



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Happy All Saints Day! I hope you enjoyed some time with your daughters and had the opportunity to share in the celebration of the Mass together today. We had a great deal of fun at NDA yesterday. Make sure you check out some of the pictures from Halloween below.

I would like to thank those of you who took the time over the last two weeks to complete our AdvancedEd Parent Surveys for our accreditation process. Your opinions are very valuable to us. We are blessed to have so many dedicated parents dedicated to continuous improvement at NDA.

There are a couple of items below that I would like you to note:

- **Common Reader Day** - Our Common Reader Day is this Friday. We look forward to spending the day collaborating about this year's common reader *The Distance Between Us* by Reyna Grande. This is a story of independence, culture and the important role family plays in one's life. It is an eye-opening memoir about migration from Mexico to the United States and I'm sure our community will engage in some very valuable conversation about these topics on that day. **PLEASE NOTE** that students are requested to bring monetary donations on Friday, November 3 to help purchase items to help "Light Up Puerto Rico" after Hurricane María.
- **CANdemonium Kickoff** - Our annual canned food drive kicks off Monday with a dress down day. Students can dress down if they bring in 3 canned goods/non-perishable food items. Our students are always very enthusiastic about our annual canned food drive so I'm sure many of them will participate in this dress down day and get our drive off to a great start!

If you know a young woman who is ready to make a difference in the world, please invite her to learn all about Notre Dame Academy this Sunday at our Open House from 1-3. As parents, you know first-hand the value of an NDA education.

Finally, good luck to our Soccer and Cross Country Pandas as they compete at state this week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



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**OPEN HOUSE**  
Sunday,  
November 5  
1:00 - 3:00



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# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

**Congratulations to the recently elected Freshmen Homeroom Representatives:**

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| Sammy Arnold | Brooke Murphy   |
| Josie Lawrie | Samantha Bailey |
| Maria Judy   | Mollie Tagher   |

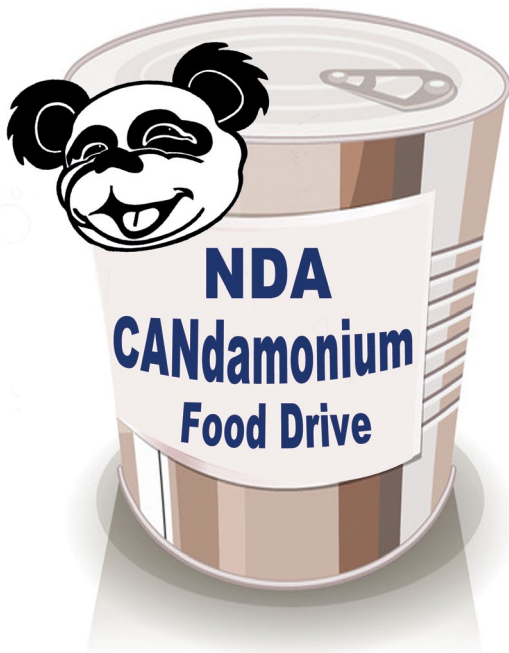
### Halloween Festivities

In celebration of Halloween, some of our student council members passed out candy at our feeder schools yesterday along with CCH. Our future Pandas, and even a couple of former Pandas, were very excited by the visit!



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN!





## CANDAMONIUM ◀

Our annual canned food drive (formerly known as *Can the Colonels*) begins next Monday, November 6! The drive lasts until November 17. The drive kicks off with a dress down day on Monday. Students can dress down if they bring in 3 cans/goods/non-perishable food items. There will be additional competitions going on throughout the two weeks for a variety of prizes. Students will receive more information in homeroom later this week. All donations will go to St. Vincent de Paul. Any donations are acceptable, but the following items are things that they are especially in need of...

- canned soup with meats in it
- canned meat
- mac & cheese
- pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles
- canned pastas
- fruit cocktails

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING ◀

This week in Catholic Social Teaching we explored the topic of Immigration. We took part in a Refugee Crisis Simulation so that we could begin to catch a glimpse of what a Refugee might endure when fleeing their country. We focused on the dignity of the Migrant and Refugee and what the Catholic Church Teaches us surrounding this Issue. We also heard from Christie Back, an Immigration lawyer who talked specifically about the legal battles that people seeking Citizenship/asylum and visas to the US face.



## ARE YOU PART OF THE MARCH FOR LIFE MOVEMENT? ◀

If you would like to be part of the March for Life movement, sign-ups for the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. will begin this week here at NDA. The March will take place on January 19, 2018 and the cost is approximately \$130.00 a person. Buses will leave Thursday evening and return Saturday morning. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Theresa Van Auken at [vanaukent@ndapandas.org](mailto: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.



## LIGHT UP PUERTO RICO! ◀

During our Common Reader Day on Friday we will reflect on how people's similarities are greater than their differences. This is why we have partnered with Escuela Ramón Power y Giralt in Puerto Rico. Due to Hurricane María, Puerto Rico is still left without power through most of the island. Teachers at this school are in need of portable fans, batteries, lanterns and insect repellent (See below). French Club, Spanish Club and Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica are working together to make a difference in the lives of the Puerto Rican students and request the help of the Pandas. Students are requested to bring monetary donations on Friday, November 3 to help purchase as many of these items as we can.

Let's join together to shorten the "Distance Between Us".





## JESSICA BEIRL NAMED NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENT ◀

Notre Dame Academy senior Jessica Beirl has been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program as a Commended Student. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, will be presented by NDA Principal Mr. Jack VonHandorf to this scholastically talented student.



## INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

### SWAT Students Helping Transfer Student With iPad Apps

A lot goes into processing a new student, especially in the technology department. This week, a new senior transferred into NDA and her previous school did not use much technology, so it's understandable that her entire academic life is transforming...and quickly. Shown above are SWAT team juniors, showing our new student around our note-taking app, Notability. The SWAT team is a great resource for new students and freshmen. A perfect example of *Living the Gospel: Empowered by Mary's Witness*.



## BUSINESS STUDENTS APPLY THEIR ETIQUETTE SKILLS ◀

The Entrepreneurship class has been studying Business dining etiquette and put their lesson into practice last Thursday at the Oriental Wok. They were accompanied by teachers, Patricia Brennan and Leslie Schellhaas. Everyone had a delightful time eating a delicious meal and sharing conversation.

## NDA PUMPKIN CHUCK ◀

NDA's Intro to Engineering class is busy running power tools and building their catapults for their competition with the AP Physics class.

Join us on Sunday, November 5 from 3-4 p.m. for NDA's first Pumpkin Chuck! Bring your leftover jack-o-lanterns and our Pandas will show off their physics and engineering skills by "chucking" them into the garbage for you!



## IT'S SKYLINE TIME ◀

No worries about "what's for dinner" this **Thursday, November 2!** Our friendly Ft. Wright Skyline is generously offering to donate 20% of sales between 3 and 9 p.m. to NDA for our dances and events. Please support NDA and eat Skyline on November 2! Download your 20% coupon [HERE](#).

## SHOWCASE AUDITIONS ◀

**Auditions for the SHOWCASE: REVOLUTIONS** will be November 7th and 8th, from 3:30-6 p.m. in Theatre at NDA. Remember, this is a no-cut show! If you are interested in being only in the big numbers, just show up after school and sign up! If you want to audition for a scene or solo, please prepare a song and be ready to do a cold reading. You should have a karaoke track on a device like an ipad or phone and be ready to sing with it for approximately 16 bars. Please know the lyrics. TAP auditions will be on 11/7 from 5 p.m.-6 p.m. with Ms. Stark or by emailing her a video submission by 11/7. Bring your friends! The showcase is a blast and we can't wait to see you!



## RNVTNS: VOL. VI, # 1

### Down to where the Action Is...and Up too, of Course ◀

Don't miss the latest installment of Sr. Dolores Giblin's Heritage Blog so you can read all about our recent renovations. You can access her blog [HERE](#).

## CAN YOU LEND A HELPING HAND? ◀

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](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org). The schedule is online and you can sign up [HERE](#).

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ◀

Parents, did you know that NDA's daily announcements are posted each day on our website? You can find them [HERE](#).



# COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



## Suicide Prevent Information Session:

The Counseling Staff will be having long homeroom sessions over the next 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. 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).

## CERT Testing

The sophomore class took the CERT test online Friday, October 20. The students have access to their scores online. The link to see these scores is: [www.certforschools.com](http://www.certforschools.com). Students have their usernames (log in for google email) and passwords. Here is some info about [CERT Testing for parents](#). Students will also get an email about how to use their CERT scores. Click [HERE](#) for CERT Parent Information.

## Freshman Halloween Bash

A good time was had by all freshmen at the Halloween Bash at CCH last Friday! Panda Winners of the Costume Contest were: Annie Judy (Harry Potter), Maggie Ellis (Georgie from It), Jenna Girard (Po the Teletubby), Lauren Janzaruk (Angel), and Adison Schwarber (Windsock).



## News in Drug Free Club:

72% of the Notre Dame Academy student body are now members of Drug Free Clubs of America and have completed the initial round of drug testing! The 124 Freshman members of Drug Free Club (91% of the Freshman class) will receive a reward of pizza at lunch in the very near future for being the class with the highest percentage of members! Congratulations to all of our drug-free Pandas! We are very proud of you!!

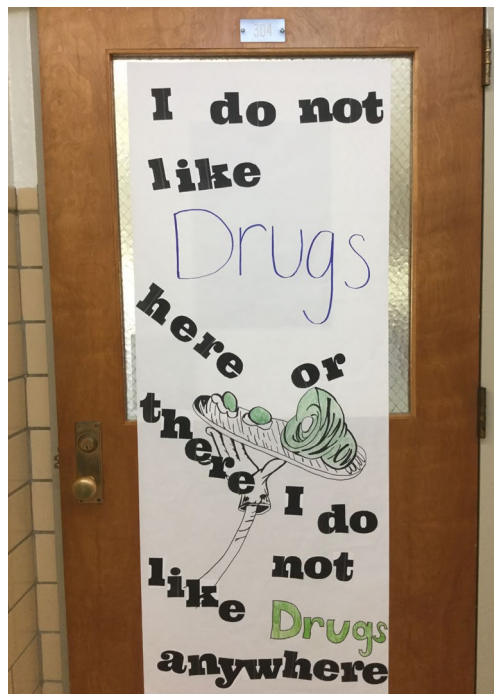
## Red Ribbon Week Door Decorating Contest!

Congratulations to all the homerooms who participated in the Red Ribbon Week Door Decorating Contest. The following homerooms were winners and will receive a reward for their efforts!

1st place homeroom 303



2nd place homeroom 304



3rd place homeroom 110



## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

### SOCCER

Soccer heads down to Lexington Thursday to play in the State semi-finals. The state finals are then Saturday at 7 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball won the district and first two rounds of Regionals. They fell to St. Henry in 5 sets in the Region finals to wrap up the season. Natalie Hardig, Lainey Stephenson and Abby Powers were named to the all district tournament team and Natalie Hardig, Olivia Montelisciani and Abby Noll were named to the all region tournament team.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country is the Region runner up with Kate Williams and Manon Stovic finishing in the top 10. The team heads to State this Saturday in Lexington at the Kentucky Horse Park.

### FALL SPORTS AWARDS PROGRAM

Mark your calendars! The fall sports awards program will be held at NDA at 7 p.m. on Nov 14.

### TENNIS

Our freshman PE class is enjoying our newly resurfaced tennis courts!



## POWER OF THE PURSE ◀

Notre Dame Academy is hosting a FREE speaker series this year especially for our alumnae and friends to learn about a variety of financial topics. The first session will be a "Lunch and Learn" on The ABC's of Estate Planning and will be held on November 15 from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. This session will cover:

- Living Wills
- Power of Attorney
- Basic Will Preparation
- Planned Giving

Please join us for this special presentation given by NDA alumnae Donna Bloemer and Jessica Rawe! If you have questions about the speaker series, please contact NDA's Advancement Department at 859.292.7729. You can register online [HERE](#).

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*The ABC's of Estate Planning*

## ► Important dates

November 1	All Saint's Day - <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
November 3	Common Reader Day - Collection for "Light Up Puerto Rico" Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents 8:00 a.m. Alumnae Hall
<b>November 5</b>	<b>OPEN HOUSE - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.</b> <b>Panda Pumpkin Chuck - 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.</b>
November 6	CANdamonium Kick-Off: Dress down day if you bring in 3 canned goods
November 8	NHS Induction
November 9	Remembrance Mass
November 10	Junior Retreat FR/SO Breakfast
November 14	Fall Sports Awards
November 15	Freshmen Retreat
November 16-19	National Catholic Youth Conference
November 17	Panda FunFest InterAlliance Women in Technology Luncheon
November 21	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
November 22	NO SCHOOL: Professional Development Day for Faculty College Welcome Back Night for Class of 2017
November 23-24	NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Positions Available for Students
- Aubrey Rose "Above and Beyond Doctor of the Year"
- National Catholic Youth Conference

For a complete list of community news [CLICK HERE](#).

