



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

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THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

This is a very special week for us at Notre Dame Academy as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of our school building on our Hilton Drive campus. Ground breaking for the new school building on Hilton Drive was held on April 16, 1961 and the cornerstone was laid on September 18, 1962. That day, Bishop Ackerman blessed the cornerstone at the site of the original main entrance on the north side of the school building. Our NDA archivist, Mrs. Nancy Stratman, put together a wonderful article about that special day which you can read [HERE](#) on our website.

What I find most fascinating about the events of that day is the letter sent from the Sisters of Notre Dame in Covington to the Motherhouse in Rome describing the events of the day:

"Before the day is over, we must share with you the simple, yet impressive, ceremonies of cornerstone laying at the new Notre Dame Academy—our common goal, our common joy. What a genuine thrill it was no longer to envision our dream, but to behold, silhouetted against a glorious sunshiny sky, a new Notre Dame Academy rising majestically and soon to be the sanctuary of the strong and cherished bond—the spirit of Notre Dame. We are reminded again of Sister Mary Agnetis' comment, "A new Notre Dame Academy, yes; a new Notre Dame, never!"

We are very blessed to have such a rich history at Notre Dame Academy. We are also fortunate that the joyful spirit of Notre Dame, Our Lady, has continued to pervade at NDA inspiring generations of students over the past 60 years.

Please join me in a prayer of thanksgiving to Our Lady for her continued blessings on our school building and the students we serve.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Have a great day and make good choices!

Student Life

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE

The big game is this Friday at Boone County High School. Students are encouraged to wear their Playing for a Purpose t-shirts and other pink accessories (socks, headbands, earrings). Clothes should adhere to NDA's dress code expectations (proper length and coverage), and body paint and glitter (even if it's in student's hair) are not permitted at the game. Minimal face paint is permitted as well as the tattoos.



EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

RALLY POINT WALK

On Monday, September 26, students, faculty and staff will walk to one of Notre Dame Academy's Rally Points – the VonLehman building. Rally Points are one component of the ALICE program which defines response options during active threat situations and mentally prepares our school community to respond in ways that will increase chances of survival.

ALICE is one part of our school's comprehensive safety program and stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. If an internal threat exists, NDA will go into lockdown and all will employ ALICE. If evacuating the building, students, faculty and staff should report to one of two Rally Points -- VonLehman or Ft. Mitchell Garage. From there, busses will transport them to NDA's Family Reunification Center where parents/guardians or emergency contacts will be permitted to pick up their daughters.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

VIRTUAL MEETING

TORCHPREP ACT BOOTCAMP

Juniors took the practice ACT at Notre Dame today. With results coming soon, TorchPrep can provide some context for how to view your daughter's ACT® score in the current college admissions landscape. Join TorchPrep for a virtual meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 6 starting at 6:30 p.m. Register for the virtual meeting [HERE](#). The meeting's Zoom information will be shared at a later time.



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Thursday & Saturdays	
6:00pm-9:00pm	10:00am-2:00pm
Jan. 26	Jan. 28
Feb. 2	Feb. 4
Feb. 9	Feb. 11
Feb. 16	Feb. 25

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CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

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MORNING MASS & ADORATION

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



OPEN TO ALL NDA STUDENTS

PRO-LIFE SCHOLARSHIP

All NDA students are invited to apply for a \$1000 Pro-Life Scholarship sponsored by a friend of NDA. Interested students will need to write a paragraph on the prompt "Why are you Pro-Life and what do you plan to do to promote Pro-Life this year?" Submissions must be made by October 3, 2022, at [THIS LINK](#).

CHOOSE LIFE

GROWING CLOSER TO GOD

PILGRIMAGE RETREAT

On Saturday, September 17, thirty-five juniors took part in a Pilgrimage Retreat. Throughout the day, these students visited Mother of God, Our Savior, St. Benedict and Holy Cross Churches. At each stop students explored the art, architecture and culture of each Parish and took part in prayer experiences.



REAL-LIFE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

SPANISH STUDENTS GO TO MARKET

Last Thursday, one of Sr. Maria Francine's Spanish 2 classes went to the market, that is, figuratively. They practiced phrases that they could use in a real-life market and then converted a classroom into a simulated market. Each student brought in 3 items of clothing which matched their vocabulary list and then wrote a card that referred to her item. This card was given to another student to help her find the purchase somewhere in the market. Each was given an envelope full of "pesos," with the monetary exchange in US dollars recorded on it. The class was divided in half with 12 being the vendors and 12 being customers. After about 15 minutes, they switched roles. One student wrote, "I think it was very helpful for me to apply what we have been learning to a real-life situation," and another, "It was nice to do a simulation that could actually happen." So, parents, don't worry! Although they have honed their shopping skills, they have learned how to bargain for the best price!



Customers and sellers trying to bargain for the best price



It can be difficult to make the final decision.



The class is proud of its diversity: Here is Rachel Panko (senior), Lacey Mack (junior, Katherine Heuker (soph) and Lila Harris (frosh). There are 7 freshmen, 13 sophomores, 2 juniors and 2 seniors in this Spanish 2 class.

FINE ARTS NEWS

AP ART STUDENT EARNS AWARD

One of Mr. Eckerle's AP Art students, Gaby Epplen, earned 2nd Place at the Behringer-Crawford Connie O'Donnell Student Art Invitational. Congratulations Gaby!



PANDA GEAR

BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

There are a number of good deals this week in the Bambootique! Check out all of the items that are 20% off! Shop online [HERE](#).



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!



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE

Tickets for Playing for a Purpose on September 23 at Boone County High School are on sale now! [Get your tickets through Ticket Spicket!](#)

All tickets will be electronic and no cash will be accepted. Credit card readers will be available at the gate.

DOORS WILL CLOSE AT 6:15 p.m. and there will be NO ENTRY PERMITTED AFTER 6:15 p.m. There will be no re-entry for the event either.

For capacity reasons, each person in attendance must have a ticket, including children that are 5 and under and free of charge.

No passes of any kind will be accepted for this match.

CONGRATULATIONS!

2022 GIRLS GOLF REGION TEAM RUNNER UP

Congratulations to our Golf Pandas who finished second today at Regionals to qualify for Round 1 or semi-state! Natalie Lovell led with a 79 (4th place), Sammi Flowers 80 (5th place), Didi Jirademkirn 82 (7th Place), Leah Hickey 106, Riley Pope 118. Go Pandas!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



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

STUDENTS who never start using drugs, never have to stop!

- Students become DFCA members after passing a simple, confidential drug test.
- Only Parents/Guardians receive test results - NEVER the school.
- Last year 83% of Pandas joined.
- Members can rely on testing as an “out” for drug related situations by saying, “I can’t, I might get tested.”
- Parents are notified via email about perfect moments and ways to talk to your children about drugs.
- Members receive a full color photo ID card to show to local merchants to receive community rewards for their drug free lifestyle.
- Retesting of random members continues throughout the school year.

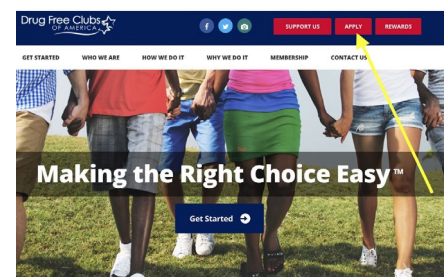
Cost is only \$25/year...

**(because Notre Dame Academy pays the cost of \$10 for every student member!)
but,**

Freshman can pay \$75 for 3 years, and have their Senior year FREE!

**Applications for Notre Dame Academy’s Drug Free Club are available online
[HERE](#) or through paper applications available at school.**

Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.



CLEP

COLLEGE-LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM

CLEP (College-Level Examination Program), is a credit-by-examination program that allows students to earn college credit. CLEP exams are offered year-round at more than 2,000 test centers, and anyone can take a CLEP exam. CLEP is sponsored by College Board, the same organization that sponsors Advanced Placement (AP) Exams.



Students can earn credit for what they already know with qualifying scores on any of the [30+ Exams Available](#). Many of the CLEP tests satisfy various General Education requirements at colleges, and cost ~\$90/test. For more information visit the [CLEP Web-site](#). Contact individual prospective colleges to learn their specific CLEP policies.

GSP

THE KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM

GSP is a 5-week summer residential program for outstanding KY students after completing their junior year of high school. Established in 1983, the program provides academic and personal growth through a strong liberal arts program balanced with a full co-curricular and residential life experience while living on a college campus. Students complete an application and compete with others from across the state. The Program's mission is to enhance Kentucky's next generation of civic and economic leaders. Those selected attend the program free of charge. The [GSP website](#) has been updated with information for GSP 2023.



A GSP Informational Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22 after school in Alumnae Hall for those interested in learning more. Applications are due November 21. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.

GSA

THE KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

GSA is a free arts-intensive three-week residential summer program held on the campus of the University of Kentucky. The program is for Kentucky student artists in the 10th and 11th grades at the time of application. GSA offers instruction and immersion in nine different art forms: Architecture, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Instrumental Music, Musical Theater, New Media, Visual Art, and Vocal Music.



A GSA Informational Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 29 after school in Alumnae Hall for those interested in learning more, but prospective applicants can learn more by visiting the [GSA Website](#). Application and ArtShop registration will become available online in the fall.

GSE

THE KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS

GSE exposes young aspiring entrepreneurs to the mindset, culture, innovative thinking, and skills necessary to start a company. This free 3-week summer residential program gives Kentucky high school students (in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades at the time of application) a hands-on opportunity to turn their ideas into business opportunities. Visit the [GSE website](#) or come to an Informational Meeting on Thursday, October 6 after school in Alumnae Hall to learn more.



ADVANCING OUR MISSION



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

**REGISTER
ONLINE
TODAY!**

**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!

Please note: We are expecting a large crowd for this event.
We will have extra parking across the street at Covington
Catholic. Also, seating is limited so please consider bring-
ing a camping chair.





\$100
per ticket

Scan QR code to purchase

Need not be present to win

2 Lucky Winners

will be chosen at *Light the Night for NDA*
on Saturday, November 19

- 1st winner gets first choice of one of these collections
- 2nd winner receives remaining collection

W.L. Weller Collection

The ultimate collection from W.L. Weller (part of the award-winning Buffalo Trace Distillery) includes:

W.L. Weller Single Barrel
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W.L. Weller 12 Year Old Bourbon
W.L. Weller Antique 107 Bourbon
W.L. Weller Special Reserve Bourbon



Pappy Van Winkle Prime Bundle

Old Rip Van Winkle 10 Year
Pappy Van Winkle Special Reserve Lot B 12 Year
Pappy Van Winkle Family Reserve 15 Year



Must be 21 years old to win.

Shipping is not available.

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in Park Hills, KY.

All proceeds support tuition
assistance programs at NDA.

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

- Sisters of Notre Dame Hiring
- Ruta Sepetys to Speak at Erlanger Library
- Important EdChoice Information
- Seeking student volunteers: Opportunity Day for Differently-abled Persons
- Cafeteria Managers Needed in Diocese of Covington
- Molly Mayer's Studio of Dance Registration
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?

Important dates

September 21	Super day- FR/SOPH- Cert, JR Practice ACT/ SR College Planning
September 22	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
September 23	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. Wear Pink Shirts & Accessories with Uniform Skirt Fall Sports Pep Rally Playing for a Purpose - Boone County HS
September 24	NDA Homecoming
September 26	Food Truck/Rally Point walk - during Homeroom
September 27	St. Joseph Crescent Springs Shadow Day
September 28	Benefactor Breakfast
September 29	St. Agnes/Prince of Peace Shadow Day
October 2	Golden Girls
October 3	Foundations Day Mass
October 4	Information Session for Prospective Families
October 7	No School: Faculty/Staff Day of Reflection
October 10	Non-Feeder School Shadow Day
October 12	Super Day; no classes (ADJ)
October 13	Information Session for Prospective Families
October 14	First Quarter Ends
October 17, 18, 19	Senior Retreat #1
October 21, 22, 23	Fall Play
October 24	Information Session for Prospective Families
October 25	Red Ribbon Week
October 28	CCH FR Halloween Dance