



THE *nda* LIFE

## Dear Parents,

This past weekend we celebrated World Mission Sunday with the universal Church offering prayer and reflection on our mission as Catholics to proclaim the gospel to all nations. At Notre Dame Academy, we celebrate our Catholic identity each and every day by living the Gospel message of Jesus through kindness and generosity to others, respect for life, community service and striving to use our God given gifts. As I tell our students, "We are called to be beacons of hope to a world in need." I am encouraged by the beacons of hope among us - our students, parents, faculty and staff. I hope we are all reinvigorated by the celebration of Mission Sunday to continue to walk with one another transforming our world with Christ's compassion and remembering our calling to bring light into the world.

I would like to thank our students and parents who attended a Student/Parent/Teacher conference yesterday. This is a wonderful example of how our students take ownership of their education at NDA. I would also like to thank our teachers for providing students with the opportunity to have a conversation about their education. We are blessed with very qualified and dedicated faculty members who are invested in making each student's educational experience at Notre Dame Academy the best it can be.

Congratulations to our students on all of their co-curricular accomplishments in the last couple of weeks. Through the arts and athletics to the various clubs offered at NDA, our students are developing essential skills and values that are an important part of the holistic education offered at Notre Dame Academy.

Thank you for your continued support of NDA. As a Catholic community, we are blessed to have the spiritual support from each other to see hope in our world. Together, it is our responsibility to keep the light of Christ burning in our own lives and the lives of others.

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

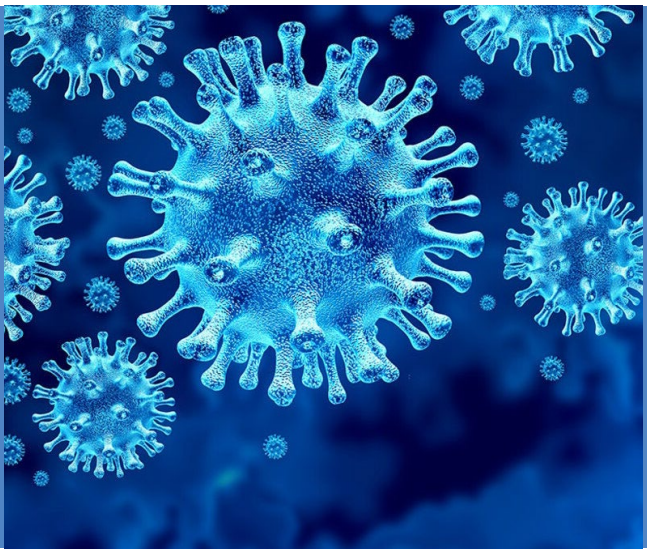
Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Living the Gospel  
with a Spirit of **Compassion,**  
**Hope and Joy!**

**MIND THE GAP**

Let us not love with words or speech  
but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18



## WEEKLY UPDATE

### COVID-19

As of today, Wednesday, October 27, we have had 0 new reported cases of members of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week. We have also had 0 additional members of our community who are currently in quarantine due to a reported exposure to COVID-19.

**As we move forward, please keep NDA updated on any COVID-19 related issues involving your family.** In the event that someone in your household is being tested for COVID-19 or your daughter is exposed to or tests positive for COVID-19, please contact our school nurse, Tina Sizemore, RN., at 859.292.1843 or [sizemoret@ndapandas.org](mailto:sizemoret@ndapandas.org).

## FROM THE SCHOOL NURSES

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents,

We are doing our best to provide a “normal” atmosphere for our students at NDA while continuing to encourage COVID-19 mitigation strategies including: masking, distancing, encouraging vaccination and reporting symptoms/COVID-19 related issues to our office. As we were reminded by one of our contributing healthcare professionals this week, “These mitigation layers are recommended until we are below high/substantial transmission for our three counties for a couple of weeks and the hospital situation is not so dire.”

It is important to remember that although we seem to be heading in the right direction, adult hospital systems in our region are still at critical stress levels as has been the case for weeks. Patients with COVID-19 currently account for 14% of the adult hospital admissions and have very prolonged stays and ICU beds are over 100% capacity. As a community, and in living our values, we need to do our part to try to reduce transmission in any way that is effective until these numbers are better. Here is a great resource for vital COVID-19 data: <https://www.cctst.org/covid19>

We would like to thank everyone in our community who has turned in a COVID-19 vaccination card to the school nurses’ office. **If your daughter is vaccinated, we strongly encourage you to have turn in a copy of that to us in order that we can have it on file.** Having students’ COVID-19 vaccination cards on file is a great help in both our contact tracing and in keeping students engaged in in-person learning.

As always, please reach out to us with any COVID-19 related issues involving your family.

Thanks,

Tina Sizemore, RN.  
NDA School Nurse

Melanie Martin, RN.  
NDA School Nurse



## PARENT RESOURCE

### COVID-19 INFORMATION

There are many important resources for parents and students on NDA’s COVID-19 Information page on the website [HERE](#).

- Pandas Return to Campus Plan
- Information from the Nurse’s Office
- Daily Personal Assessment questions
- COVID-19 Vaccine information
- Diocesan communications

# Student Life



## 2 WORK STUDY POSITIONS AVAILABLE

### CAFETERIA CHANGES

As things continue to get back to normal, we will be moving toward more self-service in the cafeteria as we did prior to COVID-19. Beginning next week, we will no longer use the lunch order form. Once we have the necessary personnel to staff the cafeteria, we will be adding the salad bar and the use of trays back into our lunchtime routine.

If you are interested in working in NDA's dish room through our Work Study Program, (M,T,H,F: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | W: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.) please contact our cafeteria manager at [ndahr@ndapandas.org](mailto:ndahr@ndapandas.org).

Below is next week's menu. In the future, you can find the menu [here](#):

MONDAY, November 1: NO SCHOOL - ALL SAINTS DAY

TUESDAY, November 2: CHICKEN NUGGETS, GREEN BEANS, FRUIT

WEDNESDAY, November 3: BUCCA CHICKEN, PEAS, FRUIT

THURSDAY, November 4: CHEESEBURGER SLIDERS, CHIPS, FRUIT

FRIDAY, November 5: PIZZA CRUNCHERS, CORN, FRUIT

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

### DISMISSAL ADJUSTMENT

As we strive to create the safest environment for our Pandas, an adjustment will be made to the end of the day dismissal protocols.

**PLEASE NOTE: We will use the following dismissal times temporarily to see it helps increase the efficiency of our dismissal process. We will make adjustments as needed.**

**Starting tomorrow, Thursday, October 28:**

- **Seniors will dismiss first at 3:01 p.m.**
- **Juniors will dismiss next at 3:06 p.m.**
- **Sophomores and Freshmen will dismiss together at 3:10 p.m.**

Until their grade level is dismissed, students will remain in their 7th period classrooms with their teachers. Recognizing that 5 minutes for each grade level may not be needed for the Seniors and Juniors to exit the parking lot, administration will make adjustments as needed over the next two weeks until the safest and most efficient dismissal is identified. We thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Parents/guardians who pick up their daughters at the end of the day must park in a parking spot or wait in line in the driveway. Cars waiting to pick up in the aisles or in the fire lanes are not permissible and could negatively impact the dismissal process.

**IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION  
PLEASE READ**

## SAFETY FIRST

# PARKING LOT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

To ensure the safety and well-being of our students and the children from St. Julie Learning Center, parents and students must understand the parking lot policies and procedures at Notre Dame Academy. Please review our parking lot policies and procedures below:

1. Please be cautious of students walking to and from the parking lot to the school entrance. Students should be crossing at crosswalks.

2. When picking up your daughter after school, please park in an empty numbered spot and advise your daughter to meet you at the car. There is also a row of spots at the front of the parking lot where parents can park in at the end of the day.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: WHEN PARKING, PLEASE BACK INTO YOUR PARKING SPOT TO PROVIDE ADDED SAFETY TO OUR STUDENTS.**

3. For safety purposes and as advised by the Park Hills Fire Department, it is important to keep the parking lot aisles and all fire lanes clear. **PLEASE DO NOT** line up for afternoon pick up in the aisles of the parking lot or in fire lanes. All cars picking up after school **MUST** be either parked in a spot or lined up on the Hilton Drive hill.

4. The back of our parking lot is shared with the Sisters of Notre Dame and Julie Learning Center. Signs have been installed and the spaces left unnumbered for the parking that is needed for the Sisters that live at St. Joseph Heights, their employees and the spaces needed for parents to pick up their children from Julie Learning Center. There is a shift change that takes place at 3:00 p.m. for the workers at the Heights. The Julie Learning Center has pickup that begins at approximately the same time as our dismissal.

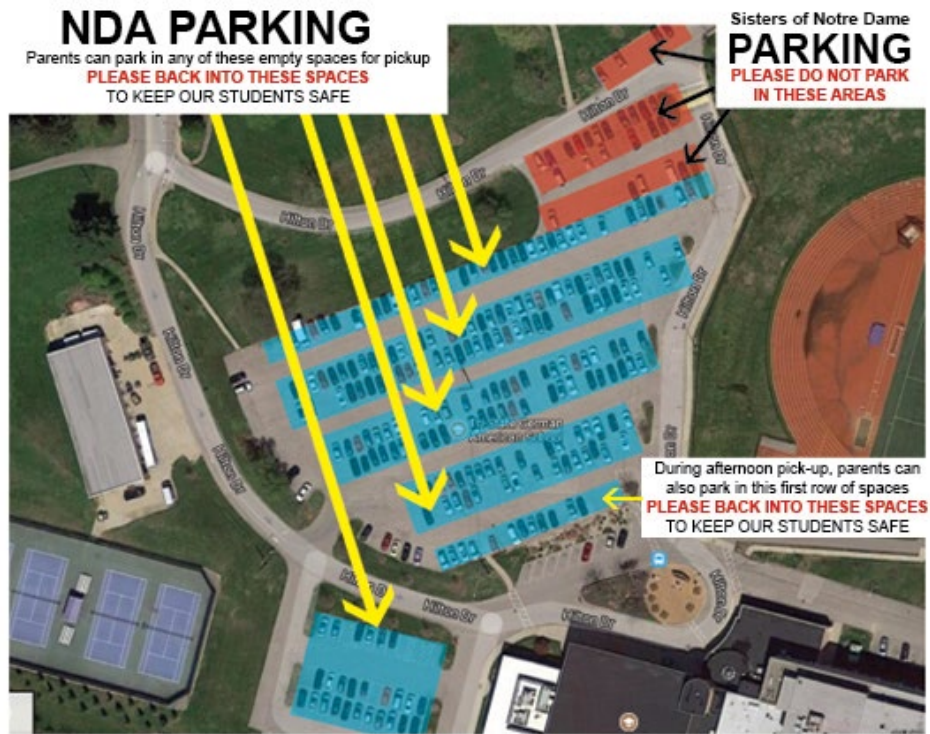
5. Students who drive to school need to purchase a parking permit at a cost of \$25.00 for the year. All parked cars must show a parking permit for the current year. Students are to park on the main lot in the student parking area in their designated spot. A car parked on the lot without a permit or in a reserved area will result in a violation. A car parked in a fire lane is subject to police citation and may be towed at the owner's expense.

6. **PLEASE SEE THE PICTURE ABOVE** to see available parking for afternoon pick-up.

We certainly understand that the parking lot can be a frustration at times. We have worked with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 6 to look at solutions. They have added additional time to our light to help with our traffic flow at the end of the day.

**Beginning tomorrow, we are also making adjustments to the dismissal times of students to help to ensure the safety of our students on the parking lot at the end of the day.**

Thanks for your help in this matter and for keeping the Notre Dame Academy campus safe for not only our students but for the children from St. Julie Learning Center and people at St. Joseph Heights.





## CAMPUS MINISTRY MORNING MASS

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

# HALLOWEEN BASH!

GET YOUR COSTUME READY!

## NDA/CCH FRESHMAN HALLOWEEN BASH

The CCH/NDA Freshman Halloween Bash that was originally scheduled for this Saturday, October 30, has been moved up to this Friday evening, October 29. The event will take place from 9:00-11:00 p.m. at the indoor athletic facility next to the Gardens of Park Hills (to the left of CCH by the football stadium). CCH is also hosting a home football game this evening, so many Freshmen may just walk over from the game.

With the potential of both the CCH and NDA soccer teams advancing to the state finals on Saturday evening, we wanted to find a way for the freshmen to still have this fun event. Freshmen will need to buy a ticket to the Halloween Bash (\$5.00), which Mrs. Monohan will continue to sell for the rest of this week. Tickets must be purchased in advance of the event, and students will need to bring their ticket to enter the event. There will be a DJ playing music throughout the night, and drinks/snacks will be provided for the freshmen. Freshmen are highly encouraged to wear costumes to the Halloween Bash and may be picked up at 11:00m p.m. at the garage door entrance facing CCH. We hope the freshmen Pandas enjoy the evening!



BOO!

## HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES

On Friday, NDA will engage in Halloween festivities and students are welcome to wear costumes. The costumes must be appropriate and provide proper coverage; in addition, no gore, face/body paint, Halloween masks or weapons are not permitted. Students should contact Mrs. Grayson if they have any questions. Costume contest winners will be announced in next week's PPW!



PANDA PRIDE

## SPIRIT WEAR SALE

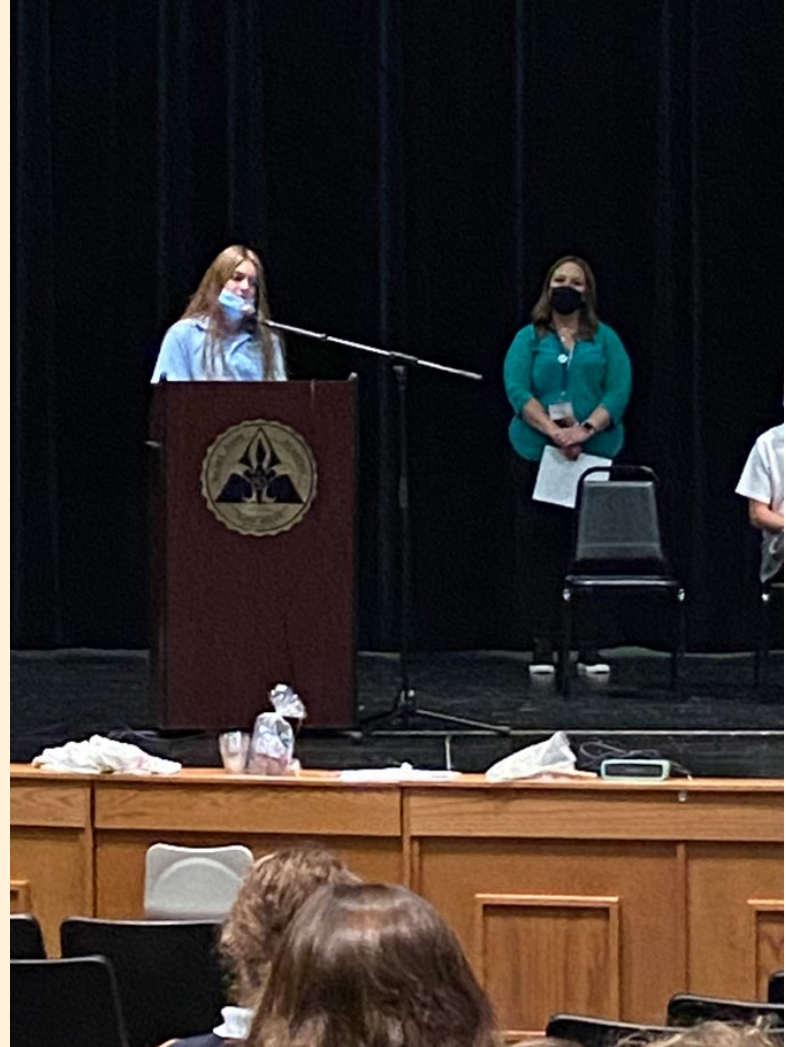
Do you need a new school uniform shirt or two? Did you know that you can purchase them at the Bambootique? This week's deal of the week is 10% off school uniform shirts! You can purchase them online [HERE](#).

## CONGRATULATIONS

# STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

On October 15 we held our Freshman Homeroom Representative Elections. Congratulations to our newly elected Homeroom Representatives:

Greta Bitikofer  
Josie Bozeman  
Riley Herald  
Maya Lawrie  
Grace Panko  
Josie Stallard



EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

## YEARBOOK NEWS

The 2021 NDA yearbook, *Together*, has gone to press and is scheduled to ship between Halloween and Thanksgiving. A limited number of extra copies will be available for students who did not pre-order. Books are \$70 and checks should be made out to NDA.

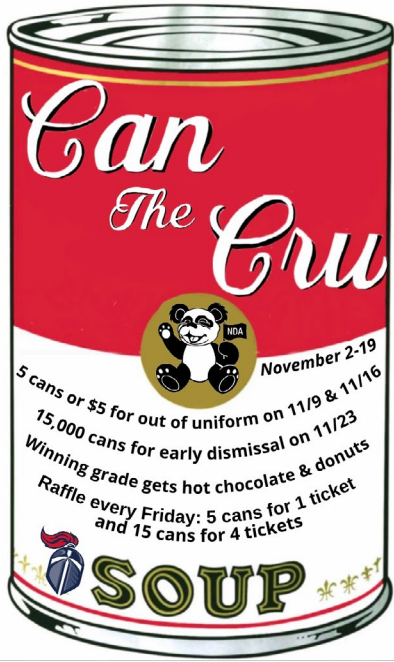
The 2022 NDA yearbook, *Make it Count*, is available for pre-order now at [jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com): Order now for the special fall price of \$60.



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

# CAN THE CRU!

Our annual can food drive will begin next Tuesday, November 2, and go through Friday, November 19. All proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul's food pantry. Below is a list of items that they are especially in need of. This year they are requesting NO CORN OR GREEN BEANS!



### PLEASE BRING IN THE FOLLOWING:

Stuffing  
Knorr pasta sides  
Spaghetti sauce  
Spaghetti  
Gravy - Turkey, Chicken, Beef  
Pancake mix  
Syrup  
Cake mix  
Icing for cakes  
Flour  
Cooking oil  
Sugar - pure cane, brown, powdered  
Cookie mixes  
Jiffy Corn muffin mix

Ramen Noodles - Chicken and Beef flavor  
Ketchup  
Mustard  
Mayonnaise  
Salad dressings  
Canned tuna in water  
Canned chicken in water  
Chef Boy R Dee Ravioli  
Canned Beef Stew  
Canned Chili  
Salt  
Pepper  
Mixed Vegetable  
Cereal  
Cereal Bars



Minute Rice - White and Brown  
Mac & Cheese  
Shells and cheese  
Instant and canned potatoes  
Strawberry jelly  
Grape jelly  
Peanut butter

## FOODIE FUN!

# FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

We had food trucks on campus last Friday. A good time and delicious food was had by all! Thank you to Texas Joe, Marty's Waffles, Pretzels, Chicken Mac Truck, and Kona Ice for being a part of the day!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## 2021 MOTHER DAUGHTER

Mark your calendar for Friday, November 12 for NDA's Mother Daughter Dance! [CLICK HERE](#) to register by November 1.



NDA MOTHER DAUGHTER EVENT 2021

**For this fun night, mothers and daughters  
will switch bodies and masquerade  
as the other. Who will be more**

**FREAKED OUT?!**

*When?*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12  
SR/JR 6:30-8 PM  
SO/FR 8:30-10 PM

*Where?*

RECEPTIONS EVENT CENTER  
1379 DONALDSON HWY  
ERLANGER, Ky

*What?*

FOOD, FUN, DJ, DANCING  
PHOTOS AND PRIZES  
(MASKS REQUIRED)

*RSVP?*

BY NOVEMBER 1, 2021  
NDAPANDAS.ORG  
COST: \$25 PER PERSON

*Questions?*

Julie Dunham 859-801-0776 or [juliedunham@me.com](mailto:juliedunham@me.com)



# FINE ARTS

CALLING ALL STUDENTS!

## SIGN UP TO AUDITION *HEROES & VILLAINS SHOWCASE!*

Sign up to audition for NDA & CCH Theatre Department's production of *Heroes & Villains Showcase!*

Showcase is a variety show of singing, dancing, and acting. All the numbers are directed and choreographed by students. Rehearsals will be afterschool November 15 - January 27. The show will be January 28-30.

Auditions will be next week Tuesday, November 2 from 3:30-6:30p.m. at CovCath's Auditorium and Wednesday, November 3 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at NDA's theatre.

Fill out this Audition Form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1UnR76-NGgo0E5G8uqWajuQiOLnpyUrreROy5m\\_XIS7o/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1UnR76-NGgo0E5G8uqWajuQiOLnpyUrreROy5m_XIS7o/edit)

Sign up for an Audition Time Slot here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AAFAE2DA7FFC61-auditions>

To audition prepare:

- attend the dance call on Tues or Wed
- 1 to 2 minute monologue from play, musical, or TV show
- 16 bars of any song (prefer musical theatre song)



If you do not feel comfortable preparing the above materials or you only want a small ensemble role, we can provide a cold read to act out and we will ask you to sing a common song (national anthem, amazing grace, etc). If you want to be in any dance numbers you need to attend one of the dance call times.

If you only want to act in the show, only audition with a monologue. If you only want to dance in the show, only attend the dance call. If you only want to sing, only prepare a song. If you'd like to do 2 out of 3 or all of them, please prepare accordingly!

Please let Miss Smith know if you have any questions at [smithja@ndapandas.org](mailto:smithja@ndapandas.org)

Thank you so much!

Miss Smith

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

PLEASE NOTE!  
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ATTENTION PANDA FANS

## WINTER SPORTS PASSES

Winter Sports Passes Go on Sale Monday! You can purchase your winter sports pass, good for admission to all regular season home winter athletic events starting Monday here: <https://gofan.co/app/school/KY6490>

GO PANDAS!

## SPORTS UPDATES

It's a week full of post season with volleyball competing in the Region Tournament at Connor, Soccer competing in the Final Four Thursday at Frederick Douglas and Adair Dooley and Clara Heberling competing on Saturday in the cross country state meet. Good luck to all our Pandas!



CONGRATULATIONS!

## PANDA GOLF NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO Panda Golfers Clare Hooper, Hannah Rice, Natalie Lovell, Didi Jiradamkerng and Sammi Flowers for making the Region 7 All Region team!

# COUPON BOOKS!

PANDA SAVINGS!

## COUPON BOOKS

Coupon Books will be delivered to NDA in mid November for pick up to sell for those who chose to sell books. More info in next week's Panda Press Weekly.

# COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



## HOW TO BEST TALK WITH YOUR TEEN RED RIBBON WEEK

This week we celebrate Red Ribbon Week which is a week to focus on how to prevent or stop drug use and abuse. Parents are an important part of this prevention work because they are the biggest influence in a teen's life. Even though you may feel your child pulling away, eager for more independence, deep down they still want you involved. A strong bond with your child, especially during the teen years, helps reduce the chances of them engaging in unhealthy behavior and helps set the stage for preventing nicotine, alcohol and drug use. To learn more about how to speak effectively with your teen read the whole article from the Partnership to End Addiction [here](#).

## PANDAS ATTEND CONFERENCE YOUNG WOMEN LEAD

On Friday, October 22, a group of Pandaversity and Teen Leadership Club students attended the Young Women Lead conference. The conference was virtual this year and the students watched various speakers from Alumnae Hall. They were able to ask questions and interact with the speakers via zoom and a few of our students received shout outs from the speakers! The girls heard from various women leaders about how to overcome obstacles, be confident in themselves, and about how to be persistent in following their dreams. It was an inspiring morning!





ONLY 2 MORE DAYS TO JOIN

## DRUG FREE CLUBS OF AMERICA

**"I love that Drug Free Club is inclusive and sets a good example for all our Pandas!"**

**- NDA Senior, 2021**

**406 of our Pandas (77%) are current members of Drug Free Club!!**



### Only 2 more days left to join!

**Applications will be accepted until October 29**

Apply online [HERE](#) or submit your one-page paper application and payment to the office. The fee is \$25/year. If freshmen sign up for 3 years (\$75), their senior year is free.



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

### NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

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

### DRUG FREE CLUB PERK!



THIS MORNING  
NDA's DRUG FREE  
CLUB MEMBERS  
WERE TREATED  
TO HOT COCOA AS  
THEY ARRIVED AT  
SCHOOL!



## GSE APPLICATION PROCESS

# GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors can apply for the 2022 KY [Governor's School for Entrepreneurs](#). (GSE) beginning November 15! GSE is a 3-week summer residential program where young entrepreneurs, working in teams, take an idea and utilize STEAM and enterprise skills to create a service or product. Teams build a feasible business model around their idea. On the final day of the program, teams pitch their business ideas to a live audience and panel of judges, known as Demo Day. **GSE is offering 6 virtual events via Zoom this fall to showcase the GSE experience and dive into the application process. Find links to register [HERE](#).**



## GSA APPLICATION PROCESS

# GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

The application for GSA 2022 opens up on November 3rd, but virtual info sessions (via Zoom) are available now! Important Dates and other Virtual Sessions can be viewed and registered for [HERE](#). After you sign up, a link to access this session will be sent to the email you used to register.

There are nine artistic disciplines:

Architecture  
Visual Art  
Film & Photography

Creative Writing  
Instrumental Music  
Vocal Music

Musical Theater  
Drama  
Dance



## GSP APPLICATION PROCESS

# GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM

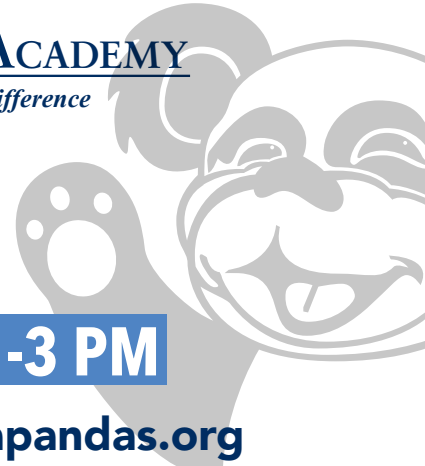
The KY Governor's Scholars Program (GSP) is a free 5-week summer residential program for outstanding high school KY students after their junior year. [GSP 2021-2022 Applications and Forms](#) are now available on the GSP website, under the Applicant's tab, along with [Helpful Hints and Videos](#). **NDA's GSP Applications are due November 22.** Contact Mrs. Hildreth with your questions.

# ADVANCING OUR MISSION



**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY**

*Educating Women to Make a Difference*



## WE NEED YOUR HELP! GOT COOKIES?

Parents, we need your help to make sure our prospective Pandas and their parents feel welcomed at our Open House. Please sign up to bring in food items or to work at the refreshment table for this important event. Sign up [HERE](#).

**2021**

**Open House**

**NOVEMBER 7** from **1-3 PM**

**REGISTER @ [www.ndapandas.org](http://www.ndapandas.org)**



**\$385,172**

*Did  
You  
Know...*

The amount of money raised through the Annual Fund last year! Help us continue to raise the bar and support the students, faculty and staff at Notre Dame Academy!

## #SUPPORTING OUR PANDAS ANNUAL FUND 2021

Notre Dame Academy's Development Department is responsible for additional fundraising to support the educational experience we offer at NDA. While tuition covers much of our expenses, as part of our mission to keep tuition affordable for all who wish to attend NDA, we have a persistent gap of \$2,420 per student between what we receive in tuition and the real cost of educating each of our students.

Please support NDA's mission to educate young women to make a difference in the world with a gift to this year's Annual Fund. You can donate online [HERE](#).



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# COMMUNITY



## NEWS

SHARING OUR

## Community News

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

- St. Joseph Heights Work Study Positions available for Students
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?

## Important dates

October 28	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
October 29	CCH Freshman Halloween Dance
November 1	NO SCHOOL - All Saint's Day
November 5	Remembrance Mass
November 7	Open House
	Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 12	Mother/Daughter Dance at Receptions
November 19	Panda Funfest for incoming 8th Graders
November 20	JR Retreat (1 of 4 options)
November 23	Thanksgiving Prayer Service (ADJ)
November 24-28	Thanksgiving Break
December 1	SO Retreat
December 4	JR Retreat (2 of 4 options)
	FR Semi Formal Dance at NDA
December 8	No School: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 10	In School Band and Choral Concert