



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

It has been another busy week at NDA! On Sunday we welcomed a number of prospective Pandas from around the Greater Cincinnati area to our Open House. Special thanks to our student ambassadors who were so gracious and professional in greeting our visitors and giving tours. I also want to take note of the hard work and dedication of our faculty and staff who helped us showcase our school so well. We truly appreciate their efforts. I received many positive comments about our school and especially about our student tour guides and dedicated faculty members. We definitely demonstrated to our visitors how we are *Cultivating Hope and Happiness, Strengthened by God's Love* this school year!

On Friday, November 22, NDA will host the Panda Funfest. This is a fun event and an excellent opportunity for eighth-graders to come and experience NDA and meet other students who are considering enrollment for next fall. If you know of a young lady who would like to join us for this event, please contact Katie Caccavari at 859.292.1829.

An important part of an NDA education is service to others. Our annual canned food drive kicked off on Monday and runs through Friday, November 22. I apologize in advance for the canned foods items missing from your pantry - our Pandas are very motivated! This year we will once again partner with St. Henry to feed as many hungry people as possible this winter. We appreciate your support in our endeavor to claim victory over the Crusaders by gathering the most items and fill the shelves at St. Vincent dePaul for those in need.

We have many goals at NDA, big and small. A Notre Dame Academy education is not just about these goals but about our hope for the future. We are here to serve and support our students as they become women making a difference in the world. We are here to help them to become transformative women leaders embracing God's goodness in our world. Together, we make this happen!

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

STATE VOLLEYBALL BUS ◀

Students are encouraged to support the Volleyball Pandas this Saturday after their first round win Friday afternoon. The game is in Louisville, and NDA is sending a fan bus to cheer on the Pandas. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the permission slip and students must turn in by Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. to reserve their spot.



HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES ◀

Last Thursday, members of NDA's Student Council delivered Halloween candy to the feeder schools.



IT'S TIME TO "CAN THE CRU" ◀

Let's go Pandas! It's time to can the Cru (again)! Starting this week, NDA students will be collecting canned foods to donate to St. Vincent De Paul. This will be a three week friendly food drive competition against St. Henry and we're hoping to repeat as the winners! In addition to this, we will be having an in-school competition with every grade for themselves. These competitions will last for one week each (so there will be three winners) and the winning grade can earn a prize:

Week 1- Pizza

Week 2- Donuts

Week 3- Sundae Bar

If your grade sweeps, you could earn all three! If NDA wins, the losing school will cheer for the winning school as they come into school one morning. You can bring in cans or non perishable food items and turn them into your grade bin, which will all be labeled and in the foyer as you enter school. You can also turn in money to your homeroom rep to buy cans for your grade. We are involving alumnae so they can turn in cans for you!



PANDA PARENT CLUB MEETING ◀

Mark your calendar for the next Panda Parent Club meeting on **Monday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m.** The topic is **Vaping** and our speaker will be Joyce Jacobs, a Heart and Vascular Prevention and Wellness Nurse Navigator at St. Elizabeth Healthcare.



Campus Ministry

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](#).

JUNIOR SERVICE ◀

This week in Catholic Social Teaching we began the placement process for the Junior Service Program. Juniors will receive 3 forms to review with their parents. The first form is a description of the type of service categories where we serve. The second form is a list of Transportation Guidelines that we follow for this program. The third form is the Student Preference Form which needs to be filled out, signed and returned to their religion teacher by Nov. 22. Please review these forms with your daughter and talk with them about the categories they are thinking about signing up for. We have encouraged the students to consider taking a step out of the comfort zone for this service project. If you have any questions - please feel free to email Mrs. Bridget Price at priceb@ndapandas.org.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES ◀

The Holiday Season is a great time to give back to the community and earn your service hours at the same time. Below are some upcoming service opportunities available to our students. Details and sign ups are located on Unified Classroom - Service Information - Class pages.

- 1) St. John's Fall Festival Dinner - November 23/24
- 2) Turkeyfoot Trot 5K - November 23
- 3) City of Independence Christmas Walk - December 7
- 4) City of Independence Breakfast with Blitzen - December 14

NCEA NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS ◀

The latest issue of the National Catholic Educational Association newsletter has some wonderful ideas for celebrating the season of Advent. You can access the newsletter [HERE](#).



VOTE

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE! ◀

Pandas, go [HERE](#) to vote for Anna Long for Top NKY volleyball player of the week!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER ◀

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

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

FALL SPORTS PROGRAM ◀

Come join us on Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the NDA Theatre for the Fall Sports Program.

We are honoring athletes from Cheer, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer and Volleyball for all their accomplishments. All family and friends are invited to attend.



GET READY FOR SOME paNDAmonium! ◀

The Notre Dame Academy basketball team invites you to join us **this Friday, November 8 at 7:30 p.m.** for some GLOWING entertainment – featuring our Navy & Gold game. Bring friends, have fun, and support the team as we prepare for an exciting season of Panda basketball. You'll also see performances by the talented Cheer Pandas, Dance Pandas, and Panda Tones singers. PaNDAmonium happens in the school gym. **FREE ADMISSION** to all!



GO PANDAS! TAKE STATE! ◀

Good Luck to our Volleyball Pandas! The Pandas take on McCracken Country in the first round of State - Friday, November 8 at 3:30 pm. at Valley High School in Louisville. The Semi Finals and Finals can be viewed using the live stream link: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/associations/khsaa> You can find the state bracket here: <https://www.ndapandas.org/.../Docu.../Athletics/statebracket.pdf>



CROSS COUNTRY ◀

Congratulations to our Cross Country Pandas on a great season! The team finished 31st at the state meet. Congratulations to Olivia Machinot and Hailey Taylor for being names to the All-Region Team!

COUPON BOOK SPREADSHEET AND UPLOAD ◀

Please use the below tally spreadsheet to track your coupon book payments. Use the spreadsheet upload to submit your completed spreadsheet to the athletic department for review. You can only submit an excel or sheets, you cannot submit a screen shot image or anything from notability. When you upload your completed tally spreadsheet, please turn all money into the front office in an envelope with the student's name, homeroom and labeled coupon books on it. All money is due by December 11.

[Coupon Book Tally Spreadsheet](#)

[Coupon Book Tally Spreadsheet Upload](#)



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



THOMAS MORE
UNIVERSITY

NEW SCHOLARSHIP AT THOMAS MORE ◀

Thomas More University has announced a new Scholarship for students who graduate from a high school in the Diocese of Covington. The “Diocese of Covington Guarantee” ensures that all diocesan graduates who meet admission criteria will be awarded \$20,000 annually in institutional aid. For more information about this new Scholarship, please see: [TMU Scholarships](#)



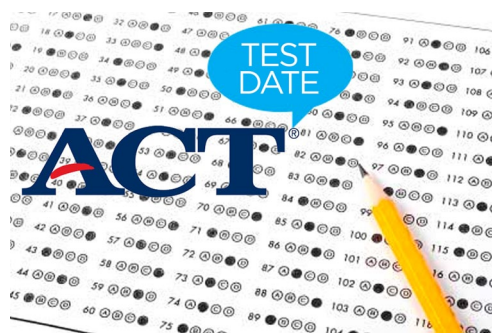
NEW “ATHLETIC TRAINING” PROGRAM AT UK ◀

The University of Kentucky has announced a new program for [Athletic Training](#). Students can now graduate with their bachelors and masters degree in Athletic Training in just 5 years. There is a Showcase Event for the Athletic Training program on Nov. 15th. All grade levels are welcome to attend: [AT Showcase](#)



VISITING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA ◀

Are you interested in making a College Visit to the University of Alabama? Email our Alabama Admissions Counselor, Stephanie Early. Stephanie works with Kentucky high school students who are looking at Alabama. She can schedule a personalized visit to make sure you make the most of your time at Alabama. Contact Stephanie at: stephannie.bostick@ua.edu



DECEMBER 14 ACT ◀

The December ACT is one of the Test Dates that allows students to order a copy of their Test Booklet and Answer Key. Getting your Test Booklet and Answer Key back from an ACT Test gives students an opportunity to see what they missed and can be used to prep for future tests. It cost an extra \$22 to order your Test Booklet/Answer Key. For more information, go to: [ACT Test Info Release](#)



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](#).



GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM ◀

Applications for the KY Governor's Scholars Program are due to Mrs. Hildreth on Wednesday, November 20.



GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS ◀

Attention Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors!

Applications for GSE opened on October 10.



GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS ◀

ATTENTION Sophomores and Juniors

Applications: open now

Deadline: January 10



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NDA PARENT TOOLBOX? ◀

Check out the NDA [Parent Toolbox](#). Timely topics include lying, emotional storms, stress, and so much more!



NDA MISSION TRIP TO SANTO DOMINGO ◀

Service is the language of the heart and the knowledge gained is engraved there

An educational and a personal growth opportunity:

Serving others in Santo Domingo

Two summers ago, NDA offered a mission trip to work with orphans and help with renovation of the orphanage in Santo Domingo. The students were moved by the simplicity of the children, improved their Spanish skills, and learned about another part of the world. Eight to fourteen students can go next summer. You can find a brochure online [HERE](#). Any questions or additional information as well as acquisition of an application can be obtained by emailing Sr. Maria Francine at stacymf@ndapandas.org. This is truly an invaluable experience for high school students who plan to study a semester abroad in college. The student will earn service hours and the linguistic and cultural advantages are numerous. **Deadline is November 8.**



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. The next Alumnae Mass is scheduled for November 20 (one week earlier due to Thanksgiving).



HELP WANTED ◀

Notre Dame Academy is searching for a flexible part-time Custodian to assist the Facilities Manager with daily set-ups, cleaning, trash removal and other routine maintenance tasks. Normal hours will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, with possible additional hours based on weekly work demand.

This position requires the physical ability to walk and stand for long periods of time, as well as, the ability to lift and move heavy objects. Custodial experience is preferred. A High School diploma or GED equivalent, a valid driver's license and Virtus training is required.

Please submit letter of interest, resume, and salary requirements to ndahr@ndapandas.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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

- Work Study Positions Available
- Help Needed - Eagle Scout Project Blood Drive
- Catholic Bible Study with Reverend Schehr
- Instructional Assistant Needed



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► Important dates

November	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.
	15	Midquarter
	22	Panda Funfest for Prospective 8th Graders
	26	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
	27	Class of 2019 Welcome Back Night
	27-29	No School: Thanksgiving Break
December	4	Sophomore Retreat
	5	Alumnae Wreath and Wine Night
	6	Freshmen Semi Formal Dance
	9	No School: Immaculate Conception
	10	Christmas Choral Concert
	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