



## Dear Parents,

We have much to be grateful for at NDA! We have dedicated faculty and staff who put their students first, a beautiful campus including a newly renovated and up-to-date facility, many co-curricular activities including the arts, athletics and various clubs. Most importantly though, at Notre Dame Academy, we are thankful for our students. Our students are committed to the process of learning. They are engaged and inspired. They work hard and achieve much success inside and outside of the classroom. They are taking responsibility for their education and they are learning to make a difference in the world. I have the privilege of seeing our students in action each and every day and I am inspired by their drive and determination.

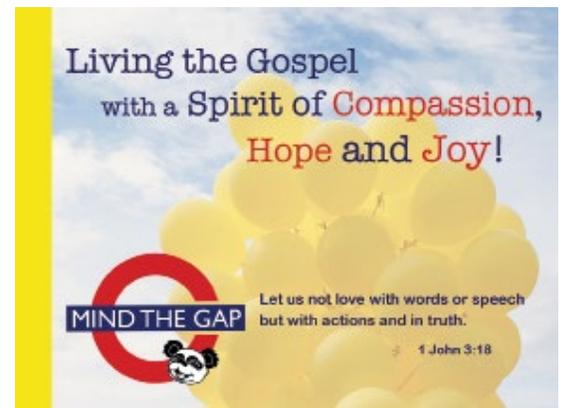
This week our students are especially committed to filling the shelves at St. Vincent de Paul for those in need this winter. I apologize if you are missing any canned foods items from your pantry but our Pandas are on a mission to “Can the Cru.” The annual food drive led by our Student Council is in full swing and our students are very motivated and quite impressive in their efforts. As a matter of fact, because our Pandas have collected just over 11,000 canned food items, **school will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. next Tuesday, November 23.** If our Pandas reach their goal of 15,000 cans collected by the end of the day this Friday, school will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 23. Thank you for your support of our canned food drive!

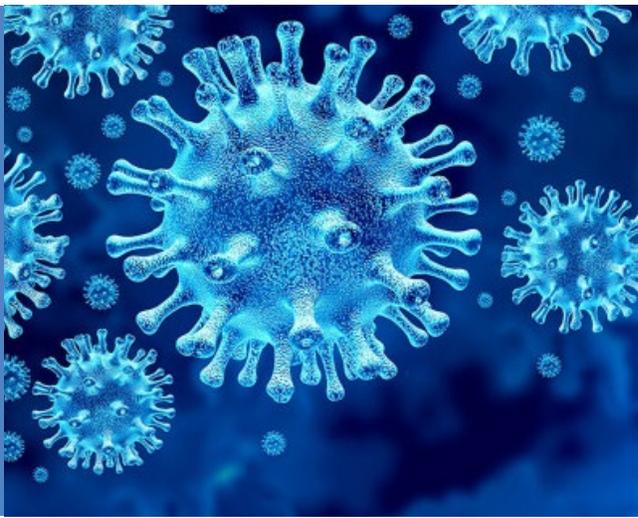
Next Tuesday we will come together as a community at our Thanksgiving Prayer Service to give thanks for all that we have been blessed with this school year. You, our parents, and the tremendous support you offer us at NDA are certainly on our list of things for which we are grateful.

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





## WEEKLY UPDATE

### COVID-19

As of today, Wednesday, November 17, we have had 0 new reported cases of members of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week. We have had 0 additional members of our community who are currently in quarantine due to a reported exposure to COVID-19.

**As we move forward, please keep NDA updated on any COVID-19 related issues involving your family.** In the event that someone in your household is being tested for COVID-19 or your daughter is exposed to or tests positive for COVID-19, please contact one of our school nurses, Tina Sizemore, RN. or Melanie Martin, RN., at 859.292.1843 | [ndanurse@ndapandas.org](mailto:ndanurse@ndapandas.org).

## FROM THE SCHOOL NURSES

### UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Dear Parents,

As you know, each Friday we will determine the upcoming week's masking protocol at NDA based on the data released by the Kentucky Department of Public Health (KDPH) each Thursday (Friday if Thursday is a holiday) as per the [Diocesan COVID-19 Return to School Requirements](#). You can find this data here: <https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19>.

In the data released last Friday, Kenton County was in the **RED ZONE** at 26.8 - High Community Transmission (>25+ per 100K) therefore **masks are required at NDA November 15-21, 2021**. We will send an email to all students and parents each Friday afternoon to communicate the mask protocol for the following week based on Thursday's data. You can also find NDA's weekly masking protocol in our student bulletin.

Moving forward we are likely to see changes in the weekly data due to holidays, colder weather, increased travel etc. and therefore, we are likely to see changes from week to week in our masking protocol. While weekly changes may be disconcerting to some, on a positive note, there may be weeks such as last week, when we can remove the mask requirement if the data suggests that it is safe to do so.

Once again we would like to thank you for your patience as we continue to do our best to protect the health and wellbeing of our students, faculty and staff while meeting our responsibility to educate our students and provide them with in-person instruction. We appreciate the cooperation of our NDA community as we respond to the constantly changing situations presented by COVID-19.

Thank you,

Tina Sizemore, RN.  
NDA School Nurse

Melanie Martin, RN.  
NDA School Nurse



## PARENT RESOURCE

### COVID-19 INFORMATION

There are many important resources for parents and students on NDA's COVID-19 Information page on the website [HERE](#).

- Pandas Return to Campus Plan
- Information from the Nurse's Office
- Daily Personal Assessment questions
- COVID-19 Vaccine information
- Diocesan communications

# Student Life

Thank you for  
your patience!

## PROMOTING SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

Thank you to parents and students for your patience while we adjust our dismissal procedure to promote safety and efficiency. Underclasswomen who carpool with a senior will be permitted to dismiss when the seniors dismiss at 3:01 p.m. Juniors will dismiss at 3:05 p.m. while freshmen and sophomores will all be dismissed at 3:08 p.m. Administration continues to explore other options for dismissal with local law enforcement and will keep you updated on any additional adjustments.



## CONGRATULATIONS STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our November Student of the Month - Caroline Muck! You can read more about Caroline [HERE](#).



## GREAT GIFT IDEA PANDAS ARE THE BOMB!

Do you know a Panda who is *the bomb*? Treat her to a hot chocolate bomb from NDA's Bambootique! You can order them online [HERE](#).



## 2 WORK STUDY POSITIONS AVAILABLE WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

We are moving toward more self-service in the cafeteria as we did prior to COVID-19. We are no longer using the lunch order form. Once we have the necessary personnel to staff the cafeteria, we will be adding the salad bar and the use of trays back into our lunchtime routine. **If you are interested in working in NDA's dish room through our Work Study Program, (M,T,H,F: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | W: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.) please contact our cafeteria manager at [ndahr@ndapan-das.org](mailto:ndahr@ndapan-das.org).** You can find NDA's lunch menu [HERE](#). Please note: the menu is subject to change as there are many shortages in the food industry.



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

# ENHANCING BIOLOGY EDUCATION

Ms. Molly Proudfit attended the National Association of Biology Teacher's annual conference in Atlanta, GA last week. At the conference, Ms. Proudfit attended sessions on incorporating quantitative skills into a general biology course, teaching cancer through the lens of personalized medicine, using primary literature in AP Biology and more! Ms. Proudfit is excited to return to the classroom and incorporate what she's learned at the conference.



## SCHEDULE CHANGE

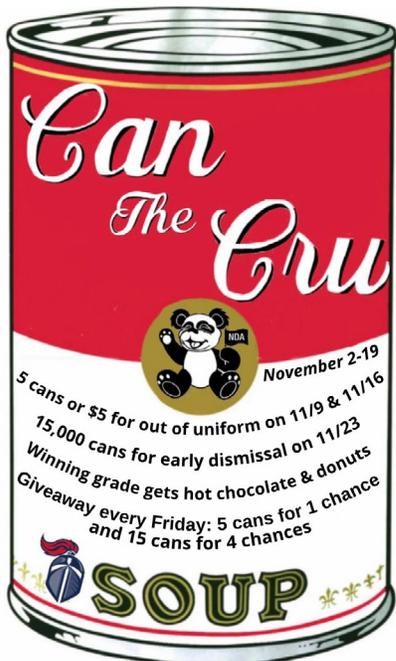
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## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

# CAN THE CRU!

Our annual can food drive began on Tuesday, November 2, and goes through Friday, November 19. All proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul's food pantry. Below is a list of items that they are especially in need of. This year they are requesting **NO CORN OR GREEN BEANS!**



### PLEASE BRING IN THE FOLLOWING:

Stuffing  
Knorr pasta sides  
Spaghetti sauce  
Spaghetti  
Gravy - Turkey, Chicken, Beef  
Pancake mix  
Syrup  
Cake mix  
Icing for cakes  
Flour  
Cooking oil  
Sugar - pure cane, brown, powdered  
Cookie mixes  
Jiffy Corn muffin mix

Ramen Noodles - Chicken and Beef flavor  
Ketchup  
Mustard  
Mayonnaise  
Salad dressings  
Canned tuna in water  
Canned chicken in water  
Chef Boy R Dee Ravioli  
Canned Beef Stew  
Canned Chili  
Salt  
Pepper  
Mixed Vegetable  
Cereal  
Cereal Bars  
Minute Rice - White and Brown

Mac & Cheese  
Shells and cheese  
Instant and canned potatoes  
Strawberry jelly  
Grape jelly  
Peanut butter



GET EXCITED!

## UPCOMING DANCES

The Pandas are very excited for the upcoming dances held on NDA's campus: the Freshmen Semi-Formal Dance hosted by the Drug Free Club and Silver Bells held for the sophomore through senior classes.

- Saturday, December 4 (8-11 p.m.): NDA and CCH Semi Formal Freshmen Dance at NDA (online registration opened yesterday)
- Saturday, December 11 (8-11 p.m.): NDA Silver Bells Dance for Sophomores through Seniors

By the end of this week, almost all grade levels will have attended their second quarter Admin meeting where dress code expectations for the dances were discussed. See handbook excerpts below followed by a brief summary of expectations. When in doubt, students are encouraged to show Mrs. Grayson the dress (a picture or in person), so she can find out in advance if the dress is appropriate for NDA's dance.

### ATTENTION SENIORS

## HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

### **Dances p. 18**

Dances that are held at Notre Dame and Covington Catholic are school-sponsored events and drug free. Appropriate dress, behavior and dancing are expected. Random breathalyzer tests and purse searches may occur. Students who do not follow the rules will be asked to leave after the parents have been notified and rides will be arranged if necessary.

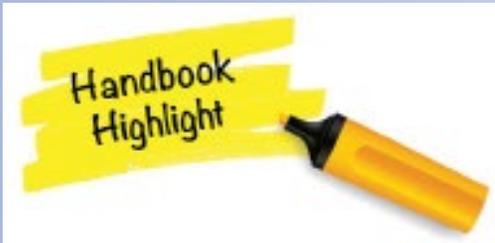
### **Special Occasions p. 24**

Students sometimes have the opportunity to dress up for events such as Silver Bells, Junior/Senior Prom, Mother/Daughter and Father/Daughter dances, special senior events, and theatrical performances. At these times it is expected that students dress in a way that is acceptable for young women attending a Catholic high school. This includes appropriate dress or skirt length and coverage of the stomach, back, and chest areas.

### **In Summary, dance attire must:**

- Provide proper coverage of the chest area (no cleavage or plunging necklines). Modesty panels could be added to a dress to address this issue.
- Strapless and spaghetti strap dresses are acceptable as long as they meet other dress code expectations.
- Be long enough. The length of the dress should extend below one's fingertips when arms are fully extended at sides. This applies to the shortest hem of the dress (consider an asymmetrical dress).
- An open back is acceptable; however, the open back must not extend below the lower curvature of one's back.
- Cover stomach and midriff areas. Cut-outs are not approved. A mesh layer or material could be added to the dress to cover the exposed areas.
- Mask requirement is TBD, and this will be decided as we near the event's date.

We thank you, parents, for helping your daughter pick just the right dress for their upcoming dance!



# HELP WANTED



## WE NEED YOUR HELP

### ATTENTION FRESHMAN PARENTS

As you may know, our annual Silver Bells Dance is coming up on Saturday, December 11. Every year we are in need of parents to help with this event and we are asking Freshman parents to help with cleanup. We are looking for 12-15 parents to be there to clean up from 11:00 p.m. - midnight. Please fill out the form found [HERE](#) by Friday, November 19 to let us know if you would be available to help. Thank you for helping us make these kinds of events possible!

## ATTENTION PANDA PARENTS

### SILVER BELLS CHAPERONES NEEDED

We are in need of 3-5 parents willing to chaperone the Silver Bells dance on December 11, from 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. YOU MUST BE VIRTUS TRAINED AND UP TO DATE ON YOUR BULLETINS! Please contact Ms. Madeline Tucker at [tuckerm@ndapandas.org](mailto:tuckerm@ndapandas.org) by December 3 if you are available and willing to help chaperone this fun event for the sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

## EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

### YEARBOOK NEWS

The 2021 NDA yearbook, **Together**, has gone to press and is scheduled to ship between Halloween and Thanksgiving. A limited number of extra copies will be available for students who did not pre-order. Books are \$70 and checks should be made out to NDA.

The 2022 NDA yearbook, **Make it Count**, is available for pre-order now at [jostens.com](http://jostens.com). Order now for the special fall price of \$60.



What's your style?



## ATTENTION SOPHOMORES

### CLASS RING INFORMATION

Sophomore Parent Class ring information/ordering night will be on Tuesday, November 30 from 3-7 p.m.

Representatives from Herff Jones will be in the NDA foyer to answer any questions parents may have regarding class rings. Students can place an order at that time OR Herff Jones will be back on campus on Friday December 3 during lunch if your daughter would like to turn in her order at that time.

Rings will be distributed at the Ring ceremony on March 1. Students do not have to purchase a ring from Herff Jones to participate in the ring ceremony.

# CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS



## CAMPUS MINISTRY MORNING MASS

This week we will celebrate Mass in our beautiful *Mary, Mother of the World* Chapel at 7:20 a.m. tomorrow and Friday. All are welcome to join us!



## SPIRITUAL GROWTH SOPHOMORE CLASS RETREAT

The Sophomore Class Retreat will take place on Wednesday, December 1 at NDA. The retreat will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will end at 2:00 p.m. Please plan rides accordingly. All Sophomores are required to attend this retreat. Students will need to pack their lunch on that day. If you have any questions please reach out to Mrs. Price at [priceb@ndapandas.org](mailto:priceb@ndapandas.org).

## PANDA PRIDE

### 2023 Synod on Synodality: The Church Wants to Hear From You!

Pope Francis has called for a worldwide discussion leading up to the next meeting of the Synod of Bishops in 2023 on the topic of SYNODALITY. Synodality is "journeying together" - a way of living out our faith that involves shared responsibility, open and honest dialogue, and discernment with the Holy Spirit in addressing the issues facing our Church today. It is speaking and listening to one another and the Holy Spirit. In what ways does our parish journey together? How well do we do it? Are there people or groups that have been left behind on the journey? How can we speak and listen to them? Parishes, institutions, individuals, and small groups across the diocese will have the opportunity to reflect and respond to these and other questions over the next several months. All are invited and encouraged to participate. Input will be compiled and forwarded on to the national and then international levels to help the Bishops prepare for the 2023 Synod in Rome. Look for more information in parish communications, on social media, the diocesan website [covidio.org/synod](https://covidio.org/synod), or visit [www.synod.va/en.html](https://www.synod.va/en.html).



# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

*Coupon Book Fundraiser Steps*

**FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW**

- GET BOOKS**  
01 Pick up and sign for your books during homeroom on **FRI 11/19**
- SELL BOOKS**  
02 Sell to family and friends \$25/ book.
- FILL OUT TALLY SHEET**  
03 Fill out [tally sheet here](#) with customer info including check and cash amounts collected
- UPLOAD TALLY SHEET**  
04 Upload [here](#). MUST be an excel or google sheet.
- TURN IN MONEY**  
05 Turn in your money marked with name **BY FRIDAY 12/17**

Questions? Email Myanna or Mrs. Colvin!

## PANDA SAVINGS! COUPON BOOKS

Coupon books are in! If you are an athlete and chose to sell coupon books they can be picked up during homeroom on November 19. You will sign for the books then and can start selling. Once you sell, please fill out the [tally sheet](#) and upload [here](#) before turning in your money by Friday December 17.

If you want to pick up your coupon books sooner please email the Athletic Director, Myanna Webster, at [websterm@ndapandas.org](mailto:websterm@ndapandas.org).

## BLACK FRIDAY DISCOUNT PERU NEWS!

Happy Thanksgiving! I have some exciting news to share directly from NDA's Tour Consultant, Sydney, at EF Tours. EF is offering our group a special Black Friday discount for our group, so we've reopened enrollment for Black Friday weekend! Any new enrollment between Friday, November 26 and Monday, November 29 at midnight will receive \$200 off the price of the trip\*.

Remember, space is limited on this trip and comes on a first come, first served basis.

The easiest way to enroll your daughter is through my tour website [HERE](#).

This is a one-time offer, so if you have been considering enrolling your daughter or missed our deadline, now is the time to enroll! Please let me know if you have any questions.

\*\$200 Discount applies to NEW enrollments only.\*

Thanks,  
Ms. Dooling



CONGRATULATIONS!

# ART STUDENTS SELECTED TO SHOW AT TMU

Congratulations to Mr. Eckerle and our Art students! Six NDA students pieces were selected to show in the Thomas More University High School Juried Exhibition. Congratulations to Jaden Connor, Sammi Flowers, Ellie Joyce, Gabby Epplen, Keira Schneider and Erin Stegman! You can see their work below:



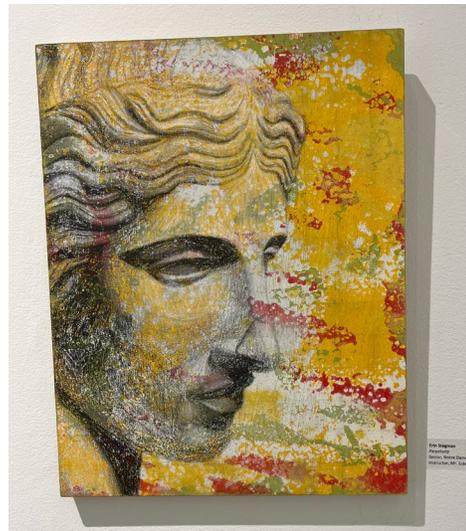
Keira Schneider



Gabby Epplen



Ellie Joyce



Erin Stegman



Sammi Flowers



Jaden Connor

# COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



## GSE APPLICATION PROCESS

### GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS

[Governor's School for Entrepreneurs.](#) (GSE) applications are NOW open to current Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors through January 24, 2022. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with your questions. GSE still has 4 virtual events via Zoom to showcase the GSE experience and dive into the application process. Find links to register [here](#).

## GSA APPLICATION PROCESS

### GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

**2021 KY Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) is going to DOUBLE in Size!**

GSA has been approved for \$2,850,000 from the American Recovery Plan (ARP). This funding will allow GSA to welcome approximately 500 students - for each of the next three summers into the arts immersion program! Alumni of the program are eligible for scholarships at nearly 30 colleges and universities. A total of 93% of the GSA 2021 class said they felt more prepared to attend college because of their GSA experience.

#### **ART FORM SPECIFIC WEBINARS BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 8TH!**

This is a chance for students to interact with faculty members in each art form about what they're looking for in GSA applicants. Q&A included; each session will be recorded and made available afterward on our website. Free, but registration will be required! [Please click here to view the schedule and register!](#)



## GSP APPLICATION PROCESS

### GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM

[GSP 2021-2022 Applications and Forms](#) are now available on the GSP website, under the Applicant's tab. **NDA's GSP Applications are due November 22.** Contact Mrs. Hildreth with your questions.



## RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

### NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

NDA's counselors have put together some very useful tools for our parents [HERE](#).

# ADVANCING OUR MISSION

TIME TO SIGN UP

## HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

The High School Placement Test (HSPT) is required as part of the admission process at NDA. All incoming freshman students interested in attending Notre Dame Academy must take the HSPT. The Diocesan-wide testing date for the HSPT is Saturday, December 11. There is a testing fee of \$20.00 that must be paid at the time of test registration. The deadline for registration is December 3, 2021. [2021 HSPT Registration Form](#)

#SUPPORTING OUR PANDAS

## GIVING TUESDAY 2021

Tuition at NDA is set at only 80% of the true cost of education. Each NDA student benefits from this tuition gap of \$2420. Contributions to the NDA Annual Fund help fill this funding gap and allow us to continue to provide a premiere Catholic education to the young women of our community.

Please support NDA's mission to educate young women to make a difference in the world with a gift to this year's Annual Fund on Giving Tuesday. You can donate online [HERE](#).



#GIVING TUESDAY

#SupportOurPandas

*November 30, 2021*



## MOTZ ENGINEERING

Motz Engineering delivers optimal cost- and energy-efficient design by connecting deep scientific knowledge with our skillful understanding of applied engineering systems. This combination of skill and knowledge connects our full understanding of your building's mechanical, electrical and plumbing requirements with innovative, reliable and affordable, best in class engineering solutions.

Our goal is simple: to make connections. We believe that by standing shoulder-to-shoulder, with you, our valued client, we are able to connect with your challenges and understand your goals and distill the best options and cost effective solutions and deliver timely and efficiently engineered building systems. From concept to engineering and from design to construction, Motz Engineering is your advocate, ensuring that codes officials, design professionals and installing contractors connect the project requirements with the project scope, and deliver on project expectations. Throughout your project, Motz Engineering provides oversight and inspections, and final confirmation that your project is commissioned and ready to deliver highly functioning systems that perform the building functions as intended.

# COMMUNITY



## NEWS

SHARING OUR

## Community News

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

- St. Joseph Heights Work Study Positions available for Students
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?

## Important dates

November 18	Mass in Chapel at 7:20 a.m.
November 19	Mass in Chapel at 7:20 a.m. Athletic Coupon Book Pick Up in Auditorium Panda FunFest for incoming 8th Graders
November 20	JR Retreat (1 of 4 options)
November 23	Thanksgiving Prayer Service (ADJ)
November 24-28	Thanksgiving Break
November 30	8th Grade Financial Aid Information Night
December 1	SO Retreat
December 2	HSPT Prep at NDA
December 4	JR Retreat (2 of 4 options) FR Semi Formal Dance at NDA
December 7	Choral Concert and Dance Pandas
December 8	No School: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 10	In School Band and Choral Concert
December 11	HSPT and ACT at NDA Silver Bells Dance
December 12	Band Christmas Concert
December 13	Advent Mass (ADJ)
December 15-17	Midterm Exams
December 18	Christmas break begins
January 3	School resumes