor Roll for the first quarter of this year. I commend them for their dedication and hard work!

May this holy season of Advent fill you with peace, hope and many special blessings, and may you be reminded of God's presence in your life each day.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



# STUDENT LIFE

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT THIS FRIDAY ◀

Students are encouraged to wear their Christmas sweaters, shirts, accessories, tights and/or socks with their uniform skirts on Friday. We look forward to celebrating the holiday with the band, choral and dance concert!



## 2019 SILVER BELLS ◀

### Winter Wonderland: Silver and White

Silver Bells is this Saturday, December 14, 2019. Doors will open at 8:00 p.m., and all students must arrive by 9:00 p.m. The dance ends at 11:00 p.m. Registration is due this Thursday, December 12. Tickets are \$12 per person and is open to sophomores through seniors and their guests (if applicable). We thank the sophomore class for hosting the dance and the parents of current freshmen who have volunteered to clean up after the annual event.



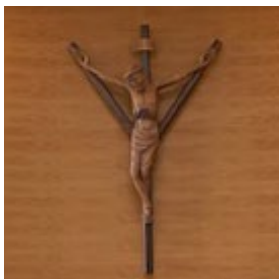
## BAMBOOTIQUE HOLIDAY SHOPPING HOURS ◀

Don't forget to stop by our Bambootique Spiritwear Shop to shop for your favorite Pandas! You can find our holiday shopping hours [HERE](#).



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER ◀

Congratulations to Grace Caccavari on being selected as NDA's November Student of the Month! You can read more about Grace [HERE](#).



## 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 week [HERE](#).



## MESSAGE FROM THE CAFETERIA MANAGER ◀

Parents, please check lunch your daughter's account balance and take care of any low or negative balances as soon as possible. Contact Karen Brungs at [brungsk@ndapandas.org](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org) with any questions.

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

## COUPON BOOK MONEY IS DUE NOW ◀

Students athletes should have already filled out their coupon book spreadsheets, uploaded them, and turned in their money. If you are a student athlete and have not yet done this, PLEASE DO SO TODAY. You can access the spreadsheet and the upload here:

[Coupon Book Tally Spreadsheet](#)

[Coupon Book Tally Spreadsheet Upload](#)

Money should be turned in in an envelope with your name and homeroom on it. Please turn in the envelope during Panda PrimeTime if you are not requested by a teacher or after school in the gym.

## GREEN DOT BASKET BALL CLASSIC

SUNDAY  
DECEMBER  
15, 2019  
THOMAS MORE  
NDA VS. NCC 2P



*Dress down Monday,  
December 16th if you  
attend the game!*

## GREEN DOT BASKETBALL CLASSIC ◀

Don't miss the Green Dot Basketball Classic on Sunday, December 15 at Thomas More University. NDA will take on NCC beginning at 2:00 p.m.

**FREE DRESS DOWN DAY ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 16** to all students who attend this fun Green Dot event!



## PANDA PARENT CLUB MEETING ◀

Mark your calendar for the next Panda Parent Club meeting on **Monday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m.** The topic is **Social Media and Your Digital Tattoo** and our speaker will be Steve Smith.



## CONGRATULATIONS ◀

**Honors lists** from our first quarter are now posted on the website [HERE](#). Congratulations to all of our honors students!

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



### EXAM SCHEDULE ◀

Exams will be December 18-20. Please see the [NDA Handbook](#) for the exam policy which is under the Academic Policy category. Please see the [exam schedule](#) that has been also shared with the students.

Snacks will be sold each morning before exams begin and students will be allowed to eat a snack in homeroom each day.



### PSAT Information ◀

Sophomores and juniors may have started to receive emails about their PSAT scores. If a student did not supply an email to PSAT, she will not get an email about the scores. If a student wants to view scores online, she can create a collegeboard account at <http://www.psat.org/myscore>. They may need an access code and can email Mrs. Monohan if they do not have this code. Paper score reports will be handed out to students/parents at the college planning meeting on Thursday, Feb 6 for juniors and Tuesday, Feb 11 for sophomores.



### ACT for Juniors ◀

The juniors will be taking an in school ACT on March 24. Juniors will register through school and not online for that test. There will not be a charge for this test as it is a part of tuition.

*Please join us for the following holiday event at*

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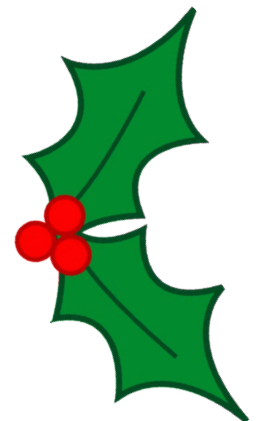
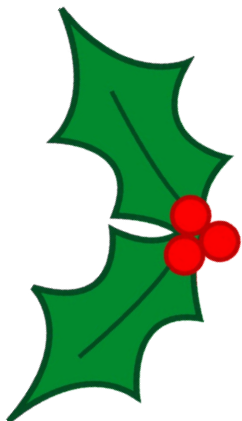
*Christmas Band Concert*

*featuring*

*The NDA/CCH Band*

*Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m.*

*in the NDA Theatre*





## 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. Due to the Christmas holiday, there will not be an Alumnae and Friends Mass in December. The next Alumnae Mass is scheduled for January 29.



## CALLING ALL NDA/CCH THEATRE ALUMS! ◀

Please join us for the 2nd Annual NDA/CovCath Theater Cabaret in the NDA Theater.

**When:** Sunday, January 5, 2020

**Show Times:** 2:15 – 4:00 p.m.

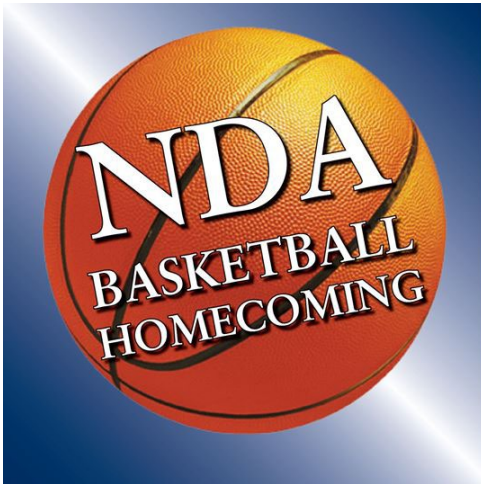
Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. with refreshments and beverages in Alumnae Hall.

**Ticket Prices:** \$15 - Adults; \$5 - Students with School IDs

Tickets are available online [HERE](#)

or Day of Show at the NDA Theater Box Office

If you are interested in performing, please email Liz Voto at [votol@ndapandas.org](mailto:votol@ndapandas.org). We hope to see you there!



## ATTENTION ALL PANDA BASKETBALL ALUMNAE ◀

The coaching staff and the Panda basketball team would like to invite alumnae basketball players to join them as they take on the Cooper Jaguars on January 3, 2020. Meet the current team and catch up with former Panda alumnae. Join us to be recognized at halftime of the varsity game. A hospitality room will be available during the JV and Varsity games. JV starts at 4:30 and Varsity at 6. Please RSVP by December 28th to [bbreeze2011@gmail.com](mailto:bbreeze2011@gmail.com).

# COMMUNITY NEWS



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

- GO Pantry-Christmas GO Box food drive: Please sign up



River Metals Recycling (RMR) is the largest scrap recycler in Kentucky and in the greater Cincinnati/NKY region, with nine locations in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. River Metals Recycling gladly pays you to recycle your scrap metal. Bring in your old cars or trucks, appliances, cast iron, aluminum, copper, brass, and electronic scrap to RMR's Newport, Kentucky recycling facility and get cash on the spot, fast! We are open to the public 6 days a week at 1220 Licking Pike. Check us out at [RMRecycling.com](http://RMRecycling.com) or call us at 859-331-CASH. Join area businesses and your neighbors, and recycle with us!

## ► Important dates

December	13	In School Band and Choral Concert
	14	ACT and HSPT at NDA Silver Bells Dance
	15	Band Concert
	17	Advent Prayer Service
	18-20	Exams
	21	Christmas break begins
January	6	Students return to school after Christmas break HSPT meeting for 8th graders
	13	Panda Parent Club Meeting: Social Media and Your Digital Tattoo
	20	No School - MLK Day
	21	Senior retreat
	24	Life March Prayer for Penance Prayer Service
	27	Catholic Schools Week Begins Nunday Monday Mass
	30	Bring an Alum to School
	31	CSW Talent Show