



THE *nda* LIFE

## Dear Parents,

Today was Super Day at NDA. Our freshman participated in their first NDA retreat and our sophomores and juniors took the PSAT. Our seniors participated in self empowerment activities, talked about campus safety and learned some self defense techniques. These experiences reflect on different parts of our journey together at Notre Dame Academy. They allow our students to apply what they are learning at NDA – the opportunity for spiritual growth and the value of acquired knowledge. Please keep all of our students in your prayers.

I invite you to join me in support of our annual fall fundraiser, *Light the Night for NDA*. This year we will gather for this important event on Saturday, November 11 at St. Elizabeth's Training and Education Center (SETEC) in Erlanger. Please save that date and plan to join us in celebration and support of our mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world. Mrs. Miller and I really hope to see you there for this wonderful evening of fellowship for our community. If you cannot be in attendance at this year's event, we would truly appreciate your support of the event through our online auction, the Golden Opportunity Raffle or Sr. Paul Ann's First Choice Raffle. You can find more information about this year's event in the *Advancing our Mission* section below. Your contributions go a long way in allowing us to continue to provide excellence in Catholic education at an affordable price.

We are blessed at NDA, to be guided by the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame which is rooted in prayer and contemplation and is marked by a deep experience of the goodness of God. We honor the SND charism by living the Gospel message of Jesus each and every day through kindness and generosity to others, respect for life, community service and striving to use our God given gifts. Thank you for choosing to educate your daughter at Notre Dame Academy in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

### *Autumn Prayer*

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.

We thank you

for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy,

for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,

for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,

for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,

for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,

for the fall harvest which brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land,

for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.

God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit.

Amen

# Student Life

## CONGRATULATIONS! NHS INDUCTION

Congratulations to our newest NHS inductees. Last evening we had the privilege of inducting these outstanding students into the National Honor Society, welcoming them into a community of scholars who have set their goals on making a positive impact in our world.



NDA and CCH Theatre Department Presents...

Oct 20th at 7pm  
Oct 21st at 7pm  
Oct 22nd at 2pm



Ken Ludwig's  
**Baskerville**  
A Sherlock Holmes Mystery

Student/Staff Tickets \$5 online and at the door  
Non-Student Tickets \$12 online, \$15 at the door

Order Your Tickets Here!



"Ken Ludwig's Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Strand Friends, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com

"Ken Ludwig's Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery" was originally produced by McCombs Theatre Group, Princeton, NJ Early Music, Artistic Director, Timothy J. Skelley, Managing Director and Acacia Stage, Washington, DC; Molly Smith, Artistic Director, Edgar Dobie, Executive Producer

## NDA & CCH PRESENT... **BASKERVILLE:** **A SHERLOCK HOLMES MYSTERY**

Don't miss this year's fall play! This classic Sherlock Holmes story of the Hound of the Baskervilles comes to life on stage with over 35 characters, including your favorites Sherlock Holmes and Watson! The detective duo takes on the case of murder by ghost hound. The death leaves a large estate and inheritance to a man who hopes to avoid the family curse and the same fate as his predecessor. Will he survive? Will Holmes and Watson solve the case before it's too late? Who will be the next victim of the Hound of the Baskervilles?

Showtimes:

October 20 at 7 p.m.

October 21 at 7 p.m.

October 22 at 2 p.m.

Purchase tickets online [HERE](#).

# OPEN HOUSE



**NOTRE DAME  
ACADEMY**  
Park Hills, KY

**NOV. 5 1-3 PM**  
[ndapandas.org](http://ndapandas.org)

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

## OPEN HOUSE YARD SIGNS

NDA's Open House is scheduled for Sunday, November 5 from 1 - 3 p.m. Please help us spread the word by putting a yard sign at your home and/or place of business. Yard signs will be available in the school office starting tomorrow, October 12. You can pick one up during school hours, have your daughter bring one home, or grab one as you drive through the car line at drop off or pick up. Mr. Lonnemann will be happy to deliver the sign to your car!

NDA/CCH FRESHMEN

## HALLOWEEN DANCE

The NDA/CCH Halloween Dance is going to be here soon! Here are some dance details:

- Only freshmen students from CCH and NDA can attend. Students from other schools are not permitted to attend this event.
- Tickets are only \$5.00 (cash only) and must be purchased by Friday, October 13. No walk-ins. Tickets will be sold at CCH and NDA.
- Students must arrive by 8:30 p.m. and must stay until 10:15 p.m. If NDA is playing in the finals for soccer that night we will allow you to come a little later as the game ends.
- Written documentation must be provided by a parent in advance if the student needs to arrive late or leave early for any reason. No notes or phone calls will be accepted on the night of the event.
- Everyone wears costumes and prizes for group and individual costumes are given.

Questions? Please contact Mrs. Monohan ([monohanc@ndapandas.org](mailto:monohanc@ndapandas.org)).

UNIFORM POLICY

## DRESS CODE

The weather is turning cooler, and this is always a good time to revisit our uniform policy - especially regarding leggings. NDA has a school uniform that consists of:

- a gray uniform skirt or uniform slacks (the skirt or pants must fit properly, be zipped and buttoned, hemmed appropriately and free of stains, rips, and/or holes). **Skirt length must reach below one's fingertips when arms are fully extended at side**
- a white or light blue banded Notre Dame Academy polo shirt
- solid white, gray, black or navy blue socks
- appropriate shoes that have a back to them
- lanyard

Optional items that may be purchased and worn with the uniform include:

- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy pullover sweater, cardigan sweater, sweater vest, fleece or sweatshirt (available for purchase through Schoolbelles and NDA's Bambootique)
- a navy blue blazer with NDA's emblem for special occasions such as Mass, award ceremonies, etc.
- **gray, black or navy blue leggings that are close fitting and tapered at the ankle**



# STU.CO NEWS

## CONGRATULATIONS

### FRESHMAN LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to the following freshmen who have been elected as grade-level representatives.

Caroline Bramlage  
Neveah Carpenter  
Addison Frondorf  
Ruth Maier  
Emma Miller  
Amelia Stallard  
Jazelle Stovall



## DELICIOUS NEWS

### 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

We've got some adorable new holiday t-shirts in the Bambootique. You can shop online here: [Halloween t-shirt](#) [Christmas t-shirt](#)

ALSO, we are looking for volunteers for the Bambootique. If you can help out, please sign up [HERE](#).

WE NEED  
YOUR HELP

## MOTHER/DAUGHTER DANCE!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mark your calendars for November 10, our Mother / Daughter Dance. A great deal of help is needed to make this night a success. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Lisa Timmerding at [timmerdingl@ndapandas.org](mailto:timmerdingl@ndapandas.org).

## PLEASE NOTE

### ATTENDANCE EMAIL

If your daughter is going to be late, out for the day or if she is leaving early, please contact the office through is [attendance@ndapandas.org](mailto:attendance@ndapandas.org) or call the main phone line 859-261-4300.

PLEASE NOTE!  
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# TRAVELING PANDAS

YOU'RE INVITED!

## INTERNATIONAL TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

Dear families,

We're taking two international trips in Summer 2025, and your students are invited! You can choose between Portugal or Italy!

We're excited to tell you more about the trips we're planning with EF Tours, our educational travel partner. Please be sure to register for this info session to be considered for this opportunity: <https://bit.ly/3tsnQfn>

When students travel, they expand their knowledge of the world around them, discover more about themselves and grow more confident. These skills are critical for creating the global citizens of tomorrow, and we would love to have your student join us on this adventure.

In this info session, we'll talk about:

- How this opportunity will benefit your student
- What we'll see and do on both of our trips
- Everything that's included in this experience
- How your child can earn academic credit
- How we're keeping this safe and affordable
- How to enroll on these trips (before they fill up!) during EF's risk-free enrollment period

Please note: the Italy trip will be open to all students this year. Also, spots will be on a first come first serve basis and will be limited so we would love to have you attend this meeting to learn more about this exciting opportunity!

Thanks,

Ms. Meghan Dooling & Ms. Elizabeth Barnes



**Information Session:  
Tuesday, October 24, 2023  
6:30 pm - 7:15 pm  
In Alumnae Hall**



# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



## WRAP UP

### PANDA GOLF

Our Golf Team has wrapped up its season with Didi placing 42 out of the top 90 golfers in the State tournament at Bowling Green Country Club.



## POSTSEASON AHEAD

### VOLLEYBALL UPDATE

Volleyball is winding down its fall season with one more match at Assumption (10/12) before postseason starts. Current record is 25-4. They will then play Districts at Holy Cross and Regionals at Cooper.

## RECAPS

### CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

KTCCCA Meet of Champions & St Henry Invitational – The XC team broke up as the varsity team went down to the Horse Park to run in the KTCCCA Meet of Champions to get a preview of the new state meet course. The team finished 5th overall and was led by our Senior Clara Heberling on what was a very hot afternoon. The JV team had a cold morning on Saturday but didn't let that slow them down finishing 2nd to Beechwood. They were led by sophomore Lucie Kiely and freshman Lyla Noll.



JV / Freshman Regionals Recap – On Tuesday the JV Pandas knocked off Ryle and Campbell County to claim the first NKY JV Regional Championship since Covid. They were led by our top 5 runners in Lucie Kiely, Caroline Calvert, Kelsey Weil, Stella Bitikofer and Kate Laws. Lucie led the race from the start and never looked back to take home 1st place! The freshman also brought home the Freshman Regional Championship in a thrilling race. Alex Burg also led this race wire to wire as Katherine McKee tried to keep up. Five of the top ten runners were NDA freshman. The future of NDA XC looks fast for many years to come!



## GO PANDAS!

### SOCCER UPDATE

Our Soccer team is currently 17-3-2. They play Highlands 10/12 at 7:30PM in the Regional Semifinals at Notre Dame Academy. Regional finals will be hosted at NDA on 10/14 at 7:00 p.m.



## EXCITING NEWS

# GYM UPDATE

Fall has been busy with facility upkeep as we resurfaced the tennis courts and have now completed the repairs to our gym and are pleased with the new design.

# NDA This week in Athletics GO PANDAS!

DATE	GAMES	TIME
Monday: 10.16.23		
Tuesday: 10.17.23	Volleyball Districts @ Holy Cross vs Holmes	6:00pm
Wednesday: 10.18.23		
Thursday: 10.19.23	Volleyball Districts Final @ Holy Cross TBD	7:00pm
Friday: 10.20.23		
Saturday: 10.21.23	Cross Country Regionals @ Williamstown	3:30pm
Sunday: 10.22.23	Volleyball Regionals @ Cooper TBD	1/2:30/4/5:30pm

# COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



ATTENTION ALL PANDAS!

## NKY REGIONAL COLLEGE FAIR

NKU and Thomas More will be hosting a college Fair at NKU Student Union on October 18 from 6:30-8 p.m. There will be 75 Colleges and Universities that will be attending. This is a great fair for all grade levels to attend as it is close and has such a variety of schools. Parents and students should really consider this Fair.



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.



JOIN TODAY!

## DRUG FREE CLUB

*"Making the Right Choice Easy"*

***FINALLY! A true PREVENTION PLAN***

The time is **NOW** to sign up for Drug Free Clubs of America (DFCA). Parents can obtain more information and [complete online applications](#) on the Drug Free Club website, OR through the paper application available in the main school office and the Counselors' Quad. Members can rely on testing as an "out" for drug-related situations by saying, "I can't. I might get tested."

*Q - Finances are tight at home, and \$25 is just too much for right now.*

*A - Please let Mrs. Hildreth know! We have scholarship money available and don't want anyone to be left out of this amazing opportunity!*

**Applications will be accepted through October 31.**

# GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

A PROGRAM OF



KENTUCKY  
PERFORMING  
ARTS

CHECK IT OUT!

## THE KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS (GSA)

Creative Writing - Dance - Design - Drama - Instrumental Music - Vocal Music - Musical Theatre - Visual Art - Film + Photography

- The Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts provides hands-on arts opportunities for talented high school students who are dancers, actors, instrumental and vocal musicians, creative writers, future architects or visual artists.
- GSA 2024 will be held at the University of Kentucky (Lexington, KY)
  - Session One - June 9th to June 29th, 2024
  - Session Two - July 7th to July 27th, 2024
- **Applications due January 14th, 2024.**
- See these links for more information:
  - [GSA: Application TIMELINE and WEBINARS](#)
  - [APPLICANT GUIDES](#)

A GSA Information Session will be held after school on Tuesday, October 10 in Alumnae Hall. GSA Panda Alumnae will be there to share their experience and offer application suggestions! Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.



### RESOURCES TO UNDERSTAND & HELP TEENAGE GIRLS NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

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



YOU'RE INVITED

## THE KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM (GSP)

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 basic information and will be updated in mid-September with information for GSP 2024. Applications are due November 20. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.

# ADVANCING THE MISSION



## LIGHT *the* NIGHT for NDA IN COESFELD, GERMANY

Saturday, November 11, 2023  
6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

at

St. Elizabeth Education and Training Center (SETEC)  
3861 Olympic Boulevard, Erlanger, Kentucky 41018

Click Here

Buy Your Tickets Today



### GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY RAFFLE

## DON'T MISS OUT ON GETTING YOUR NDA TUITION COVERED FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!

Consider supporting NDA's largest fundraiser, Light the Night for NDA by purchasing a chance to win Tuition for the 2024-25 school year or \$10,000! Tickets can be purchased online or at the Development Office from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. An out of uniform pass will be given to any student who sells 4 or more tickets. Additionally, the school family (St. Rose of Lima, St. Hildegard of Bingen, St. Joan of Arc, St. Gemma Galgani) with the highest percentage of participation at the end of October will earn 150 family points!

### EARLY BIRD TICKETS DON'T MISS OUT

Light the Night for NDA is the perfect event to grab a group of friends for a night out to celebrate Notre Dame Academy! With only four weeks remaining until the big day, you will not want to miss out! Early bird tickets are on sale until October 27.

Feel free to contact Denise Bowman, Director of Events, at [bowmand@ndapandas.org](mailto:bowmand@ndapandas.org) for more information.

LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA 2023

## GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY RAFFLE!

### 1 LUCKY WINNER

WILL BE CHOSEN AT LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA ON 11.11.23

WINNER GETS CHOICE OF EITHER

CASH PRIZE OF  
**\$10,000**

OR

ONE YEAR OF  
TUITION AT NDA  
UP TO \$10,000 FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR  
TUITION IS TRANSFERABLE

**\$25** PER TICKET

[Click Here to Purchase Tickets](#)



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

- 2023-24 Thomas More Dual-Credit Information Sessions
- Molly Mayer's Studio of Dance

## Important dates

October 11	Super Day - FR-Retreat, SO/JR - PSAT, SR -Thrive
October 12	Alumnae Rosary 12:47 p.m. Marian Circle
October 13	End of 1st Quarter
October 14	CCH/NDA Halloween Bash
October 15	Tech. Week Begins
October 16	Senior Retreat #1
October 17	NDA Information Night for Prospective Panda Families
October 19	IHM Shadow Day
October 20	Picture Retake Day
	Fall Play 7 p.m.
October 21	Fall Play 7 p.m.
October 22	Fall Play 2 p.m.
October 23	Red Ribbon Week Begins
	NDA Information Night for Prospective Panda Families
October 28	Junior Retreat #1 - Pilgrimage Retreat
November 2-17	Canned Food Drive
November 5	Open House at NDA 1-3 p.m.