



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

We have much to be grateful for at Notre Dame Academy! I was reminded of our abundant blessings this morning at our faculty and staff meeting as we prayed the prayer of gratitude below.

Last Friday we celebrated our annual Remembrance Mass as a school community. It was a beautiful celebration remembering our deceased loved ones. We are grateful for the time to come together to remember and pray for those we have lost this past year.

Our “Can the Cru” competition continues. I would like to congratulate our students on their hard work and dedication to feeding the hungry this winter. I am taken back by the incredible school spirit and enthusiasm our Pandas bring to every project. I am also impressed with their ability to be good competitors in this friendly competition. While our students are focused on winning, I’m happy to see their perspective and understanding of the larger picture and the importance of what a tremendous difference this canned food competition will make in the lives of others.

Please read more below about all of the recent accomplishments of our students and the amazing things they are up to this week.

By reading the Panda Press each week, you can clearly see how our students are engaged in many different parts of our community. From academics, clubs and activities to the arts and athletics, our Pandas are busy young women. We offer many different paths to encourage our students to try on new roles and develop their gifts and talents. We want them to understand the need for continual growth and seek opportunities in which their faith can flourish, their physical talents can thrive, and their academic enthusiasm can evolve. This is not only a way to excel but also, and more importantly, a way to give glory to God.

As always, thank you for putting your faith in us and allowing us the privilege of educating your daughters!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

*Thank you God for all the wonderful blessings,
For our daily meals, for clean drinking water,
For sunlight and for the cool breeze.*

I'm thankful for my family and my health.

I'm thankful for my friends to love and be loved and for freedom.

I'm thankful to be alive and praise you for all these wonders.

I'm thankful that you have been so gracious

To give your only Son to us Who gave his life for us.

I take the opportunity to thank you for countless other things you provide us with on a daily basis.

STUDENT LIFE

ATTENTION FRESHMEN PARENTS: SILVER BELLS HELP NEEDED! ◀

Sophomores through seniors are invited to attend the annual Silver Bells Dance on Saturday, December 14 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. To assist with clean up, we ask for the help of freshmen parents to clean up immediately after the dance. This takes the responsibility off of the sophomore class who hosts the event.

We are looking for 10 freshmen parents to help clean up after the dance which is held at Notre Dame Academy. Clean up would begin at 11:00 p.m. and should take no longer than one hour. We appreciate your help! [CLICK HERE](#) to volunteer!



2019 SILVER BELLS INFORMATION ◀

This year's Silver Bells Dance for sophomores through seniors is on 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. The theme for this year's Silver Bells Dance is Winter Wonderland: Silver and White. Thank you to the Class of 2022 for coordinating the event alongside Ms. Madeline Tucker.

Ticket sales for the annual Silver Bells Dance will begin Monday, November 25 and can be purchased via card or check made payable to Notre Dame Academy. Tickets are \$12 per person and is open to sophomores through seniors and their guests (if applicable).



FRESHMAN WINTER WONDERLAND DANCE ◀

Freshman Winter Wonderland Dance is on Friday, December 6 from 8:00-11:00 p.m. at NDA. Students may attend stag or they may bring a date (can be from any school.) Tickets are \$12 per person and must be purchased online [HERE](#). Students must arrive by 8:30 p.m. and must stay until 10:45 p.m. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.



PANDAS COLLECT CANS TO "CAN THE CRU" ◀

NDA students are continuing to collect canned foods to donate to St. Vincent De Paul. As you know, this is 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 NDA wins, the losing school will cheer for the winning school as they come into school one morning. Students can bring in cans or non perishable food items and turn them into their grade bin, which is labeled and in the foyer of school. Students can also turn in money to their homeroom rep to buy cans for their grade. We are involving alumnae so they can turn in cans as well!

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](#).



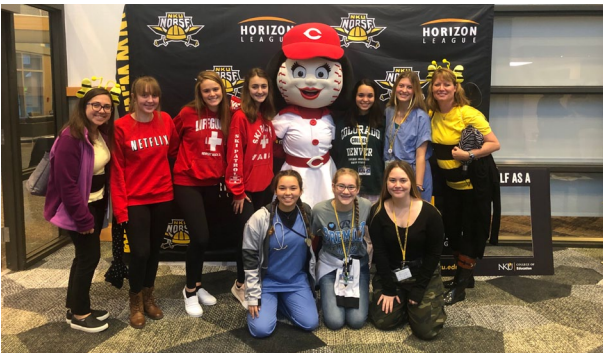
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

Another contest winner for the English Department: Isabella Feagan's poem, "The Previous Owners", took second place in the Haunt Your Library Contest, sponsored by the Kenton County Public Library.



NHS MEMBERS MAKE IMPACT ◀

On Tuesday, November 5, the CEO and President of Girls Health Period came to speak to the NDA chapter of the National Honor Society. This organization's mission is to eliminate girls' absenteeism in school due to their menstrual cycle. This January, NHS will be selling keychains and hosting a bake sale in order to raise funds for this non-profit. The money will be used to buy feminine hygiene products for students at one of the 18 schools that Girls Health Period currently serves, as well as the 10 additional schools that will be added this year. By increasing education on the subject of girls' health and providing necessary materials for students in underserved schools, Girls Health Period is making a difference in the Cincinnati community, and NHS is so excited to be assisting this impactful organization!



TEEN LEADERSHIP CLUB ◀

On Thursday October 31, members of the Teen Leadership Club attended the Young Women LEAD Conference at Northern Kentucky University. In addition to attending different breakout sessions, they heard keynote speaker Adrienne Bulinski talk about how she reached her goals through hard work and perseverance even when she experienced great hardship.



DOOR PRIZE! ◀

Congratulations to homeroom 206 for winning the door decorating contest which was held during Red Ribbon Week. Homerooms 211 and 207 came in second and third places respectively.



LESSON IN 3D! ◀

Graphic Design students created 3D images by utilizing RGB channels in Photoshop. By offsetting the red from the green and blue channels images appear 3D as long as you wear your special 3D glasses!



PANDAS ATTEND HONOR CHOIR WORKSHOP ◀

This past weekend, two members of our Honor Choir 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, Holy Cross, Norwood, and 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.

Pictured: (Left) Ginger Rose & (Right) Megan Paolucci



FALL SPORTS PROGRAM ◀

Come join us TONIGHT, 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.



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 ◀



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 ◀

Advancement Job Opening Database Specialist

Notre Dame Academy's Advancement Department is searching for a part-time Database Specialist to provide clerical expertise and to maintain the Notre Dame Academy community database. This position will assist in data entry, mailings, filing and other general office duties. Raiser's Edge experience preferred. Please submit a cover letter, resume and references 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
- GO Pantry-Christmas GO Box food drive: Please sign up
- Thanksgiving Day 5K



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credits, Gateway Community and Technical College should be on your list of college visits. Let us introduce you to companies eager to compete for your services, and show how our relationships with NKU, UK, Thomas More and other local colleges provide options you never thought possible. Schedule your visit today! <https://gateway.kctcs.edu/>

► Important dates

November	13	Freshman Retreat
	14-15	Blue Ribbon Award Ceremony, D.C.
	15	Midquarter
	18	Blue Ribbon Assembly
	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
	21	Christmas break begins
January	6	Students return to school after Christmas break