

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we continue to enjoy the blessings of this fall season, I want to take a moment to reflect on both the joys and challenges we're experiencing together at Notre Dame Academy this week.

Today our community is mourning the loss of a beloved colleague, our Assistant Athletic Director and longtime Golf Coach, Karen Henderson. Karen touched the lives of so many students, parents, faculty and staff at NDA over the last 15 years. Karen had been courageously battling cancer the last few months and her strength, resilience and spirit have been a true inspiration to us all. Her passing is a sudden and profound loss for the entire Notre Dame Academy family. This morning as our faculty, staff, students, parents and community members gathered for a brief prayer service in her memory, we were reminded of the strength that comes from coming together as a faith community, supporting one another in prayer during difficult times. We are planning an additional gathering to honor Karen's memory and lift her family in prayer. We'll share the details as soon as they're confirmed.

On a brighter note, we came together yesterday to celebrate the dedication of our newly upgraded Buenger Sports Complex, a wonderful upgrade that will enhance our student-athletes' experiences and inspire pride in our community. It was a beautiful dedication ceremony where our Chaplain, Fr. Conor Kunath, blessed this world-class facility followed by a special Rosary procession led by our students. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of our donors and the support that brought this vision to life, providing our students with a top-tier facility for years to come.

Tomorrow is Halloween, a day of fun and tradition at NDA, and yes, our students will be dressing up for the occasion. Please see the guidelines below to help everyone enjoy the celebration responsibly.

Weeks like this showcase both the joy and spirit of NDA along with the challenges, reminding us of the unique community we share—one that supports each other both in times of grief and in moments of celebration, always grounded in our faith.

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame.

Jack Von Handorf



In Loving Memory







IN LOVING MEMORY

COACH KAREN HENDERSON

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of our beloved Assistant Athletic Director and long-time Golf Coach, Karen Henderson. Karen, who had been courageously battling cancer, passed away unexpectedly yesterday. Known for her kindness, strength and unwavering dedication to our students, Karen was a cherished member of the NDA family. Her impact on students, faculty and staff over her many years with us will be remembered always. Please keep Karen's family, friends, and our NDA community in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

We are planning an additional gathering to honor Karen's memory and lift her family in prayer. We'll share the details as soon as they're confirmed. May she rest in peace, and may perpetual light shine upon her.















NOTRE DAME ACADEMY Buenger Sports Complex Upgrade

Yesterday was an unforgettable day at Notre Dame Academy! We celebrated the incredible upgrades to our Buenger Sports Complex with a beautiful dedication ceremony.

Our community gathered to honor the generosity of our donors, including the Clem and Ann Buenger Foundation, and to bless this world-class facility with a special Rosary procession led by our students. This upgraded space will empower our student-athletes to train, compete, and excel with pride and safety for years to come.

Check out highlights from today's ceremony and witness the spirit of NDA in action HERE.



CAMPUS MINISTRY



PRAY ALONG WITH US

PRAYER SERVICE FOR OUR NATION

On Monday, Nov. 4 - all students will take part in a Prayer Service for our Nation during their religion class. It is important that we take the time to pray for our country and all elected officials who govern our great nation. You can find the script for our **Prayer Service** here if you would like to pray along with us.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

As the Holiday Season approaches there are many opportunities for students to earn service hours in the Blue and Gold categories. Service Opportunities that are called into NDA can be found **here** and are updated on a regular basis. This list is always available to our students on the weekly Padlet.



JOIN US

UPCOMING LITURGIES:

Before school Masses will NOT be held on our chapel the week of November 4-8 due to Election Day and our All School Remembrance Mass.

We will celebrate our Annual Remembrance Mass at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, November 8 in the gym.

Student Life

happy halloween!



NDA STYLE

HALLOWEEN FUN

Students are invited to dress up for Halloween tomorrow.

Students, please keep in mind the following guidelines for costumes:

- · Face paint or body paint is not permitted.
- · Masks are not permitted.
- Please refrain from anything too gory or anything involving weapons.
- Your costumes must be appropriate for school and you must have proper coverage.
- · Inflatables are not permitted due to safety concerns.

We look forward to seeing your amazing costumes!

Some additional Halloween details:

Notre Dame Academy really goes all out for Halloween. Watch for details and pictures in next week's Panda Press regarding Halloween, Panda Style.

Many thanks to our Student Council, Ms. Hilbert, Ms. Meese, and our Core Leadership Team (GAA, Peer Ministry, Family Leaders, Student Council) who have planned a fun and exciting day for us. There will be a haunted house in the auditorium on the stage during lunch, a costume contest, and additional games and activities to celebrate Halloween. We enjoy seeing the students use their creativity to celebrate Halloween as has been the tradition at NDA for many years.



TIME TO VOTE!

LET'S HONOR OUR ATHLETES

Please be sure to vote for our Athletes of the Week. You can vote **here**! Please be sure to vote from your phones and vote once every hour.

- Kay Mayer, Notre Dame Academy The freshman helped the Pandas to a runner-up team finish at the Class 3A, Region 4 meet with an 11th-place individual finish in 21:04.08.
- Lizzy Larkins, Notre Dame Academy The junior had 62 assists, two kills, two blocks and two digs as the Pandas won the 35th District tournament, then put up 41 assists and two digs in the first round of the Ninth Region tournament.



DANCE ALERT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

The Freshmen Semi-Formal Dance (put on by our Drug Free Club) will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 8-11 p.m. at NDA. This dance is exclusively for freshmen and their guests. It is offered to both NDA and CCH students, however freshmen girls can bring someone from another school as their guest if they wish (the guest must also be a freshmen).

The annual Silver Bells Dance will be held on Saturday, December 14 from 8-11 at the Newport Car Barn. The theme for this dance is "Christmas in NYC."

Details about both dances and the dress code requirements will be shared with students on Monday, November 4. Parents, be sure to talk to your daughter about the acceptable dance attire.



PLEASE NOTE...

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- On November 1, NDA will be closed to celebrate All Saints and All Souls Day.
- On November 5, NDA will be closed due to Election Day.



STOCK UP AT THE

SCHOOLBELLES SALE

Don't miss out on Schoolbelles' Fall Sale from November 6-10, 2024! Enjoy 30% off everything, including cozy cold-weather gear. Perfect for bundling up as temperatures drop!

In-store shopping hours:

Wednesday: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday: 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Shop online at www.schoolbelles.com or call Customer Service at 1-888-637-3037 for more details.



PANDA SPIRIT WEAR!

BAMBOOTIQUE

Get all of your NDA spirit wear at the online Bambootique! HERE

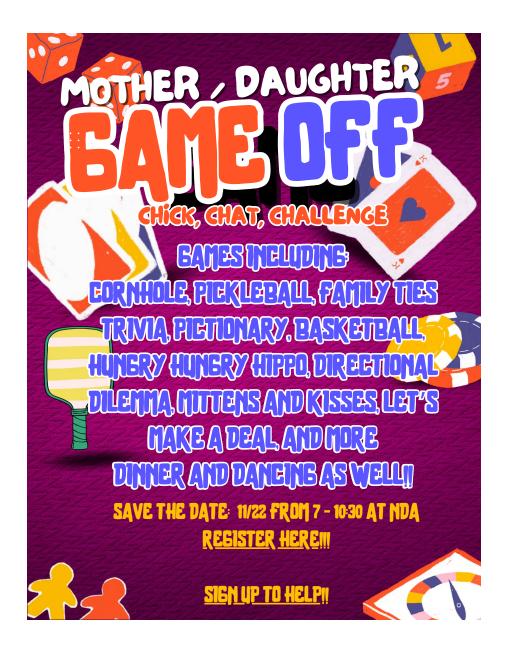
GET YOUR GAME FACE ON!

ANNUAL MOTHER DAUGHTER EVENT

NDA's 2024 Mother Daughter Event is just around the corner and it's a night you won't want to miss! This year we are inviting you to "come on down" for a Mother / Daughter Game Off on Friday, November 22 from 7-11 p.m. right here at NDA. Tickets are only \$25 per person and are now available **HERE**. Secure your spot by Friday, November 15.

What's in store for this exciting evening?

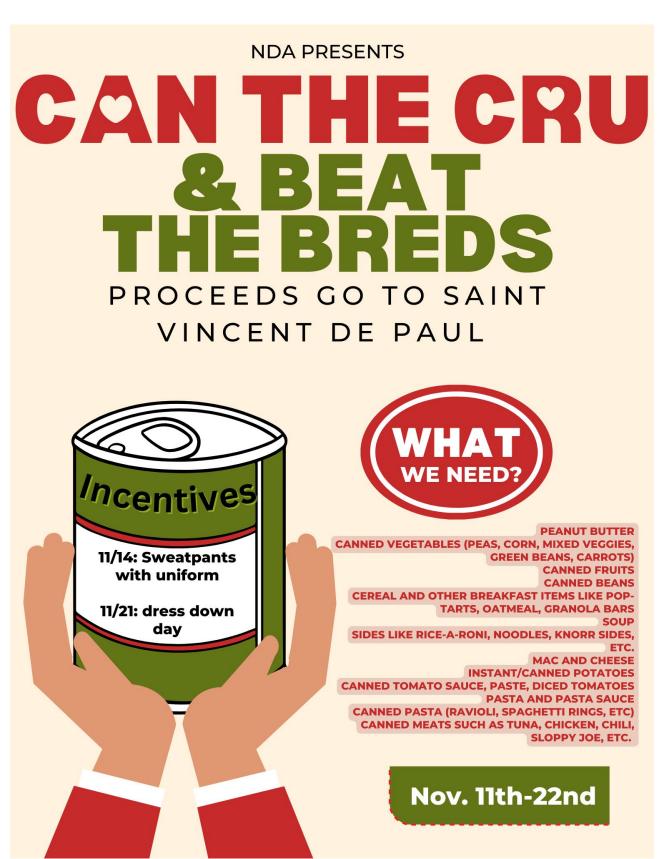
- · Delicious dinner
- · Indulgent dessert and candy bar
- · A chance to show your competitive side
- · Memories captured at our photo booths
- A concluding game where the winner from each grade level will face off in a challenge similar to a popular game show
- A dance party
- · Raffle baskets and prizes



We are also in need of some help and additional items to make this event a success. We have a small committee of mothers working hard to plan this amazing event; if you can lend us a hand at donating an item or volunteering to help in some capacity, we would greatly appreciate it. We are in GREAT need of volunteers (like dads and college students) to help run the various stations that we plan to offer. Please see the Sign Up Genius <u>linked here</u> to see how you can help.

CAN THE CRU AND BEAT THE BREDS

For the annual Canned Food Drive, we will be competing against both St. Henry and Newport Central Catholic. We will calculate the average number of cans turned in per student to determine the winning school. The losing school will have a consequence such as doing a cheer at a basketball game hosted by the winning team, singing the winning team's school song, etc. The drive will begin on November 11 and run until November 22. Our Family Leaders and Student Council will work collaboratively to run this event and it will also be used as a family competition as well. See the flyer for more details, especially the incentives that will be offered.





LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE BAND

TEAMWORK AT IT'S FINEST!

The NDA/CCH Marching Band, known as the *Pride of Park Hills*, has been hard at work this season with an intense schedule of performances. Their dedication and teamwork have been remarkable, and they continue to impress audiences wherever they go. We're so proud of all their hard work and spirit! Keep up the great job, NDA/CCH Band!



NO-CUT SHOW

SHOWCASE AUDITIONS & CREW SIGN-UPS

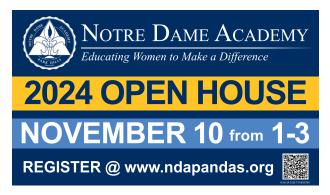
"Life could be a dream" if you join the fun in our 1950s Showcase! This no-cut show is packed with singing, dancing and acting, and there's a spot for everyone. Audition for a featured role or join the ensemble—or sign up to be part of the crew to help bring the show to life behind the scenes!

Dates: November 6 & 7 (Callbacks on November 8)

Dance Call: November 7 (for featured dancers, numbers, and tappers)

Sign-Up Deadline: November 5 Crew & Designer Sign-Ups

Roles include set building, prop making, costume design, lighting, sound, and more! Check out the links in the email sent to students from Ms. Smith this week to sign up and join the team!



OPEN HOUSE YARD SIGNS

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

NDA's Open House is scheduled for Sunday, November 10 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. 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!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

A hot lunch and salad bar will be available for purchase each day at our NDA cafeteria. You can find a menu price sheet as well as this week's lunch menu **HERE**.

Growing up in a Porn Culture: How Social Media, Gaming and Pornography Harms Our Youth

Presented by

Dr. Mandy Sanchez

Director of Programming at Culture Reframed

Sponsored by the

Diocese of Covington Offices of Safe Environment and Catholic Schools

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024



Since 2000, the internet has become the main vehicle for porn, and hardcore porn is just a click away — it is free, violent, and based on the degradation and abuse of women and children. The proliferation of the smartphone, together with the growth of teen-targeted social media sites, has opened up yet more avenues for teens to access hardcore porn. This presentation will explore the most popular social media platforms accessed

by young people today, linking the social media, and porn industries and the harmful effects of their exposure on young people.

A must-see presentation for anyone who cares about children and the vulnerable in our world today.

Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Time: 8:00 AM Doors open.

9:00 AM Program begins.

Place: Bishop Howard Memorial Hall, Diocesan Curia

1125 Madison Ave., Covington, KY 41011

Who: **Principals, Administrators and Counselors**

Preregistration preferred, but not required!

Registration link: https://forms.gle/WmNRYgCaCJNj7mrw9

Questions? Contact Julie Feinauer, Director, Office of Safe Environment jfeinauer@covdio.org



Dr. Mandy Sanchez, Director of Programming, Culture Reframed CultureReframed

Dr. Sanchez joined Culture Reframed as the Program Coordinator in the spring of 2021. She holds a doctorate in Sociology with a specialization in Criminology and Women's Studies from the University of Hawaii and has been a professor of sociology and

criminal justice since 2013.

For more information about Dr. Sanchez and Culture Reframed visit: https://culturereframed.org/

JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL PRESENTATION

THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF PORNOGRAPHY ON YOUTH

The Diocese of Covington's Offices of Safe Environment and Catholic Schools invite all adults to a presentation by Dr. Mandy Sanchez, Director of Programming at Culture Reframed. Dr. Sanchez will address the crisis of pornography, its links to social media and gaming, and its harmful effects on children and families.

Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM (Doors open), 7:00 PM (Program begins)

Location: St. Henry District High School, Drees Homes Auditorium

Who: All adults (18+), pre-registration preferred: Registration Link

For more information, contact Julie Feinauer at jfeinauer@covdio.org or see the flyer **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.

VOTE YES ON AMENDMENT 2 THIS NOVEMBER

Amendment 2 could lead to real benefits for teachers — in all surrounding states that have school choice, teacher pay has increased. Teaching satisfaction increases also when students can be in the school of their choice. Amendment 2 allows for meaningful conversations about the freedom for a parent to choose the best fit for their child when it comes to education! Visit https://covdio.org/YesOnTwo.





WHAT AMENDMENT 2 **DOES**



Enable the General Assembly to provide increased resources for additional education opportunities in local communities



Encourage healthy competition in education, improving quality and outcomes for students in public, private, and homeschool



Create an opportunity for the legislature to consider school choice policies that will work best for Kentucky families



Empower more families to seek education opportunities that more closely align with their own values and beliefs



Recognize the shortfalls of a one-size-fits-all approach to education by encouraging innovation and choice for the good of students

WHAT AMENDMENT 2 DOES NOT DO



Eliminate the General Assembly's constitutional obligation to adequately fund public schools or take money away from individual counties or rural schools



Close any public schools in the Commonwealth or decrease teacher pay



Require the state to adopt a certain type of school choice program



Increase government control or regulation over homeschool or private school instruction



Require parents or private schools to accept school choice resources



EVERY STATE surrounding **KY** has a school choice program.



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



FROM THE DESK OF THE

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Swimming

The Aqua Pandas kicked off their 24-25 season this past Saturday with mass together as a team at St. Pius X followed by a retreat and team bonding lead by the seniors. The Aqua Pandas are looking forward to their first meet in November lead again this year by Coach Jamie Kelly.

Cross Country

Cross Country had an amazing Region race, where they finished 2nd! They are off to the State Race this Saturday at the Kentucky Horse Park.

Volleyball

Volleyball is the Region Tournament, with wins against Villa Madonna and Highlands. The finals are TONIGHT at St. Henry at 6:30 p.m.

Winter Sports are in full swing. Bowling starts competing next week with a match against Dixie on Nov. 5. Swimming has their first swim meet Nov. 9 at Scott High School. Basketball and Archery are less then a month from the start of their seasons.

Electronic Coupon Books

Remember to purchase your \$25 Discount Card TODAY! The discounts are good until 12/31/2025. The funds raised go towards all athletics teams! Use the QR code below!

Purchase a \$25 NDA DIGITAL CARD Don't miss out on some great deals at local restaurants, boutiques, golf courses etc..

Please Scan the QR code below to purchase

Get deals on Golf enton County Golf course: BOGO free reens fee any day of the week & BOGO RANGE BUCKET

UK Golf Club: BOGO free greens fee any day of the week AND BOGO RANGE BUCKET

Stephens Golf Center - \$5 off \$20 or nore of range balls

World of Golf: BOGO free bucket of

Erlanger Putt Putt: BOGO game (must be used by the same player. Good for up to 6 players. Can be used once a day

every day!) Sis's on Monmo Ky Local Luna's Bar and Grill Peace Love and Donuts Darkness Brew Cork & Crust Guthries

BEAUTY lamour Nails & Spa III & V Elle Skin & Beauty Co. Lauren's Lashes & Makeup

Local Boutiques

Joey and June

Bellevue District Boutiques
Ape Made It
Splendid Things
Coda Co Clothing
Grateful Threads
Slow Ride Vintage
Le Sorrelle
Frame and Hang
Seasonal Bliss

Montgomery Boutique Downtown Girl NDA Alum

Washington Square Highland Square
Padrino Italian Restaurant
Boomtown Biscuits Blind Squirrel Miss Shirley's Bakery

Papa John's (Cold Spring) Avenue Brew (Bellevue) The Coffee Bean



owned by NDA Alum West & Pine Photography

McHales CLeaning owned by Cov Cath Alum Alex Schneider & Cole Hicks

Swan Florist - NDA Alums D1 TRAINING

Johnny's Carwash Erlanger Batting Cages Bailey's Carwash ABBY'S CHARCUETERIE

egrass Backyard Recreations Strike and Spare





NOMINATION TIME

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Reminder that Hall of Fame Nominations end on October 31. We will be announcing the date of the 2025 NDA Hall OF Fame Night soon! Stay tuned!

Please submit any nominations for our 2025 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony **HERE** by TOMORROW.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES





SIGN UP NOW!

DRUG FREE CLUB

Drug Free Club - Sign up Now - Time is Running Out!

Signing up to be a member will close at the end of October, so if your daughter still needs to join, use **this link here** to help her enroll.



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 THE NDA PANDA PARENT CLUB TO SUPPORT AND CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

The Notre Dame Academy Panda Parent Club (PPC) is an opportunity for parents, organized by the Student Services Department, to learn more about topics and information to support families in navigating pressures and concerns our students face daily. It is designed to help enhance communication between parents and the Student Services Department and to occasionally coordinate volunteering opportunities and community events to provide support for the school's educational goals. Meetings will be bi-monthly and information regarding presenters and topics can be found here.



Upcoming meetings:

November 21, 2024 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Alumnae Hall -

Debbie Zegarra from Ethan's Purpose will be presenting on suicide prevention and parents will be trained in QPR (think CPR but for mental health emergencies). See the flyer to the left.

* PLEASE NOTE: These meetings are for parents only. Students will get this information via Drug Free Club and other education initiatives through DFC throughout the year.

We want to hear more from you about topics you, as a parent, would be interested in learning more about. Please complete the brief survey **HERE** to help us better support you!



REMINDER

THOMAS MORE DUAL-CREDIT INFORMATION SESSION

Come join the Thomas More Dual-Credit Program for its 2024-25 series of information sessions. During these sessions, prospective students and their families can learn more about what makes the Thomas More Dual-Credit program an excellent opportunity for students to explore and earn college credits at a reduced tuition rate.

Sessions will be hosted during the fall and spring semesters. These sessions are open to anyone, but RSVPs are required. Once you RSVP for one of the information sessions, you will receive multiple email reminders leading up to the event that will provide you with any additional information about that event. Those who RSVP will also receive a copy of the presentation following the event.

Information Session 1 (Virtual)

Type: Virtual (Zoom) presentation with Q&A When: Wednesday, November 6 – 6-7 p.m.

RSVP here

Zoom link will be sent to those who RSVP



Thomas More University

Meet the Major: <u>Biology</u> – Open House!

Tuesday, November 12th (6:00 - 7:00 PM)

TMU Admissions Overview and Information Meet TMU Biology Faculty & Students

Biology Programs - Majors and Minors

- Pre-Med, Pre-PA, Pre-PT, and much more!
- Marine Biology, Molecular Biology research, Biology Field Station on the Ohio River

Interactive Demonstrations in Biology Labs

- Anatomage Table digital cadaver dissection!
- Microbiological samples to investigate!
- Marine biology, plant, and animal specimens!

Pizza is provided!





Please <u>reserve</u> your space with the OR Code!



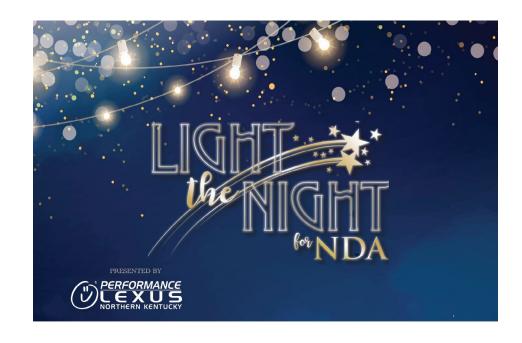
Earn a **\$1,000 Scholarship** for attending!

ADVANCING THE MISSION

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

It's going to be an unforgettable evening and the best NDA fundraiser yet!





11.16.24 | 6:30-10:30 PM | The Grand Ballroom



Cocktail Hour | Dinner | Open Bar | Auction & Raffles

JOIN US

LIGHT THE NIGHT: NDA'S LARGEST FUNDRAISER ON NOVEMBER 16

You're invited to join us for *Light the Night for NDA* on November 16 at The Grand in Covington, our largest fundraising benefitting Notre Dame Academy. You can support the evening by attending, bidding on auction items, or sponsoring the event. Every contribution helps enhance our students' experience and advances the mission of NDA.

Early bird pricing for Light the Night for NDA ends on October 31. Don't miss out on the chance to attend!

Get your tickets now before prices go up! We can't wait to see you there!

Purchase tickets **HERE**!



SHARING OUR

Community News

You can find a complete list of community news. HERE.

- · St. Tim's Mission Trip
- · YES on 2
- · Hero Night

Important dates

November 1 NO SCHOOL - All Saints' Day

November 5 NO SCHOOL - Election Day

November 6-8 Showcase Auditions- Theatre

November 8 Remembrance Mass

Showcase Auditions

November 10 Open House

November 10 - 22 Can Food Drive

November 15 Mid-Quarter

November 16 HSPT Prep Classes

Light the Night for NDA at The Grand in Covington

November 18-20 Senior Retreat #2

November 27 NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day

November 28-29 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

December 1 Junior Advent Retreat - Alumnae Hall

December 23 NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break begins

January 6 School Resumes

January 20 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day