

Dear Panda Families,

As we move through this beautiful fall season, we have much to reflect on and celebrate here at NDA.

Last Thursday, October 9, the faculty and staff participated in a professional development session led by an expert presenter who works for Marzano Resources and is also a District Curriculum Director in Alabama. As a Marzano presenter and with her professional experience, she is well versed on best practices in instruction, assessment, and differentiation, as well as curriculum development. The skills she offered to our faculty aligned with our goals for this year and moving forward in our professional growth. She shared valuable and practical information on engaging students, developing critical thinking, chunking content, providing appropriate processing time, etc. It was a valuable experience for our faculty as they work to continue to educate your daughters in the best way possible.

Additionally, our freshmen had their retreat yesterday, focusing on encountering Christ in their daily lives. The day was filled with prayer, Lectio Divina, and thoughtful discussions led by Sr. Ruth Lubbers and teachers from our Religion Department. It was heartening to see the freshmen begin their spiritual journey with the guidance of our faculty and upperclasswomen. This retreat is just the beginning of their faith formation at NDA and we look forward to seeing them grow spiritually during their time at NDA. Next week, some of our seniors will embark on their final retreat at NDA. They will spend three days at the Jesuit Spiritual Center. Each retreat is designed to align with where the students are on their spiritual journey, and we are confident that this experience will leave a lasting impact on our seniors as they continue their final year at NDA. Please join me in praying for them.

As a reminder, *Pride and Prejudice* will be performed this weekend. The students have put in countless hours preparing for what promises to be an excellent production. I encourage you all to attend and support the hard work of our students in the Fine Arts program.

Finally, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our students who represented Notre Dame Academy with sportsmanship, positivity, and integrity at last Saturday's Playing for a Purpose event. Despite some unfortunate moments, our Pandas remained composed, focused, and unwavering in their support for one another—living examples of grace under pressure. We are equally grateful to our parents for upholding our code of conduct and modeling the dignity and respect we strive to instill in our students. As a Catholic school, we understand that our athletic success can sometimes draw criticism, but we must always remain rooted in our Catholic mission—to lead with humility, kindness, and faith. In doing so, we show that true victory is not only found on the scoreboard, but in the character we display along the way. With all of that said, I also apologize for the mixed communication regarding the display of posters from our parents and family spectators. When meeting with St. Henry, we discussed that students could not display posters as it often has led to discipline issues. The GAA Co-Presidents asked if parents could have fat heads or posters and I assumed that that was fine. That was a misunderstanding on my part and I apologize for that. Please also know that we are working with St. Henry regarding our concerns from the event and to create a more unified and positive environment moving forward.

Thank you for your continued trust in us as we work to educate your daughters. We are proud of all they accomplish each day, and we look forward to many more exciting moments this school year.

Walk in Faith,
Mrs. His Limmerdia

Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding '97

FAITH IN ACTION



FAITH FORMATION

FRESHMAN RETREAT

Our Freshmen Class spent the day on Tuesday reflecting on ways to Encounter Christ throughout their high school journey. They heard from senior leaders, explored scripture through Lectio Divina and shared in small groups.



GROWING CLOSER TO GOD

JUNIOR SERVICE

As of October 16, all juniors will have received the paperwork to begin the Junior Service Program selection process. Juniors were encouraged to go over all paperwork and selection options with their parents and to complete the forms together. For juniors who have service on Tuesdays, forms are due on October 21 to their religion teacher. For juniors who have service on Thursdays, forms are due on October 30 to their religion teacher.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

There are lots of upcoming service opportunities helping at Fall festivals. Encourage your daughter to schedule service projects throughout the year so that there isn't as much to do right before the due date! Students have access to this **Upcoming Service Opportunities** page on the padlet each week. Below are just some of the activities looking for volunteers:



October 18 - City of Erlanger - Youth Halloween Carnival and Movie Night

October 18 - City of Covington - Jack O Lantern Festival

October 19 - City of Edgewood - Spooky Sunday

October 26 - Park Hills Civic Association - Pumpkin Parade



FAITH FORMATION

UPCOMING LITURGIES

We will pray a decade of the rosary on Thursday, October 16 and Monday, October 20 in the chapel at 7:45 a.m.

We will celebrate Mass in the chapel on Friday, October 17 at 12:40 p.m. with the St. Gemma Galgani Family. We will also celebrate mass at 7:20 a.m. on Tuesday, October 21.

Fr. Kunath will hear confessions in the chapel during PPT on Tuesday, October 21.

Playing for a Purpose

PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE

FAITH, SPIRIT AND SERVICE IN ACTION

Our Notre Dame community came together for a truly meaningful Playing for a Purpose Pep Rally — a time to support and stand with all those who have been affected by cancer or who have loved ones currently fighting the battle. Senior Bella Johnson shared a deeply moving tribute to her stepmom, whose strength and courage continue to inspire us all. The rally closed with an incredible display of school spirit and unity, reminding us that at NDA, no one fights alone.











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PANDAS UNITE FOR A NIGHT OF STRENGTH, SPIRIT AND SUPPORT

It was an unforgettable night of community, compassion, and competition as Notre Dame Academy and St. Henry came together for the Playing for a Purpose volleyball game in support of those battling cancer. Both teams brought incredible energy, school spirit, and strength to the court—united in a cause bigger than the game itself. While the Pandas came out victorious, the true win was the love and support shared among our schools and the cancer community.

A special highlight of the evening was Rylee Huss receiving the "I Have Wings Foundation" scholarship in honor of her mom, Mary Beth Huss, a courageous cancer survivor. The event also recognized alumna Gina Geraci Grout '97 for her unwavering determination and continued outreach in the fight against cancer. Together, we proved once again that at NDA, playing with purpose means no one fights alone.

Student Life





NHS INDUCTION

HONORING SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND CHARACTER

Last week, Notre Dame Academy proudly welcomed new members into the National Honor Society, celebrating students who exemplify the four pillars of NHS: scholarship, leadership, service and character.

The ceremony was a beautiful reflection of NDA's commitment to academic excellence and faith-filled leadership. Family members, faculty and friends gathered to honor the inductees as they took the NHS pledge, committing themselves to uphold the organization's high standards both in and beyond the classroom.

Speakers reminded students that true leadership is rooted in humility and service, echoing NDA's mission to educate young women to make a difference in the world. The evening also included prayers and reflections, highlighting that each inductee's gifts are meant to be shared for the greater good.

We congratulate our newest members of the National Honor Society for their dedication, integrity and example to the entire Panda community. Their achievements remind us that excellence shines brightest when guided by purpose and faith.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Pleaes note: Picture Retake day is Friday, October17.



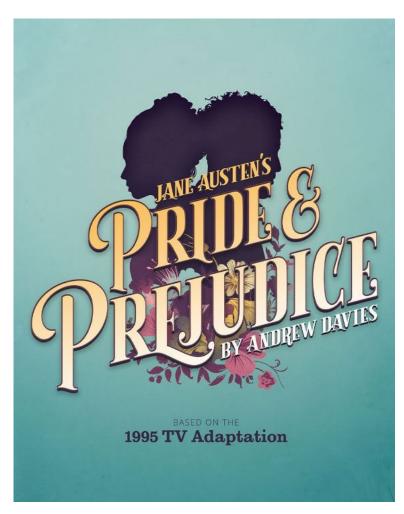
REGISTER TODAY

MOTHER-DAUGHTER

Join us for a special Sunday afternoon to Create and Celebrate the beautiful bond between mothers and daughters! Together, you'll enjoy hands-on creative experiences-designing your own floral arrangements with Swan Florist, crafting personalized pieces with Board & Brush, and sharing a delicious lunch in great company. It's the perfect way to relax, laugh and make lasting memories together.

Tickets: \$35/person. RSVP due by October 31st.

Link to Register



NDA AND CCH PRESENTS...

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE TAKES THE STAGE THIS WEEKEND!

The stage is set, and anticipation is building as Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic students prepare to bring Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* to life. Based on the beloved 1995 TV adaptation by Andrew Davies, this production blends the wit and charm of Austen's classic with the energy and talent of our students.

From quick banter to elegant ballroom scenes, our cast has been working hard to polish every detail — even their dancing steps — and trust us, Mr. Darcy would be impressed. This show promises to be a highlight of the fall, showcasing the creativity, collaboration and dedication of our NDA and CCH theater programs.

Curtain call is October 17-19. Make plans now to experience this unforgettable production!

October 17 at 7:00 p.m.

October 18 at 7:00 p.m.

October 20 at 2:00 p.m.

Get your tickets **HERE**.



FUN FRESHMAN TRADITION

FRESHMAN HALLOWEEN DANCE

Attention Freshmen Families - Halloween Dance is Coming Up!

Seniors routinely talk about how much fun they had at this dance so don't miss out! Only NDA and CCH freshmen are allowed to attend. Tickets are \$5 each. The dance starts at 8:00 p.m. and ends at 10:30 p.m. (arrive by 8:30 and must stay until 10:30 unless a note from your parent says otherwise).

Here is the link for 10/18 Halloween Dance tickets https://payit.nelnet.net/form/r0ce9JVI





TRAVELING PANDAS

AN UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE AWAITS IN SPAIN!

A friendly reminder – our informational meeting for the Spain trip is almost here, and I'd love to see you there! This is a wonderful opportunity to learn how this trip could be a transformative experience for your child, and I don't want you to miss out.

Meeting details:

Date: October 20

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Alumnae Hall

RSVP here to join us: https://rsvp.eftours.com/c5fpsp6

I cannot wait to tell you more about this trip of a lifetime!

Ms. Meghan Dooling



NDA FRESHMEN HOST

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Join us for a night of Halloween fun at NDA's Family Halloween Party, hosted by the freshmen Class of 2029. Bring your little ones in costume for games, treats and plenty of Panda spirit.

Friday, October 24, 2025 5:30-7:30 p.m. NDA Auditorium

Click **HERE** to register.



TECH RECYCLING DAY AT CCH

REDUCE WASTE IN LANDFILLS

On Saturday, October 25 from 9am to noon, Covington Catholic High School will hold a Tech Recycling Day in CovCath's parking lot nearest the bus stop and closer to the tennis courts entrance. The company they are working with is IT Supply from Florence. They will accept computers (wiped clean of data), speakers, screens, cords, headphones, phones, cameras, hard drives, old game systems, TVs (old box TVs are added charge of \$25), and any old electronics. Please consider donating items on this day in the hopes that as much recycling as possible is received and we can save things from going to landfills.



NDA'S PERFECT NORTH CLUB STORE DISCOUNT

PERFECT NORTH SLOPES (PNS) SEASON PASSES

Winter is almost here, and Perfect North Slopes is the place to be! Season passes are now available through NDA's PNS Club Store with an exclusive **30% discount**. Even better, this discount extends to family and friends when purchased through our link. The offer ends November 3, so make sure to take advantage before it's gone.

To purchase passes:

- Visit NDA's PNS Club Store HERE
- Username: notredame
- Password: panda

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.

NDA'S PERFECT NORTH CLUB STORE DISCOUNT

SKI CLUB BUS PASS REGISTRATION

Skip the hassle of transportation and let us do the driving! We're offering a round-trip bus pass for all Perfect North outings so students can travel safely and easily with their peers. Register **HERE** for the bus to PNS and back.



OPEN HOUSE YARD SIGNS

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

NDA's Open House is scheduled for Sunday, November 9 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 are available in the school office. You can pick one up during school hours or have your daughter bring one home. Thank you!

OPEN HOUSE 2025

INVITE A FRIEND TO DISCOVER NDA

Notre Dame Academy's annual Open House offers prospective students and their families the opportunity to tour our campus, meet our outstanding faculty and students and experience firsthand the warmth, spirit and excellence that define an NDA education.

If you have a younger daughter who's starting to think about high school or know another family who would love what makes NDA so special, please encourage them to attend. Your invitation helps others experience the joy, spirit and sisterhood that make Panda Life shine.

Register **HERE**.



NDA BAMBOOTIQUE

PANDA SPIRIT WEAR

Show your Panda pride and stock up on the latest NDA spiritwear at the Bambootique. From sweatshirts and T-shirts to accessories and gifts, the Bambootique has everything you need to cheer on Panda Nation in style. Visit us 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. on school days or shop online **HERE**.



REPORTING ABSENCES

ATTENDANCE POLICY

We have an attendance email for parents to call in a sick child or if a student is leaving early from school. Please use this email if your daughter is sick or needs to leave school early: **attendance@ndapandas.org**. Remember you can always call the school office with any questions 859-261-4300.



DELICIOUS NEWS

LUNCH MENU

This week's lunch menu and the cafeteria price sheet are available **HERE** for easy reference. Families are encouraged to check the menu often to help students plan ahead for meals they'll enjoy.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

VIRTUS TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocese of Covington has released the updated schedule of VIRTUS trainings through the end of 2025. Sessions are offered at various schools and diocesan locations, including one here at NDA.

Upcoming sessions include:

Diocesan Curia, Covington – Wednesday, October 22, 2025 | 9-11:30 a.m.

Diocesan Curia, Covington – Wednesday, October 22, 2025 | 6-8:30 p.m.

Diocesan Curia, Covington – Tuesday, November 11, 2025 | 9-11:30 a.m.

Diocesan Curia, Covington – Tuesday, November 11, 2025 | 6-8:30 p.m.

Diocesan Curia, Covington – Thursday, November 20, 2025 | 9-11:30 a.m.

Diocesan Curia, Covington – Thursday, November 20, 2025 | 6-8:30 p.m.

Additional sessions are scheduled monthly through November 2025.

For the full list of training dates and locations, visit <u>www.virtuson-line.org</u>.

For questions, contact Marylu Steffen, Safe Environment Database Coordinator and VIRTUS Administrator, at msteffen@covdio.org or 859-392-1565.

FINE ARTS



CONGRATULATIONS!

NDA STUDENT'S ARTWORK SELECTED BY BISHOP IFFERT FOR DIOCESAN APPEAL

Greidy Aguilar Deleon's artwork was chosen by the Bishop along with the the Bible verse Acts 20:35. We had over 70 artworks that were submitted for consideration. The Dioceses will use this artwork to make postcards that will be mailed to everyone that gave a donation to the Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal. It generally is received in over 9,000 households in our Diocese. It is sent with a letter from Bishop Iffert that thanks them for their donation. The letter also states that while the Bishop prays for all of us, he will pray for their specific intention. The postcard has lines on the back for them to write their prayers. The student's name, school and graduation year will be printed on the front of the card. Both Greidy, her family and I will be going to the Curia this Wednesday. Greidy will be interviewed by Messenger staff about why she chose the drawing and bible verse that she did. A photo of Greidy with Bishop Iffert will be taken as well and will appear in an edition of The Messenger. Below I attached the image that was selected..



STUDENT-DIRECTED PRODUCTION

ROAD TRIP SHOWCASE AUDITIONS

Notre Dame Academy students are invited to audition for this year's student-directed showcase, Road Trip. This no-cut activity is open to everyone and offers students the opportunity to share their talents in singing, acting, and dance.

Auditions will take place in October:

Tuesday, Oct. 21: Singing/acting auditions

Wednesday, Oct. 22: Singing/acting auditions

Thursday, Oct. 23: Dance auditions and callbacks, if needed

All are welcome to participate. Students are encouraged to watch for an email from Mrs. Leonard with more information about the process.

This annual showcase highlights the creativity, dedication, and collaboration of our students and is a favorite event for the NDA community.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

PANDA ATHLETICS

CROSS COUNTRY

Double Champions! Congratulations to our XC Pandas — both the Varsity and JV teams walked away as Champions this weekend! Varsity took the NKAC title, while JV claimed victory at the St. Henry Invitational! The team also celebrated 7 PRs and 12 season bests on a tough, hilly course! Way to go, running Pandas!





GOLF

The Panda Golf Team wrapped up their season last week with pride and notable success. We had a sizable increase in participation this year, and we're incredibly proud of our players' hard work, growth, and accomplishments.

This season, the team earned 2nd Place in both the Conference and Regional tournaments, showcasing consistent performance throughout. Their efforts led them to qualify for Round 1 of the State Tournament.

A special congratulations to Maria Penaranda, who advanced to the State Finals, placing 10th out of 80 golfers—an outstanding individual achievement!

We're proud of the entire team and excited about the future of Panda Golf!

VOLLEYBALL

Our volleyball teams had an incredible week, starting with a hard-fought win over Ursuline, followed by a big victory in the 2025 Playing for a Purpose match against St. Henry! Our student-athletes gave it their all in both matches, and we couldn't be prouder of their effort and determination.

Tuesday, they faced another important challenge on the road against Assumption. Then, join us at home on TONIGHT, October 15 as we celebrate Senior Night against Ryle!

Come out and cheer on our Pandas as they head into the district championship next week—let's pack the stands and show our support!

SOCCER

District Champs! Congratulations to our soccer team on winning the 35th District Championship with a dominant 4–0 victory over Beechwood last Friday night! The regional tournament draw took place on Saturday, and NDA will face St. Henry in the opening round tonight—Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 PM. All regional games will be played at St. Henry:

Semifinals: Thursday, October 16

Finals: Saturday, October 18

Let's keep the momentum going—come out and support our Pandas as they continue their postseason run!



FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND FOCUS

PANDAS SOCCER BEGINS REGIONAL PLAY

Before taking the field for their first round of regional competition, the Notre Dame Academy Pandas soccer team came together not just as athletes, but as a family united in faith. The team began on Sunday by attending Mass together, grounding themselves in prayer and reflection as they prepared for the challenges ahead.

Gathered at Blessed Sacrament, the players and coaches offered prayers of gratitude—for health, teamwork, and the opportunity to represent their school and community. They asked for strength, sportsmanship, and unity both on and off the field. The Mass served as a meaningful reminder that their talents are gifts meant to be used for something greater than themselves. Father Gronotte provided them with an additional blessing after the mass.

Later Sunday evening, the team shared a pre-game dinner filled with laughter, encouragement, and a shared sense of purpose. The meal provided a time to relax, bond, and refocus before the competition.

As they head into regional play, the Pandas carry with them more than their skill and preparation—they carry faith, friend-ship, and the belief that playing with heart is what defines a true team. Win or lose, they know they play for something bigger than a scoreboard.

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.

ATTENTION 10TH AND 11TH GRADE STUDENTS

2026 GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

Every summer, a faculty of professional artists and educators guide over five hundred of Kentucky's finest young artists through three weeks of incredibly intense (and incredibly fun) arts instruction. For three weeks, the students live, breathe, eat and sleep the arts. It's a thrilling, often life-changing experience, as they meet new friends, explore their creativity, and discover new things about who they are and who they can be in the future.

GSA auditions & reviews the Commonwealth's most promising high school sophomores and juniors in nine different arts disciplines:

Creative Writing

Dance

Design (formerly known as Architecture + Design)

Drama

Film + Photography

Instrumental Music

Musical Theatre

Visual Art

Vocal Music

GSA offers two separate three-week sessions, in the last three weeks of June and the last three weeks of July.

To help students get started, Mrs. Slone will host a Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts general information session on 10/14 from 11:45am -12:30pm in Room 112. Students can stop by and learn all about the application process. **The official application is open on the GSA website!**

For more information and to apply visit **HERE.**



Advancing the Mission

FOUNDATION DAY

Honoring the Sisters of Notre Dame

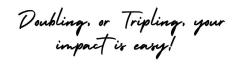


120 YEARS OF MORE!

FOUNDATION DAY SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who supported NDA on our Foundation Day Giving Day! Together, we celebrated 120 years of Notre Dame Academy and honored the enduring mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Your generosity reflects a deep commitment to our school and helps ensure that every young woman at NDA continues to receive a transformative Catholic education rooted in faith and excellence.

There's still time to be part of this milestone celebration and honor the Sisters. Every gift makes a difference! Invest in our students and help keep tuition affordable for all **HERE**!



The Matching Gift Process



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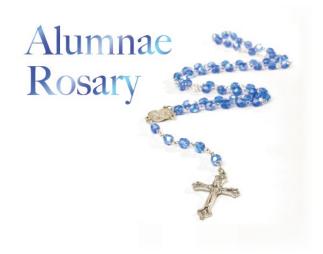


The employer matches the individual's donation.

MULTIPLY YOUR GIFT

MAKE A MATCHING GIFT TO THE ANNUAL FUND

As we move through the last quarter of the year, your gift to the Annual Fund can make an even greater difference for our students. Many employers match charitable contributions made by employees, retirees, or even spouses. You can double or triple your support for NDA's missions quickly and easily by checking to see if your company participates here.



JOIN US ALUMNAE ROSARY

On Thursday, October 16, 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.

Upcoming rosary dates are November 20 and December 18, all at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel.

All are welcome to attend and join the NDA community in prayer.

LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA SPONSORS

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our event and corporate sponsors for their incredible support of Light the Night for NDA. Your partnership helps make this event a success and strengthens our mission to provide young women with a transformative Catholic education rooted in faith and excellence.

A Special Thank You to our Light the Night for NDA Sponsors!

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SHARING OUR

Community News

You can find a complete list of community news HERE.

- Mary's Meals, A Simple Solution to World Hunger
- Point Arc Fest 2025
- Diocesan Workshops

Important dates

October 16 Alumnae Rosary 9:30 a.m.

October 17 End of First Quarter

Picture Retake Day

October 17-19 Pride and Prejudice Show

October 18 Freshman Halloween Dance

October 21 Information Night for Prospective Panda Families!

October 22 Senior Retreat #1

October 28 Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 31 Halloween Fun at the end of the day!

November 3 Remembrance Mass

November 9 Open House

November 10 - 21 Canned Food Drive begins

November 14 Mid-Quarter

November 16 Mother/Daughter

November 20 Alumnae Rosary

November 26-28 No School - Thanksgiving Break

December 5 In School Christmas Concert

December 6 Freshman Semi-Formal Dance

December 7 Christmas Band Concert

December 8 No School - Immaculate Conception

December 13 HSPT at NDA

Silver Bells

December 18 Alumnae Rosary

December 22 - January 2 No School - Christmas Break

January 5 Return to Classes