



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

Panda Press Weekly

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THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

It was a great first week of school at Notre Dame Academy! As you know, this school year we are focusing on *Discovering our purpose - Transforming the world*. This theme is already being incorporated into the curriculum at NDA as our students begin talking about how they can recognize their God given gifts and make a difference in the world. It is wonderful to see the young women of NDA as they begin to live our mission.

As the Principal/Interim President, one of my favorite things to do is talk to our students. We discuss all sorts of things and they often ask me questions and I ask them a few too. It's truly a pleasure to have those exchanges of ideas and hear what our students have to say. I wanted to share one particular conversation that I had last week in the cafeteria with one of our freshmen. While waiting in the lunch line, I asked her if there was a big surprise from the first four days of school at Notre Dame Academy. She said that the adults working at NDA are "happy, kind and seem to love their jobs." She told me that this was not always the experience she had at her former school.

I shared that comment with our faculty and staff last week because they are a big part of providing an atmosphere and culture of kindness, shared values and collaboration at NDA. They serve as a wonderful example to our students and they are witnesses to Christ's love in their work as educators. At Notre Dame Academy, we are a team and we put forth a united effort celebrating our Catholic identity each and every day at NDA. It's nice to know that we make a positive impression upon our students.

Thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education. Our students are truly a blessing to us all.

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Have a great summer and make good choices!

Student Life



ALL ARE WELCOME MORNING MASS

We will celebrate the Mass in chapel at 7:20 a.m. tomorrow and Friday. All are welcome to join us!

IT'S COMING...

PANDA PRIME TIME

Panda Prime Time (PPT) begins this Thursday for juniors and seniors. Sophomores will begin next Tuesday, and freshmen will have their first PPT next Thursday.

PANDA PRIME TIME

Panda Prime Time | pandə prīm tīm |
noun

a flexible time period built into the school day giving students opportunities for enrichment, support, collaboration and the personal learning.

AVERAGE WEEK

Monday	Homeroom
Tuesday	PANDA PRIME TIME
Wednesday	Delayed Start
Thursday	PANDA PRIME TIME
Friday	Homeroom



During
PANDA PRIME TIME
PLEASE:

- Meet with a teacher for extra help
- Make up a test
- Work on a group project
- Talk to a counselor
- Work on homework
- Academic enrichment

PANDA PRIME TIME PLACES:

Auditorium

Cafeteria

Gym (by announcement only)

Marian Circle

Chapel

Classrooms with teachers

CLC - JR & SR

Mentor Center 112 - Opening Soon

Theatre

PPT PLACES NOISE LEVELS:

Regular Talking Permitted

Minimal Talking Permitted

NO Talking Permitted

DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Regular Schedule (R)

(47 Minute classes, 28 minute lunches)

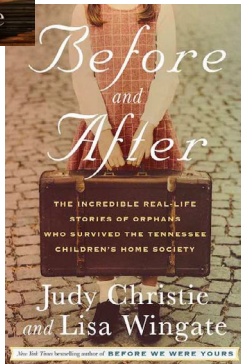
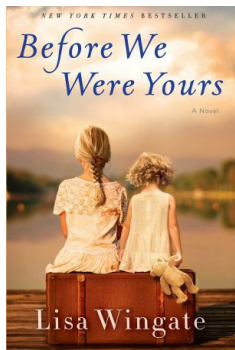
8:00	-	8:47	1st Class
8:51	-	9:38	2nd Class
9:42	-	10:29	3rd Class
10:33	-	11:01	First Lunch
11:05	-	11:52	4th Class
10:33	-	11:20	4th Class
11:24	-	11:52	Second Lunch
11:56	-	12:43	5th Class
12:47	-	1:17	HR PANDA PRIME TIME
1:21	-	2:08	6th Class
2:12	-	2:59	7th Class

Wednesday

Delayed Schedule (D)

(43 Minute classes, 28 minute lunches)

9:00	-	9:43	1st Class
9:47	-	10:30	2nd Class
10:34	-	11:17	3rd Class
11:21	-	11:49	First Lunch
11:53	-	12:36	4th Class
11:21	-	12:04	4th Class
12:08	-	12:36	Second Lunch
12:40	-	1:25	5th Class
(*2 minutes added for announcements)			
1:29	-	2:12	6th Class
2:16	-	2:59	7th Class



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 COMMON READER DAY

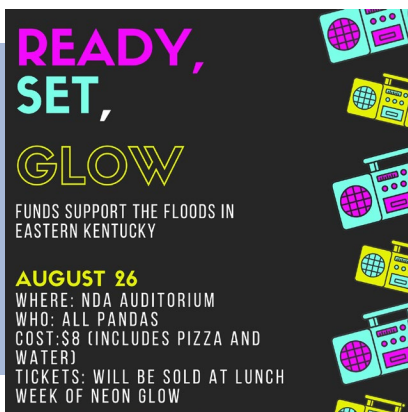
Today, Mrs. Grayson and Mr. VonHandorf met with the keynote speaker – Judy Christie. We look forward to welcoming her virtually on our Common Reader Day. Judy is the co-author of *Before and After* – a non-fictional sequel to the book *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate – our common reader book. Judy has also connected Notre Dame Academy with an adoptee who will share her story on Common Reader Day.



Lisa Wingate and Judy Christie

To gain the most from our Common Reader Day, all students should have read *Before We Were Yours* by September 7. If anyone is interested in learning more about the children and families whose lives were altered by Georgia Tann and the Tennessee Children's Home Society, we also recommend reading *Before and After* by Judy Christie and Lisa Wingate.

PLEASE NOTE: School will dismiss at 2:30 p.m. on September 7 due to Parent Mini-Night in the evening. Parent Mini-Night will be in person starting at 7:00 p.m. and is a wonderful opportunity to walk your daughter's schedule and meet her teachers.



DON'T MISS THIS NEON NIGHT!

Student Council will be hosting their annual Fall Mixer this Friday, August 26 from 8-11 p.m. The theme is Neon Night so come dressed in your best neon! Students are welcome to bring friends from other schools. The cost is \$8 a person and includes pizza and a DJ. All students must arrive by 8:30 p.m. and stay until 10:45 p.m. unless they have a note from a parent. Tickets will be on sale during lunch starting Wednesday.

PLEASE NOTE

TRANSPORTATION PLEASE NOTE:

We will not have TANK Bus service this year due to lack of drivers.



TRAVELING PANDAS! COLORADO SKI TRIP

Registration is now open for NDA's Ski Trip to Winter Park, Colorado (January 12-16)!! Fill out the form [HERE](#) to save your spot!! Registration is first come, first serve and will be open until September 2nd (or earlier if all the spots have been filled, then a wait list will be created). Ms. Dooling, Madame Otto, and Mrs. Grayson are looking forward to skiing the slopes of Winter Park with you!



PANDA ROYALTY

WELCOME TO THE PANDA FAMILY

The newest little member of our Panda family arrived last Friday night. Welcome to the world Maeve Pauline! At 5 lbs., 2 oz., Maeve is the daughter of NDA Social Studies teacher Lara Heidrich and her husband Max and she's Panda royalty as the granddaughter of Ron and Mary Ann Greife! The Heidrich family - now of 4 - is doing well!



SERVING OUR PANDAS

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

You can find NDA's lunch menu below and on our website [HERE](#).

Parents, please check your daughter's lunch account balance throughout the school year to avoid overdue account issues. Thank you!

PANDA GEAR

BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

It's the beginning of the school year so Mrs. Brungs and Mrs. McLeod have all sorts of awesome new Panda gear! Shop in the online Bambootique [HERE](#).



ENJOY THE RIDE!

CARPOOL KARAOKE

What a great first week of school at Notre Dame Academy! We have worked hard, played hard and thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our incoming freshman, transfer students and new faculty and staff over the past week. It wouldn't be the first week of school though, without a new episode of Panda Carpool Karaoke! Thanks to our StuCo Execs, Kendall Hemsath and Andie Zeis for taking a ride around campus to check in with some of our favorites! You can watch the first episode of the 2022-23 Carpool Karaoke [HERE](#).

2022

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Over the summer, 15 Pandas completed Notre Dame Academy's seventh annual Leadership Summit hosted by 1981 graduate, Sue Wehrman who currently serves as the Aero-Derivatives Business Leader for General Electric. Ms. Wehrman engaged many other community members in an effort to support our young, female leaders. Ms. Wehrman, and the facilitators named below, challenged the developing leaders to grow as inclusive, strategic thinkers and effective communicators while refining their skills to successfully lead teams, committees and clubs. Attendees gained much from the 4 day experience and report they were able to "see things from different perspectives . . . create new relationships . . . learn more about themselves and others."

NDA thanks Ms. Wehrman and the following presenters for their help in making this year's Summit a success:

- Dan Joyner (Consulting Facilitator): Effective Communication and Collaboration
- Laura Koehl '75 (Executive Director, SND National Sponsorship and Network Office): Faith in Leadership
- Amber Grayson (Associate Principal, NDA) and Colleen Haas (Owner, Grandview Tavern): Business Meal Etiquette
- Ranah Darwish (Supply Chain Program Manager, General Electric): Virtual Meetings
- Katharina Tschiesche (Anesthesiologist residing in Germany): Global Citizenship

Congratulations to the following students who completed this year's Summit:

Marisa Bloemer 10

Taylor Diebold 12

Annie Dierker 10

Allison Dilbert 10

Hannan Dusing 10

Sydney Grimm 12

Sadie Hartig 10

Chanduni Herath 10

Ava McKinley 11

Julia Meyers 11

Grace Panko 10

Rachel Panko 12

Ellie Puglisi 12

Julianne Shriver 10

Josie Stallard 10



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENT ATHLETES ATHLETICS COUPON BOOK FUND-RAISER

The Athletics Coupon Book Fund-raiser is required for every NDA Athlete in addition to their athletic participation fee dues.

Coupon Book Selections - Review your selection and sign in Final Forms

Coupon book selections for students participating, or planning to participate, in athletics must be made by September 2nd, 2022. Selections should be made in Final Forms. **If no option is selected by a family for your athlete you will automatically fall into the "Sell NO coupon Books option and owe the full amount for selling no books."**

COUPON
BOOKS!

If you have already selected an option and signed in Final Forms, you can leave it or log in to Final Forms and edit your selection prior to September 2nd.

You will have 3 options to choose from to fulfill the coupon book fund-raiser requirement for student athletes. You will have the opportunity to:

- 1) Sell 18 books for one daughter, 14 books for a second daughter and 8 for a third daughter participating in athletics**
- 2) Pay a fund-raising fee and sell half of the books**
- 3) Pay a fund-raising fee and sell no books**

For one daughter, the selling book option would be to sell 18 books. The half option would be a \$140 fund-raiser fee and selling 9 books. The full fund-raising fee and selling no books for one daughter would be a \$280 fund-raising fee.

For a second daughter, the selling book option would be to sell 14 books. The half option would be a \$110 fund-raising fee and selling 7 books. The no selling book option would be a fund-raising fee of \$220.

For a third daughter, the selling book option would be to sell 8 books. The half option would be a \$65 fund-raising fee and selling 4 books. The no selling book option would be a fund-raising fee of \$130.

FINE ARTS



DON'T MISS OUT! MORNING BAND

The First Morning Band Rehearsal of the new school year is was yesterday at 7:30 a.m. in the Band Room. It's not too late to join and remember: NO MUSICAL EXPERIENCE NEEDED! Questions? Reply to cerimeleg@ndapandas.org. Don't forget... Band counts as 1/2 CREDIT in Fine Arts!

AUDITION INFO & ANNOUNCEMENTS NDA CCH THEATRE DEPARTMENT

See the information below about Theatre Auditions and Tech Interviews for our first show this school year- Arsenic and Old Lace! Please contact Miss Smith at smithja@ndapandas.org with questions.

Arsenic and Old Lace Movie Night & Audition Info:

- Thursday, August 25 from 3:30-6:00 p.m. Call Back Auditions, you may be invited to have a call back audition. We will contact you individually about times.
- Tech Interviews TBD - if you are interested in working backstage or designing elements of the show (sound, lights, set, props, makeup, costumes, hair, etc) we will send out info with the interview/sign up dates soon. They will take place after auditions.



Play Synopsis:

Arsenic and Old lace is a Halloween tale of Brooklyn, where anything can happen and it usually does. The play, with a clever combination of the farcical and the macabre, centers on two elderly sisters who are famous in their Brooklyn neighborhood for their numerous acts of charity. Unfortunately, however, their charity includes poisoning lonely old men! The sisters are aided by their nephew who believes he is Teddy Roosevelt and is digging the Panama Canal in the basement. Matters get complicated when their second nephew Mortimer discovers the murders on the same day that he decides to marry his love, Elaine the minister's daughter. A third nephew Jonathan also appears that day with his quack plastic surgeon Dr. Einstein both on the run from the police. This mixture of comedy and mayhem makes Arsenic and Old Lace an enduring theatrical classic.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



COLLEGE REP VISITS

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE NDA COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE

[CLICK HERE](#) for a list of college visits specifically for NDA students/families. The visits are in the hallway outside the cafeteria. All students are welcome to visit the reps.

SIGN UP TODAY! DRUG FREE CLUB AT NDA



FACT: 90% of Americans who meet the clinical criteria for addiction started using substances before the age of 18.

Drug Free Club is the largest club at Notre Dame Academy, with 483 members last year. It offers confidential drug testing, education, school and community rewards, positive reinforcement, student leadership opportunities, parent support, and a safety net when dealing with drug situations by saying, "I can't, I might be tested."

Parents can complete the [Drug Free Club Member Application](#) online, or the paper application available at school. The cost is only \$25 per year because NDA pays \$10 of the cost of membership for every student. Freshmen who sign up for all four years receive their senior year FREE! Contact [Mrs. Hildreth](#) with any questions.

RESOURCES TO UNDERSTAND AND HELP TEENAGE GIRLS NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

**Emotional support is now always available 24/7:
Call 988 or Text: 741741**

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



988 SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE

No matter where you live in the U.S.,
you can easily access 24/7 emotional support.

Call or text 988 or visit 988lifeline.org/chat to
chat with a caring counselor.

We're here for you.

ADVANCING OUR MISSION



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 19 LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA!

Light the Night for NDA (formerly the Autumn Gala) is our annual celebration of Notre Dame Academy and our mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world. This year will take the opportunity to shine a light not only the amazing Catholic education Notre Dame Academy provides for the young women of our area but also on the beautiful Northern Kentucky region. This entertaining evening will consist of a sit-down dinner, live and silent auctions, specialty raffles and it is a wonderful opportunity for our community to gather in support of NDA! Funds raised at this important annual event are critical to helping NDA bridge the gap between tuition and the growing costs of educating our students.

Please plan to attend *Light the Night for NDA* in support of Catholic education at Notre Dame Academy! If you are unable to attend, you can still support the event with a donation, event sponsorship, purchasing a raffle ticket, bidding on the online auctions OR you could volunteer to help plan the event. We are still in need of volunteers to serve on the *Light the Night for NDA* planning committee and this is another great way to meet people in our community and it's fun!

If you have any questions about *Light the Night for NDA* or you would like to get involved with a great group of parent volunteers who are planning the event, please contact one of our Co-Chairs, [Cindy Hemsath](#) or [Jennifer Lenihan](#).

We look forward to seeing you at Light the Night for NDA on November 19!

SAVE THE DATE

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

**HOMECOMING
2022**

REGISTER
ONLINE
TODAY!



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
FROM 5-9 PM**

There will be all sorts of fun for your whole family!
Kids Games • Table Games • Food Trucks • Concessions

**See NDA's State Soccer
Champions in action!**

NDA Pandas vs. Highlands
Freshman 4:00 p.m. | JV 5:30 p.m. | Varsity 7:00 p.m.

Special Class Reunion Recognition will take
place between the games.

Don't miss the opportunity to see NDA's new field lights!



SHARING OUR Community News

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

- Seeking student volunteers: Opportunity Day for Differently-Abled Persons
- Education Opportunity Act
- Cafeteria Managers Needed in Diocese of Covington
- Molly Mayer's Studio of Dance Registration
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?

Important dates

August 25	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. PPT begins for SR/JR
August 26	Wear Neon Shirts/Accessories w/ Your Skirt! Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. StuCo Fall Mixer (Neon Night)
August 30	PPT begins for SO
September 1	PPT begins for FR
September 5	No School: Labor Day
September 7	Common Reader Day (ADJ) Parent Mini-Night (in-person)
September 9	Picture Day
September 13	St. Pius X Shadow Day
September 15	Blessed Sacrament Shadow Day
September 16	Club Orientation (ADJ) Mid-quarter
September 21	Super day- FR/SOPH- Cert, JR Practice ACT
September 23	Fall Sports Pep Rally Playing for a Purpose
September 24	NDA Homecoming
September 26	Food Truck/Rally Point walk - during Homeroom
September 27	St. Joseph Crescent Springs Shadow Day
September 29	St. Agnes/Prince of Peace Shadow Day