



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Happy Super Wednesday! Today our students are *Becoming Fully Alive Through Education and Love* with all sorts of activities. Half of our freshmen were on retreat while the other half were out in the community making a difference through their service to others. Our Sophomores and Juniors took the PSAT and then attended a session on college and career planning. Our seniors visited a Sikh Temple this morning and then had college work time and attended a college information session. My thanks to everyone who helped make this such a productive day for our students!

We certainly appreciate our students packing their lunches while kitchen renovations reach completion at NDA. We have inspections scheduled in the new kitchen this Friday and plan to open the kitchen as early as next week. Once we have the final go ahead from our contractors, students and parents will be notified by email of the kitchen opening.

On Tuesday, October 25, NDA will hold Student/Parent Teacher Conferences from 2:30 - 8:00 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. I truly believe that 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 October 25 that will help them prepare and actively participate in the conference. Also, we will once again use MyConferenceTime to schedule conference online. You can access the online scheduler by going to www.myconferecencetime.com/nda. The site will be live later this week.

On Sunday, October 28, our community will come together with Bishop Foys for the dedication of our new facilities at NDA. A formal ceremony will take place from noon until 1:00 p.m. with a reception and tours to follow. We invite all of our parents and students to join us for this special celebration. You can find more information about the dedication in your invitation below.

Finally, thank you to all of our parents who give of themselves and their time at NDA. You help out in many different ways doing many different jobs. Thank you for all being great representatives of the Panda Parent Club. I truly appreciate all that you do to support our school and I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual Autumn Gala this weekend!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





Part of the Freshman Retreat & Service Day was a tour of St. Joseph Heights which ended with some delicious cookies!



The program included a traditional prayer service, and an explanation of the religious tenets of the faith. Afterwards, members of the Sikh community treated our students to a lunch of traditional Sikh foods.



NDA Senior Regina Hundal and her family are members of the Sikh Temple and invited our seniors to visit.



No school on Friday, October 12 due to Faculty retreat.

Make A Wish Foundation Donation

On Friday, September 28, Student Council hosted the first mixer of the year which was a huge success! Money raised totaled \$1,440.75 and all proceeds have been given to the Make A Wish Foundation.



Emergency Notification Alert

Notre Dame Academy uses SwiftK12 to communicate emergencies to the school community or to push out messages very quickly. The system syncs up with PowerSchool and uses the phone numbers and emails we have in the system. A practice alert will be conducted this Thursday at 3:15 p.m. If you do not receive the message or if there is an error in receipt, please contact the school office.



Handbook Highlight

Last Friday, the Seniors met with Mr. VonHandorf and Mrs. Grayson to discuss exam exemption and attendance policies as it relates to them. An exam is intended to be a learning experience in synthesizing, reviewing, and selecting important information. All students are required to take mid-term exams in every subject. A student taking a freshman, sophomore and junior course is required to take final exams in that subject. Students taking a senior level course, however, may qualify for exemption.

A student taking a full credit senior level course, who has a passing grade for three quarters and a 92% or above average for the fourth quarter, may be exempt from their final exams if the teacher offers exemptions. To be exempt for a half credit senior level course final exam, a student must have an 83% or higher in the first quarter of the class and a 92% or above in the second quarter to be exempt from the exam if the teacher offers exemptions. Exemption is granted to students who maintain the required average and who have not exceeded 5 unexcused absences in a semester.

College visits for Juniors and Seniors are considered excused and can be taken until the end of April. Students are given 5 days total between the two years.

Freshmen Homeroom Representative Elections

Freshmen who are interested in running for Student Council office are reminded to submit their applications by Monday, October 15. Elections will take place during long homeroom on Friday, October 26.

You are cordially invited to attend

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S
21st Century Excellence Without Boundaries

Dedication

Celebration

October 28, 2018

at

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
1699 Hilton Drive
Covington, Kentucky 41011

Formal Ceremony from noon until 1:00 p.m.

Reception and tours to follow

Please confirm your attendance no later than

October 15, 2018

by contacting NDA's Development Department

at 859.292.7729



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World



OPEN HOUSE

NOV 4

1-3 pm

IMPORTANT CAFETERIA NEWS ◀

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In the meantime, parents should go to PAYPAMS to check their daughter's balance in order that students have money in their accounts to purchase these items.

TEXTILE CLASSES ARE GETTING READY FOR HALLOWEEN! ◀



RHO KAPPA INDUCTEES ◀

Below are the 2018-19 members of Rho Kappa, the National Social Studies Honor Society. This is the third year for Rho Kappa at NDA and there were 43 new members inducted. The Rho Kappa members have already been earning service hours this year with their work on the Naturalization ceremony with Judge Thapar and will be helping to host the upcoming Park Hills Meet the Candidate night on Oct. 23.



INTERESTED IN JOINING THE NDA SKI CLUB? ◀

Please join us for an informational meeting immediately after school on Tuesday, October 16, in Mrs. Johnson's room 111. If you are unable to attend you may register online with the information below.

Online Procedure:

- www.perfectnorth.com
- Select Club Log-In located on the Perfect North Slopes home page
- Search the ABC Chart to find your club
- Club Members type in the ClubPassword using lower case

Club Name: Notre Dame Ski Club
Club Password: panda



**MEET THE CANDIDATES
OF THE
CITY OF PARK HILLS**

**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Tuesday, October 23
7-9 p.m.**

save
the dates!

**NDA & CCH Present
*Much Ado
About Nothing*
October 19-21**

**Tickets:
www.ndapandas.org**



Drug Free Clubs of America

conducted voluntary drug testing on almost 400 (70%) of our Pandas last week! Every one of them:

- received a cinch-sack backpack and a bag of goodies
- know they can use the excuse, “I can’t, I might be tested” when offered drugs
- had a “Take 5” email sent to their parent offering tips of easy ways to talk to teens about refraining from drug use.
- can use their temporary club ID card to obtain Rewards from our Community, and rewards at school!

It’s NOT TOO LATE to [APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP](#) and give your daughter this much-appreciated gift! Applications are accepted through NOVEMBER 2!



KY Governor Programs Application Update:

	<u>Online Application</u>	<u>Due</u>
Governor’s Scholars Program (GSP)	Available	November 13
Governor’s School for the Arts (GSA)	Available	January 11
Governor’s School for Entrepreneurs (GSE)	November 1	December 20



Parents and Guardians of 10th and 12th Grade Students:

Please check your email today for information regarding the upcoming Kentucky Incentives for Prevention (KIP) Survey, which will be administered on Friday November 2 during a long homeroom. The KIP Survey is Kentucky’s largest source of aggregate data related to student use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Information gathered provides invaluable information to guide substance abuse prevention and program development for our students here at Notre Dame Academy.



2018-19 College Rep Visits at NDA

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch periods. Below is a list of upcoming visits.

OCTOBER

11 UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

15 TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY



THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY



ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY



16 GEORGETOWN COLLEGE



26 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME



(10:49-11:25)

31 SPAULDING UNIVERSITY



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES CONTINUED ◀

Junior Action Steps for College

After PSAT Testing Wednesday, Juniors were encouraged to do 2 Action Steps to prepare for College. Action Step 1: Sign-up and take the ACT. Action Step 2: Go on 1-2 College Visits during Junior Year. Below is information to help Juniors and Junior Parents/Guardians with these 2 Action Steps.

How to Register for ACT?

You register online at: actstudent.org

How to sign-up for College Visits?

This is done on college websites. Below are some ideas and links to help!

NKU Open Houses:

Sat., October 20th @ 9 am

Sat., November 10th @ 9 am

Sat., December 7th @ 9 am

For Info and to Sign-Up: [NKU Open Houses](#)

Preview UC (University of Cincinnati)

Monday-Friday @ 9 am

For Info and to Schedule Visit: [Preview UC](#)

Visit Thomas More!

Monday-Friday...Visits start at 9:30 am, but can be scheduled later in the day as well

For Info and to Schedule Visit: [Visit TMC](#)

WKU's Head for the Hill Open Houses

Sat., Oct. 20th

Friday, Nov. 9th

For Info and to Sign-Up: [WKU Head for the Hill!](#)

Case Western Reserve University - Fall Open House

Nov. 12th

For more information and to RSVP: case.edu/admission

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

Attention Aqua Pandas!

If you are interested in being on this year's Swim and Dive Team and have not received information, please send Courtney Sorrell an email at sorrellc@ndapandas.org. Swimming tryouts are October 16th. All paperwork must be completed before then.

Check out the Play Like a Champion Today Parent Training coming in January put on by Covington Catholic. This is a great opportunity for parents to hear about the [Play Like A Champion Today Program](#) and what it offers for them! I strongly encourage you to attend.

What: Play Like a Champion Today Parent Training

When: Monday January 14th at 6:30pm

Where: Covington Catholic Gym

NDA Athletic Hall of Fame

NDA will host an NDA Athletic Hall of Fame induction next spring. You can nominate a deserving athlete here:

<https://www.ndapandas.org/athletics/hall-of-fame.aspx>

Playing a Winter or Spring Sport?

Any students planning to participate in a Winter or a Spring Sport must complete the Athlete Registration. The link can be found on our website under - Athletics / Information and Forms. Or you can register using this link: [2018-19 Athletic Registration](#)



LET THE BIDDING BEGIN! ◀

The 2018 Autumn Gala is officially sold out! You can still support NDA by bidding on our silent auction items! Go to nda18gala.gesture.com and enjoy looking and bidding on the items that are available!

Check out our adorable Gala puppy!

The Shichon is a designer dog breed that is commonly referred to as the Teddy Bear due to their adorable puppy-like appearance, plush coat, and cuddly nature. This designer dog is a cross between a Shih-Tzu and a Bichon Frise. Their breeding is designed to eliminate most dander, so your 'allergic' significant other can't stop you from adopting one. They are also known to be very gentle and suitable for young children and older people. This puppy -- approximately 11 weeks old, is veterinarian-checked with starter and booster shots and is ready to become a member of your family tonight! Also included to make sure your puppy has a secure and safe haven for those special times, is a metal dog crate that folds for easy storage and portability.



CRAFTS & VINES

WINE BAR AND TAP ROOM

OCTOBER 24, 2018
6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

ALUMNAE PANDA PERK ◀

Attention NDA Alumnae - our next Panda Perk Event is at Crafts and Vines in Covington on October 24, 2018. Go between 6-8:00 p.m. to get \$2 off of all wine & beer on tap and 10% off of food purchases and all retail wine.

► Important dates

October 10	Informational Coffee Super Wednesday - Dismissal at 2:30 p.m.
October 11	Shadow Day - St. Agnes and Prince of Peace JR Retreat
October 12	No School: PD (Youth 2000 begins)
October 13	Autumn Gala
October 19	SR College Planning/Work day JR ACT FR/SO CERT Testing Grandparents' Day Mass
October 19-22	Fall Play
October 23	Park Hills - Meet the Candidates Forum at NDA
October 24	Crafts and Vines Discount Night - Faculty & Alums
October 25	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 27	ACT at NDA CCH Halloween Dance
October 28	Dedication of New Facilities at NDA
October 31	Halloween
November 1	No School: All Saints Day
November 2	End of the 1st Quarter
November 4	Open House Daylight Savings Ends
November 8	NDA Alum Wine and Paint Night
November 9	Remembrance Mass
November 13	Fall Sports Awards
November 14	FR Retreat/Service Day
November 16	Panda FunFest
November 21-23	No School: Thanksgiving Break
November 21	Class of 2018 Welcome Back Night

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Living Without Limits Series: Don't Get Sidelined by Common Knee Injuries
- Rosary Crusade
- SND Pilgrimage Walk
- Women's Health and the Catholic Church

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

