



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

In the Catholic tradition, the month of November is a time to remember our loved ones who have passed. Last week at NDA, we celebrated our Remembrance Mass as a community. This was a rich and beautiful celebration of our faith and commemoration of the souls who have gone before us. Now we prepare for Thanksgiving with grateful hearts for all that we have been blessed with at Notre Dame Academy and in our lives. Next Tuesday, we will come together once again at our annual Thanksgiving Prayer Service to give thanks.

I am truly grateful for the way our students are *Becoming Fully Alive Through Education and Love* this school year. These are challenging times for us as Catholics. Our students are a source of optimism and inspiration as they live the mission of NDA serving others and making a difference in the world. You can see much evidence of this in the stories below:

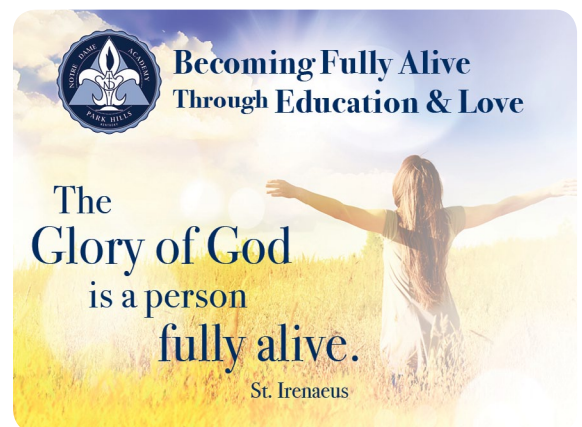
- Our Pandas are once again collecting thousands of canned goods to feed the hungry this winter. It's been full-fledged CAN-damonium this week at NDA. There are only two more days for students to bring in canned food items so please encourage your daughters to do all they can to help the cause tomorrow and Friday.
- LIFE Club members once again reached out to help St. Elizabeth Hospice with their annual dove project.
- Drug Free Club membership is at an all time high at NDA.
- Students are volunteering their time and energy doing service at over 50 local agencies throughout the school year.

Our mission clearly spells out our core goal: to educate young women to make a difference in the world. Along with that, we strive to help your daughters become great souls. As St. Julie says, "Great souls are needed." We teach our students that it is paramount that they not only care for their own souls but also the souls of others. It is clear that they understand their responsibility to the souls of others by their strong engagement in service to the community. The great joy they experience in serving others is further evidence of the light of Christ and His goodness in the world.

I am thankful for the good that exists in our world today and grateful to our students for highlighting it for all to see! I am also grateful for your continued support of Catholic education. Have a healthy and happy Thanksgiving!

In Notre Dame,

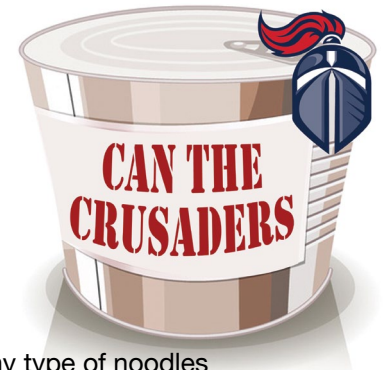
Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Can the Crusaders ends this Friday. Please bring in items listed below. The winning grade level will receive an out of uniform day and pizza party. All donated items will go to St. Vincent de Paul.



Stove Top stuffing
12 or 14 oz cans of:
Cranberry sauce
Ravioli, spaghetti o's
Chicken noodle soup
Beef stew
Chili with beans
Tomato soup
Vegetable soup

Cans of:
peaches
pears
mixed fruit
mandarin oranges
pineapple chunks
Cans of pork & beans
Spaghetti
Spaghetti sauce

Any type of noodles
Mac & Cheese
Peanut butter
Packets of gravy mixes - chicken & beef
Tuna
Hamburger and tuna helper
Crackers
Instant potatoes
Instant Oatmeal

Suicide Prevention Info Session:

The Counseling Staff has been having long homeroom sessions the past several weeks with the different grade levels to give them information about suicide prevention and important contacts in the community to access in a crisis. Our Freshmen have Suicide Prevention Training on Friday during long homeroom. The Suicide Prevention hotline is a good resource for people in the community to use. This lifeline can be reached 24 hours a day and is free. The number is 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS:

Report cards for the first quarter will be sent this week. In the first quarter, report cards are sent home only in an electronic form as an attachment to an email that will be coming through NDA's Swift K-12 message alert system. The report cards are password protected. Instructions on how to open the report card attachment are included in the email with the report card.



2019 MARCH FOR LIFE: WILL YOU JOIN US? ◀

Saving lives, ending abortion, and promoting a culture of life is why we march each year in Washington D.C. If your daughter would like to attend this important event on January 18, 2019 and be a voice for the voiceless please have her stop by front office to pick up permission slip forms. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Theresa Van Auken at vanaukent@ndapandas.org. Parent chaperones who are virtue trained are needed so please let Mrs. Van Auken know if you are able to join us.



WORK STUDY AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LONGSHORE DINING HALL ◀

Do you have just one day a month to volunteer for two hours in the NDA cafeteria? Helping out is neither difficult nor time-consuming and our current volunteers have fun visiting the school and seeing their daughters, granddaughters and friends. Volunteers are also welcome to stick around after their two-hour shift for lunch with "the crew". Grandparents in particular seem to love this job, so please consider asking your daughter's grandparents if they would like to help out. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karen Brungs at 859.292.1856 or brungsk@ndapandas.org. The schedule is online and you can sign up [HERE](#).

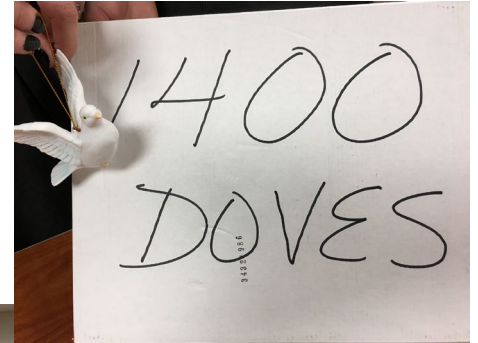
ALSO, we have a Work Study position open in the Longshore Dining Hall dishroom as well. If you are interested in this position, please contact Karen Brungs at 859.292.1856 or brungsk@ndapandas.org.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH SERVICE ◀

On Monday, students from the LIFE club helped St. Elizabeth Hospice package and wrap 1400 Dove ornaments that will be sent to families who have lost loved ones through Hospice this year. Here is the email we received from Julie Schuler who runs this project.

“Huge heartfelt thank you to your students for the awesome job they did for our St. Elizabeth Hospice Dove project!!! The doves are ready to be hand delivered and mailed to our Hospice families. We truly could not get this project done without the help of your precious students. They are truly amazing and absolutely so kind and sweet!!!”



Up-Coming Service Opportunities: Students can find more information about each of these activities and how to sign up on their Unified Classroom Service Information Page under Service Opportunities.

1. Rose Garden Home Mission - Thanksgiving give away - November 16-20
2. Turkeyfoot Trot 5K - November 17
3. St. John Fall Festival - November 17 & 18
4. City of Edgewood - Tree Lighting - November 28
5. Family STEM night - November 29
6. Independence Christmas Walk - December 1
7. Breakfast with Blitzen - December 8
8. Rose Garden Home Mission - Christmas Give Away - December 14-22

There are so many great ways to give back during the Holiday Season - these are just a few! How can you make a difference?

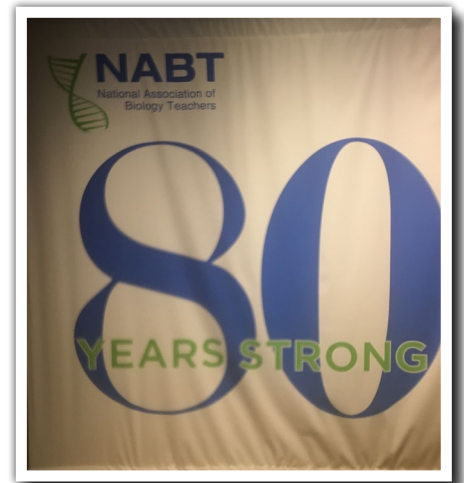
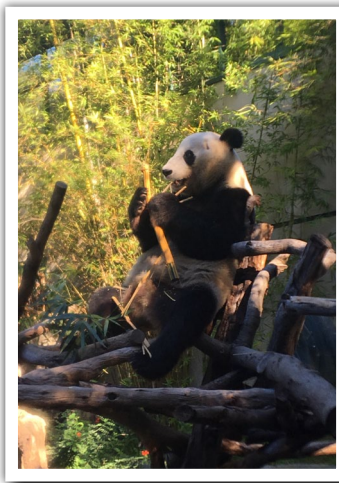
JUNIOR SERVICE ◀

This week, the Juniors began the process for the Junior Service Program. They received a detailed explanation about the possibilities as well as all the paperwork that will need to be completed with a parent. Some students received this information on Tuesday and the rest will receive it on Thursday. Be sure to challenge your daughter to consider a placement that will help stretch her boundaries a bit. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Bridget Price at priceb@ndapan-das.org.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANDAS! ◀

We are blessed with a very highly motivated, qualified and dedicated faculty at Notre Dame Academy. Our teachers are lifelong learners who understand that continued professional development ensures the best learning outcomes for our students. NDA science teacher Mrs. Molly Proudfit recently took time for some very interesting professional development and still ended up with pandas!

Last week, Mrs. Proudfit attended the 80th annual National Association of Biology Teachers Conference in San Diego, CA. While at the conference she attended lectures by Dr. Katie Hinde, Director of the Comprehensive Lactation Lab at Arizona State University, who studies and spoke on the evolutionary ecology and behavioral biology of milk, mothers, and infants, and by Ed Yong, science writer for *The Atlantic* and author of the New York Times bestseller, *I Contain Multitudes*, who spoke of the importance of telling scientists' stories in addition to communicating their data. Additionally, she attended break out sessions and workshops on teaching students to take sketch notes, designing and implementing content-based break out room scenarios to increase student engagement, contributing to the *American Biology Teacher* journal, how to train students to spot techniques used by pseudoscientists, the exposome, how chemical exposures cumulatively damage DNA, and how these damages lead to disease, and new research on e-cigarettes and how to bring this data into the biology classroom. She also won the opportunity for a behind the scenes tour of the San Diego Zoo, including a special viewing of their pandas, Xiao Liwu and Bai Yun. Mrs. Proudfit is grateful to the Administration for their continued support of professional development and for making this trip possible.



ANOTHER DIMENSION OF LEARNING AT NDA! ◀

Students in Mrs. Benkert's Graphic Design class explored channels in Photoshop. By offsetting cyan and red channels images appear 3-D as long as everyone puts on their 3-D glasses!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



GSE

A Representative from the Kentucky Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE) will be at Notre Dame Academy



at 3:15 p.m. on Monday November 26. She will let interested Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors know more about this 3-week residential program (which will be held on the campus of NKU), a tremendous opportunity: learn about entrepreneurship, put business ideas into action, build a feasible business model, and pitch their product to a live audience! The GSE application opens on November 16 and closes on January 20.

PANDA TONES MAKE US PROUD! ◀

This past weekend, two members of our chorus group, the Panda Tones, participated in a Tri-State Honor Choir workshop and concert at Northern Kentucky University. At this workshop, the girls worked with choral directors from other high schools, including Beechwood, Ryle, Cooper, Boone County, among many others; they performed with a group of 150 other high school chorus students; expanded their choral repertoire with difficult college-level pieces; and they performed with the prestigious Chamber Choir from Northern Kentucky University under the direction of the Director of Choral Studies, Mrs. Katie Barton."



Lydia Naberhaus & Megan Paolucci

LIKE TO HAVE FUN? JOIN THE BAND! ◀

In the heat of the summer and the cold of the winter - these band members have fun and make lifelong friendships! Do you like to have fun? Would you like more friends? If so, contact Mr. Greg Gerimele at cerimeleg@ndapandas.org!



ART DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

SUMMER 2019 FINE ARTS TRIP

The Fine Arts Department has organized a summer Fine Arts trip to San Francisco for the summer of 2019. The trip will be from June 10 - June 13 and will include trips to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, a tour of San Francisco mural through the Precita Eyes Mural Tours, 2 plays/performance (the shows have not been decided yet), a Hip Hop/Graffiti class at San Francisco: First Amendment, a day trip and tour of Alcatraz, as well as trips to San Francisco's landmarks (Fisherman's Wharf, Golden Gate National Recreational Park, Ghirardelli Square, and San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury area).

The price for this trip is dependent upon how many students are going to attend so...if you are interested in attending the trip or if you are interested in more information, please contact Mr. Eckerle at eckerlem@ndapandas.org, so that we can start getting an idea of how many students will be going. We would really like to have an idea by Thanksgiving so that we can lock into some of the current / cheaper airfares so please contact Mr. Eckerle by November 21.

ARTISTS SELECTED TO EXHIBIT AT THOMAS MORE JURIED SHOW

Congratulations to Zoe Moellering, Chloe Collins, Grace Eckerle, and Katherine Donaghy for submitting their work and having their work selected to hang in the Thomas More High School Juried Art Exhibition. Congratulations to Grace Eckerle who also earned a 'Faculty Choice Award' at the exhibition. Tremendous thanks to these artists as well as the other students that submitted artwork, for representing NDA's Arts program. The show is currently on display in Thomas More's Art Gallery and will be up until Tuesday, November 20.



- Zoe Moellering



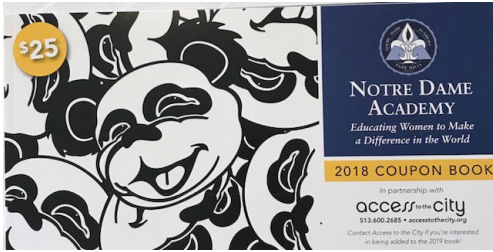
- Chloe Collins



- Grace Eckerle



- KatherineDonaghy



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

Coupon Book Sellers:

Looking for some great deals? Check out NDA's Access to the City coupon book! If you would like to purchase a coupon book, you can contact Susan Colvin in Athletics at colvins@ndapandas.org. The books cost \$25 and checks can be made payable to Notre Dame Academy.

Once an Athlete has sold her books, she can turn her money in to Athletics or the Main office. All money and checks should be in a sealed envelope with name and homeroom on it.

ALSO: From the [NDA website](#) - each Athlete must submit and attach her Tally Sheet through the online link under Athletics / Fundraiser - Submit Tally Form.



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.

NOVEMBER

20 UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY



UNITED STATES MARINES



IT'S HOLIDAY SHOPPING TIME AT THE BAMBOOTIQUE ◀

Santa came early this year at NDA and he left many awesome new items for you to purchase for your Panda! Stop in and check them out!



Holiday Hours



The Bambootique will be open for Holiday Shopping:

Nov 17th 10:30-12:30

Nov 27th 5:30-7:30

Nov 28th 5:30-7:30

Nov 29th 5:30-7:30

Dec 1st 10:30-12:30

Dec 4th 5:30-7:30

Dec 5th 5:30-7:30-

Saint Nick comes tonight

Dec 6th 5:30-7:30

Dec 8th 10:30-12:30

Dec 11th 5:30-7:30

Dec 12th 5:30-7:30

Dec 13th 5:30-7:30

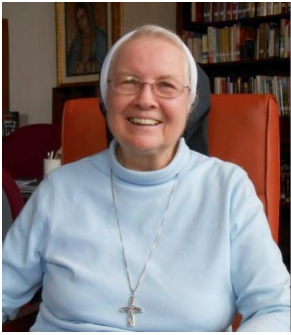
Dec 15th 10:30-12:30

Dec 18th 5:30-7:30 Final Night to shop before SANTA comes!



NEWS FROM THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME ◀

Mark your calendars! The Sisters of Notre Dame have some awesome events coming up this month and next. Take a look...



Monday, November 19

Book Release Party for Sr. Margaret Agnes Hemmerle's book.

<http://www.sndky.org/newsfeed/entry/book-release-party-472/>

Tuesday, November 20

United Prayer

<http://www.sndky.org/newsfeed/entry/united-in-prayer-376/>



Main Strasse Bell Tower
Covington, Kentucky

CINEMA CIRCLE:
Romero

You're invited to view and discuss the movie, *Romero*.
Presented by the Sisters of Notre Dame.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28	@ ST. JOSEPH HEIGHTS 1601 DIXIE HIGHWAY COVINGTON, KY 41011	7:00 IN THE EVENING
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PLEASE REGISTER WITH
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rlubbers@sndky.org or 859-392-8118

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Wednesday, November 28

Cinema Circle

<http://www.sndky.org/newsfeed/entry/cinema-circle-473/>

Sunday, December 9

Adventure to Give service event

<http://www.sndky.org/newsfeed/entry/advent-volunteer-opportunity-284/>



► Important dates

November 14	FR Retreat/Service Day
November 16	Picture Re-Take Day
	Panda FunFest for 8th Graders
November 21-23	No School: Thanksgiving Break
November 21	Class of 2018 Welcome Back Night
December 5	SO Retreat
December 7	Christmas Choral Concert
December 8	High School Placement Test - HSPT
	ACT at NDA
	FR Semi-Formal Dance at NDA
December 9	Band Concert
December 10	Seniors leave for retreat
December 14	Silver Bells Dance
December 19	Faculty Christmas Party
December 20- January 2	Christmas Break
January 3	School Resumes

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Scripture Study
- American Grace: Religious Tolerance in Our Secular Age
- NCYC
- B.R.A.K.E.S. - Teen Pro-Active Driving School

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

