



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

*Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World*

# Panda Press Weekly

October 14, 2026

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## Dear Panda Families,

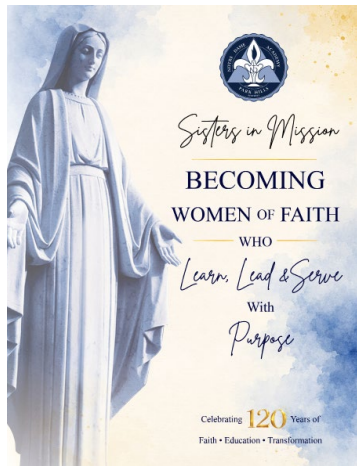
As we celebrate Notre Dame Academy's 120th anniversary, we have a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community for one of our most anticipated events of the year, Light the Night for NDA!

On Saturday, November 14, at The Madison Event Center, we will gather to celebrate 120 years of faith, friendship and the remarkable legacy of Notre Dame Academy. Light the Night is our school's largest fundraiser, supporting the academic programs, dedicated educators and exceptional opportunities that make the NDA experience so special. It is also a wonderful evening to reconnect with friends, celebrate our Panda sisterhood and invest in the future of our school.

I want to extend a special thank you to our NDA parents Laura Mauller, Jenn Fariello and Tracie Stacy, who are chairing this year's event. Their enthusiasm, creativity and countless hours of work, along with the dedication of our entire Light the Night for NDA committee, are helping make this 120th anniversary celebration truly memorable. We are incredibly grateful for their commitment to Notre Dame Academy!

There are so many ways for our families to be part of Light the Night for NDA. Whether you join us for the evening, contribute an auction item, shop our Amazon Wish List or have your daughter participate in our October 20 Dress Down Day, every contribution helps make a difference. You'll find more information throughout this week's Panda Press Weekly.

We are also looking forward to welcoming future Pandas and their families to our Open House on Sunday, November 8, from 1-3 p.m. Please help us spread the word! A personal invitation from an NDA family can make a lasting impression on a young woman considering where she will spend her high school years.



As always, thank you for the many ways you support Notre Dame Academy. It is the faith, generosity and spirit of our Panda community that have sustained our mission for 120 years, and I am excited about all that lies ahead!

Walk in Faith,

*Mrs. Lisa Timmerding*

Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding '97

**Walk in Faith!**

LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA

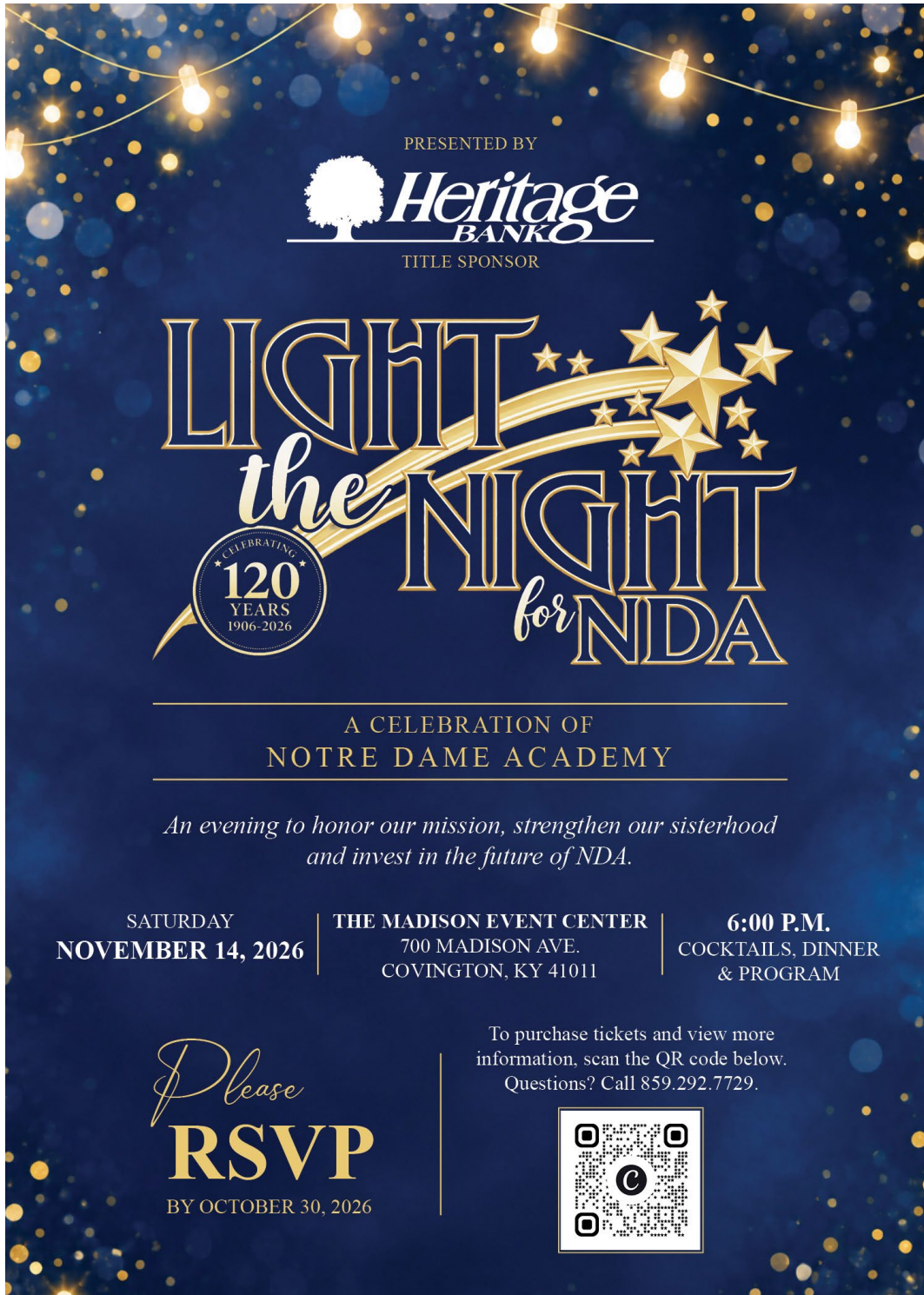
# 120 YEARS OF TRADITION. ONE UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT!

The countdown is on for one of Notre Dame Academy's most anticipated evenings of the year! **Join us on Saturday, November 14, at The Madison Event Center for Light the Night for NDA, presented by Heritage Bank, as we celebrate 120 years of faith, friendship and the incredible legacy of our Panda community!**

This special evening is more than a celebration. It's an opportunity to come together in support of the young women of NDA and the mission that has inspired generations of Pandas.

Don't wait to reserve your spot! Tickets are available now! Simply scan the QR code on the invitation below or [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase your tickets and be part of this unforgettable celebration.

Let's light up the night for NDA!



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for NDA



A CELEBRATION OF  
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

*An evening to honor our mission, strengthen our sisterhood  
and invest in the future of NDA.*

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| SATURDAY<br>NOVEMBER 14, 2026 | THE MADISON EVENT CENTER<br>700 MADISON AVE.<br>COVINGTON, KY 41011 | 6:00 P.M.<br>COCKTAILS, DINNER<br>& PROGRAM |
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Please  
**RSVP**  
BY OCTOBER 30, 2026

To purchase tickets and view more  
information, scan the QR code below.  
Questions? Call 859.292.7729.



# CAMPUS MINISTRY



## JOIN US

### UPCOMING LITURGIES

We will celebrate Mass in the chapel at 7:25 a.m. on Friday, October 16 and Tuesday, October 20. We will pray a decade of the Rosary in the chapel at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, October 15 and Thursday, October 29.

All are welcome to join us.

## *freshman retreat*

## REFLECTION AND SISTERHOOD

### FRESHMEN ENCOUNTER CHRIST THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER

On Tuesday, October 13 our Freshmen class came together for their retreat - Encountering Christ. Throughout the day - the freshmen were explored scriptural Encounters with Christ such as the Woman at the Well and the Story of Martha and Mary and applied it to their high school day to day activities. A group of seniors served as their small group leaders and shared their high school faith journeys with the Freshmen. They also had time in the chapel with Sr. Ruth Lubbers, SND who led them in Lectio Divina.



## LIVING OUR FAITH SERVICE

A reminder that service opportunities that are called into the Campus Ministry Office can be found on the Upcoming Service Opportunities page that is shared with our students weekly and can be found [here](#).

# Student Life



## WILLKOMMEN!

### NDA WELCOMES GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

We are excited to welcome four German exchange students to Notre Dame Academy this fall!

Lynn Rehling, Klara Ostendorf, Amelie Lorentz and Johanna Tegenkamp joined our NDA community on Monday. All four students are juniors and will attend classes at NDA through the end of the first semester, departing on December 20.

During their time with us, the students will be hosted by the Maier, Scheuerle, Tranter and Jasper families. We are grateful to these families for opening their homes and helping our visitors experience life as part of the NDA community.

The students spent their first morning on campus participating in orientation, receiving their schedules and iPads, and getting acquainted with NDA before joining their classes.

Please join us in giving Lynn, Klara, Amelie and Johanna a warm Panda welcome! We look forward to sharing our NDA traditions with them and learning more about their lives, culture and experiences in Germany!



## DRESS DOWN DAY OCTOBER 20!

### SUPPORT NDA'S LARGEST FUNDRAISER!

### DRESS DOWN FOR LIGHT THE NIGHT!

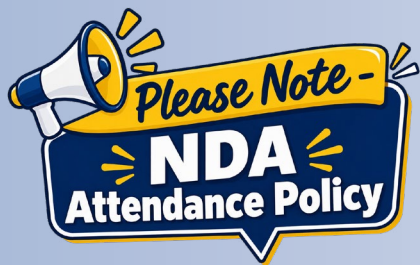
Pandas can dress down next Tuesday, October 20 for \$3 or a new gift card. All proceeds benefit *Light the Night for NDA*, our school's largest fundraiser. This fundraiser supports academics, teachers, and student opportunities. Thank you for all of your help to make this event a success!



### OCTOBER 16

### PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Picture Retake Day is coming up! Students who were absent on Picture Day or would like to have their school photo retaken will have another opportunity to smile for the camera. Students having a retake should bring their original [picture package](#) with them on October 16.



## REPORTING ABSENCES

# ATTENDANCE POLICY

We have a dedicated attendance email for parents to report an absence or early dismissal. Please use this email if your daughter is sick or needs to leave school early: [attendance@ndapandas.org](mailto:attendance@ndapandas.org). Remember, you can always call the school office with any questions at (859) 261-4300.



New Members Signing the Registry Book

## CONGRATULATIONS

# MU ALPHA THETA INDUCTION CEREMONY

This year the Mu Alpha Theta (Math National Honor Society) inducted 32 new members into its society, increasing our total membership to 62. The students were invited to the society because of their mathematics achievements. Members must have a minimum weighted average of 95% in all math classes and an overall average of 92%.

The co-presidents: Tara Gibson and Bella McElwee and the secretary/treasurer Ruth Maier do an excellent job of leadership, communication and planning.

The purpose of the honor society is to promote mathematics achievement throughout the school. These students mentor other students during study times and Panda Prime Time. They use their mathematical talent to help other students who may struggle in math classes. The teacher co-moderators are Mrs. Leslie Litmer and Sr. Anita.



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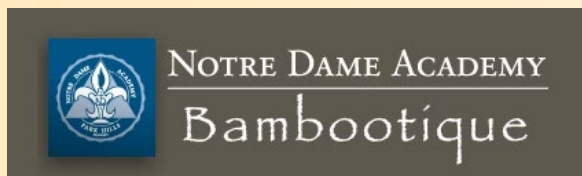
Returning Members Renewing their Pledge

## SHOW YOUR NDA SPIRIT

# SHOP THE BAMBOOTIQUE

Show your Panda pride with new arrivals at the Bambootique! From NDA favorites to fresh new gear, there are plenty of ways to show your NDA spirit this season.

Shop at the Bambootique in person or online [HERE](#).





## FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS KICK OFF A NEW YEAR! FBLA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS AND INTRODUCES 2026–27 LEADERSHIP TEAM

On October 1st, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) held their first meeting of the 2026–2027 school year! They welcomed new members and introduced their leadership team, which includes Senior Lizzy Fite as President, Junior Claire Gearing as Vice President, Senior Elsie Hanks as Treasurer, Senior Makayla Kleman as Secretary, Sophomore Brooke Sweeney as Parliamentarian, and Senior Lauren Pence as Creative Director.



Members discussed what FBLA is, the events they will participate in throughout the school year, and what they can look forward to as a club. To wrap up the meeting, members split into groups and played a fun game of “Would You Rather!”

Let's hope FBLA has an amazing year! Go Pandas!!!



JUNE 2027

## EXPLORE SPAIN & PORTUGAL

Give your student the opportunity to experience the adventure of a lifetime! In June 2027, students will embark on an unforgettable 11-day journey through Spain and Portugal, exploring the rich history, art, architecture, and culture of the Iberian Peninsula.

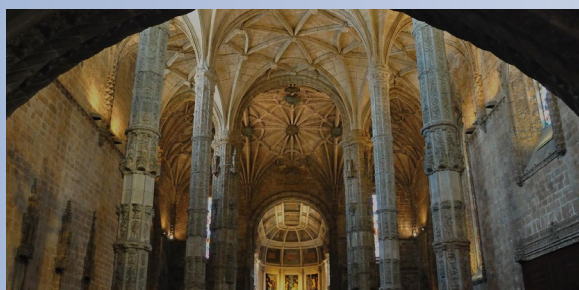
From Lisbon's picturesque red-tiled rooftops and Seville's vibrant flamenco traditions to Madrid's grand boulevards and Barcelona's iconic architecture, students will discover some of Europe's most remarkable cities and landmarks while creating memories that will last a lifetime.

**Special Enrollment Offer: Save \$150!**

Great news! EF has reopened its **\$150 enrollment discount through Friday, October 23!** There are still a couple of spots available, so now is a great time to join us for this incredible experience.

Ready to join us? **Register [HERE!](#)**

Have questions? Email Ms. Dooling at [doolingm@ndapandas.org](mailto:doolingm@ndapandas.org) for more information.



## SHOW YOUR NDA SPIRIT

# GET READY FOR WINTER AT PERFECT NORTH SLOPES!

Winter is just around the corner, and now is the perfect time to plan your snowy adventures at Perfect North Slopes!

Through NDA's PNS Club Store, you can enjoy an exclusive 30% discount on season passes when purchased through our link. This offer is available to everyone, not just students! Parents, siblings, extended family, and friends can all take advantage of the savings. There's also a tubing pass option for even more winter fun!

### Don't miss the deadline!

- Now through November 7: Save 30%
- November 8–December 1: Save 20%

Whether you're skiing, snowboarding, or tubing, it's a great way for the whole family and friends to enjoy the winter season while saving money.

### Purchase passes here: [NDA's PNS Club Store](#)

- Username: notredame
- Password: panda

Be sure to purchase through our link to take advantage of these exclusive savings!

If you have any issues completing your purchase, Perfect North's team will be happy to help. For NDA related questions, email Ms. Dooling at [doolingm@ndapandas.org](mailto:doolingm@ndapandas.org).

## SHOW YOUR NDA SPIRIT

# RIDE WITH US TO PERFECT NORTH SLOPES!

Skip the hassle of transportation and let us do the driving! We're offering a round-trip bus pass for all Perfect North Slopes outings, making it easy for students to travel safely and enjoy the trip with their friends.

No need to worry about drop-off or pick-up, just hop on the bus and get ready for a fun evening on the slopes!

### Register for the bus pass here: [Ski Club Bus Pass 2027](#)

## DELICIOUS NEWS

# CAFETERIA INFORMATION

Wondering what's for lunch? The NDA Cafeteria has plenty of delicious options to keep our Pandas fueled throughout the school day!

Families can visit the cafeteria page on the NDA website to find menus, payment information and other helpful cafeteria details. It's an easy way to plan ahead and see what's cooking at NDA!

### [CLICK HERE FOR ALL NDA CAFETERIA INFORMATION](#)



PLEASE NOTE!



Join us!

# OPEN HOUSE



## NOV. 8 | 1-3 PM

KNOW A FAMILY WHO WOULD LOVE NDA?

**HELP US SHARE THE NOTRE DAME LIFE!**

Our NDA families are some of our greatest ambassadors, and a personal invitation can make all the difference!

As we prepare for our Open House on Sunday, November 8, from 1–3 p.m., we invite you to help us spread the word! If you know a family with a daughter who would thrive at Notre Dame Academy, encourage them to come see what makes NDA so special.

From our strong Catholic identity and outstanding academics to our sisterhood and countless opportunities to get involved, there is so much for future Pandas to experience!

Please share our Open House invitation with friends, neighbors and family members. Your invitation could be the first step in another young woman's NDA journey!

Thank you for helping us welcome the next generation of Pandas!

To register, go to <https://www.cognitoforms.com/NotreDameAcademy1/OpenHousePreRegistration> or scan the link below.



**SCAN HERE TO REGISTER**

*Reservations are required.*

**ndapandas.org**

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

## PANDA ATHLETICS UPDATE

### Golf

What a year our golf team has had! For the first time since 2019, our Pandas won the Regional Tournament! At the State Tournament, the team came within two strokes of advancing to the final stage. The future is bright for our Pandas golfers!

Maria Penaranda also competed at the State Finals as an individual, finishing tied for 34th place. Congratulations on an outstanding season!



### Cross Country

Our cross country team competed in the NKAC Championship this past weekend, finishing second in the conference as a varsity team. The Pandas also brought home the championship at the St. Henry Invitational!

We've seen some outstanding individual performances throughout the season, and the team is now busy preparing for the postseason. The Regional Meet will take place on October 24 at Idlewild Park.

Keep up the great work, Pandas!



### Soccer

Our Pandas soccer team won its first-round district game with an impressive 13-0 victory over Holmes! Tonight, they'll take on Holy Cross in the District Championship at Beechwood at 8:00 p.m.

The first round of the Regional Tournament is scheduled for Monday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m., with the location still to be determined.

Let's go, Pandas!



### Volleyball

What a wonderful weekend for Pandas volleyball! Our team competed in the Play for a Purpose game. Although we didn't come away with a victory, the Pandas battled through five hard-fought sets, setting the stage for an exciting District tournament play begins Tuesday, October 20, at Holmes, with the championship match scheduled for Thursday, October 22.

The Play for a Purpose game welcomed an incredible 1,100 fans in its inaugural year, as Beechwood faced Notre Dame. Everyone came together to help raise funds in the fight against breast cancer. Thank you to all who supported this meaningful event!

Last night, our Pandas took down Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy in three sets as we celebrated our seniors. Congratulations on a great performance!

Next up, Assumption travels to Notre Dame on Thursday for the season-ending match. Come out and cheer on our Pandas!

Go, Pandas!



# STUDENT SERVICES



## DRUG FREE CLUB SIGN UP NOW!

Drug Free Club offers students an easy "out" if they're ever offered substances they don't want to take. They can say, "No I might get tested and my parents would find out." Being a part of Drug Free Club is also FUN! Students get rewarded for being a part of the club with goody bags, gift cards, and more!

Since students are drug tested as being a part of the club, there is parent permission and a fee associated with being a member. To sign up visit the [link here](#). NDA subsidizes the cost of the club as we want to be a part of the solution when it comes to helping students be drug free. Reach out to Mrs. Maggard at [maggarde@ndapandas.org](mailto:maggarde@ndapandas.org) with any questions.

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COLLEGE  
REP VISITS

## PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE NDA COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE

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



## SOPHOMORE AND SENIOR PARENTS KIP SURVEY INFORMATION

Students in grades 10 & 12 will be given the KIP (Kentucky Incentives for Prevention) Survey on October 16 during homeroom time. The KIP Survey asks students about aspects of youth attitudes and behaviors on important topics like substance use and school safety. The purpose of the survey is simple: to help schools better understand student needs so we can strengthen support for students, families, and our community. Please read more complete information about the [survey here](#). In order to take this survey, parents need to give permission and can do so electronically by filling out this [very brief form](#). Questions can be directed to counselor Erin Maggard at [maggarde@ndapandas.org](mailto:maggarde@ndapandas.org).

# Advancing the Mission

LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA

## HELP MAKE OUR 120TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SHINE!

Our Light the Night for NDA committee is hard at work preparing for a spectacular evening celebrating Notre Dame Academy and our 120th anniversary, and we could use your help!

The committee has created an Amazon Wish List filled with items that will help make this year's event a success. We are also gratefully accepting gift cards, bottles of wine and bourbon for our auction packages.

Every donation, big or small, helps make Light the Night a memorable celebration while supporting the mission of Notre Dame Academy.

Shop our Amazon Wish List or consider donating an item today! Thank you for helping us make this year's Light the Night one to remember!

[SHOP THE LIGHT THE NIGHT AMAZON WISH LIST HERE](#)

If you have questions about Light the Night for NDA, please contact NDA's Manager of Annual Giving and Events, Garri Hunt at: [huntg@ndapandas.org](mailto:huntg@ndapandas.org) or 859-292-1850.



### Donate an Item

Help us create amazing auction packages! We are accepting gift cards, bottles of wine or bourbon and items from our Amazon Wish List.



### Have Your Daughter Participate

Our next Dress Down for Light the Night is **Tuesday, October 20**. Students can participate with a \$3 donation or a gift card to support the event.



### Gather a Group and Buy Tickets

Talk to friends, neighbors and fellow Panda parents and put a table together for a fun night out in support of NDA!



### Spread the Word

Share the event with family and friends and encourage them to join us for this special celebration of Notre Dame Academy and 120 years!

## Alumnae Rosary



JOIN US

## ALUMNAE ROSARY

Tomorrow, October 15 at 9:30 a.m., Notre Dame Academy will host an alumnae rosary in our Mary, Mother of the World Chapel. This monthly tradition offers an opportunity to pause, pray and reflect together as a school family.

# Important dates

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| October 15     | Alumnae Rosary                                          |
| October 16     | Picture Retake Day                                      |
| October 18     | Mother Daughter Market & Mingle                         |
| October 21-23  | Senior Retreat #1                                       |
| October 22     | Freshman/Alum Halloween Party                           |
| October 23     | End of First Quarter                                    |
| October 24     | NDA/CCH Freshman Halloween Bash - Gardens of Park Hills |
| October 25     | Red Ribbon Week                                         |
| November 2     | Remembrance Mass and Reception                          |
| November 8     | Open House                                              |
| November 9-20  | Canned Food Drive                                       |
| November 14    | Light the Night for NDA                                 |
| November 17    | Fall Sports Signing - Auditorium                        |
| November 18-20 | Senior Retreat #2                                       |
| November 19    | Alumnae Rosary                                          |
|                | Alumnae Dinner Theatre                                  |
| November 23    | Thanksgiving Prayer Service                             |
| November 25-27 | No School - Thanksgiving Break                          |

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### SHARING OUR Community News

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

- CCH Tech Recycling
- Sister Soldier
- The Point Car Raffle
- St. Timothy Parish Religious Ed Opportunity
- Support Group for Separated and Divorced
- OCIA Workshop: Marriage, Baptism and the Christian Initiation Process