



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

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THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you've enjoyed the recent days off from school, which offered our students, faculty and staff a well-deserved break from what has been an incredibly busy and productive school year so far. This past Thursday, NDA celebrated Halloween in true Panda style. It was fantastic to see everyone embracing the holiday spirit in creative costumes and the extra activities added a lot of fun and energy to our community. You can check out plenty of photos from the day below

In addition to Halloween festivities, it's been an exciting week for NDA Athletics! Our Cross Country team finished an impressive 5th at State and our Volleyball team started off strong with a victory in their first game at State on Monday. Volleyball now advances to the Elite 8 and will play Knott County Central this Friday at 7:30 p.m. at George Rogers Clark High School. We are incredibly proud of these achievements and look forward to cheering on our Pandas as they continue to compete at the highest levels.

Looking ahead, Open House is this Sunday, November 10, from 1-3 p.m., and we invite all grade school girls and their families to experience Notre Dame Academy firsthand. Potential Pandas will enjoy personal tours led by our NDA Ambassadors, meet our dedicated faculty and connect with students representing our diverse co-curricular opportunities. If you know a young woman who could benefit from an NDA education, please encourage her to explore our beautiful campus, learn about our curriculum, student life and financial aid options, and discover the many ways The Notre Dame Life can make a difference for her.

In the spirit of giving, we're also excited to announce our annual Canned Food Drive: "Can the Cru and Beat the Breds!" This year, NDA will be competing against St. Henry and Newport Central Catholic to see which school can collect the most canned goods per student. The drive will run from November 11 through November 22, with our Family Leaders and Student Council leading the effort. It's inspiring to see our students taking on this challenge with enthusiasm, embracing NDA's mission of making a difference in the world as they grow into servant leaders in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Thank you for your continued support of Notre Dame Academy!

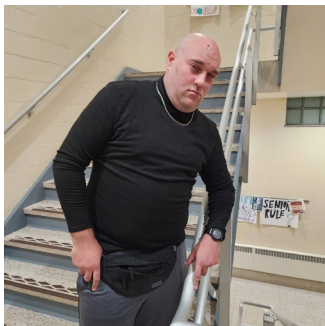
In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

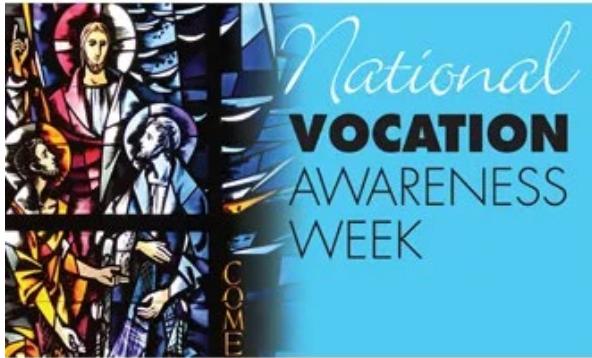


Have a great day and make good choices!

Halloween at NDA!



CAMPUS MINISTRY



CURIOUS ABOUT RELIGIOUS LIFE?

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

This is Vocation Awareness Week. Have you ever wondered:

- about what it is like to be a religious sister?
- how one knows if one is being called to religious life?
- is there more giving up or giving as a sister?
- about other questions you might have?

Sister Ruth Lubbers will be present in the Reflection Room of the chapel on Thursday, November 7 during Panda Prime Time. She is open to answering your questions.



HONORING LOVED ONES

REMEMBRANCE MASS

On Friday, November 8 we will celebrate our annual Remembrance Mass in the gym at 9:30 a.m. This is a beautiful opportunity to honor and remember our loved ones in prayer.



RAISING AWARENESS

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Last week in our large group meeting for Catholic Social Teaching, our Juniors learned about the issue of Human Trafficking and how it looks in the world today. They learned the Church's position on this topic and ways that we can recognize signs of trafficking. Detective Erin Higgins of the Independence Police Dept. came and shared his knowledge and experience on the subject.

Student Life



SPOOKY FUN AT NOTRE DAME ACADEMY A HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION TO REMEMBER!

Halloween at NDA is always one to remember.... The day began with visitors from the Julie Learning Center dressed in their costumes. The Textiles Class made Halloween bags for these students and they enjoyed meeting them and giving them their sweet gifts. Our faculty, staff and students enjoyed giving the little ones candy and they enjoyed walking the halls and seeing our students all dressed up.

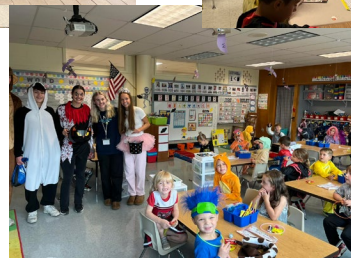


At lunchtime, the students enjoyed seeing the Auditorium stage transformed into a Haunted House. This was an extra special treat during lunch.

At the end of the day, the Core Leadership Team planned activities including a Halloween contest, a Halloween movie, Halloween games, crafts, and dancing. These activities were incorporated into our end of the day as a way to have some fun together and celebrate the holiday. This new tradition of treating the students at the end of the day to some extra special fun seemed to be enjoyed by the students. We look forward to more holiday fun in the coming months.

Treats, but No Tricks...

On Halloween the Student Council Executive Officers along with Mrs. Monohan and Mrs. Timmerding collaborated with CCH and their senior leaders to deliver candy to the youngest children at our feeder schools. It was a great way to see some sweet faces of future Colonels and PaNDAs. They enjoyed spoiling them with some delicious candy.





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 p.m. at the Newport Car Barn. The theme for this dance is "Christmas in NYC."

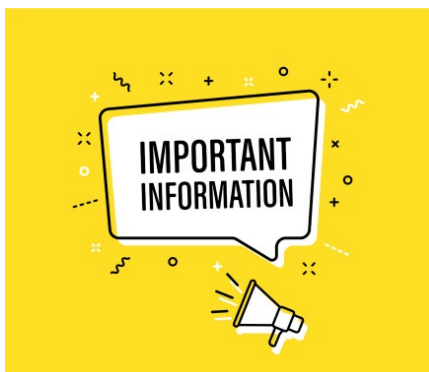
Details about both dances and the dress code requirements were shared with students on Monday. Parents, be sure to talk to your daughter about the acceptable dance attire. An email to parents and guardians will be sent out with regard to the specifics that were shared with the students about the dances. Please watch for that email that will also include the link to purchase tickets.



ART 2

COLLABORATING ON A CEILING TILE FOR THE ART ROOM

Our close-knit Art 2 class is working together to create a unique ceiling tile that will soon hang in the Art room. Each student has assigned themselves a "My Little Pony" character and is learning to delegate tasks, collaborate, and combine their skills to bring the image to life. This project combines anime style with character development, adding an inspiring piece to our ever-growing ceiling of art.



ATTENTION SOPHOMORES AND SENIORS

CLASS RINGS AND GRADUATION ITEMS

Herff Jones will meet with the Sophomores on Monday, November 15, during Homeroom to explain the class rings and hand out ordering packets. On Tuesday November 19 from 3-7 p.m., Herff Jones will be in the front foyer to answer any questions that parents may have about the class rings and to take orders. Herff Jones will be here on Wednesday November 20, during lunch to take any remaining ring order and orders for Graduation items (announcements, stationary etc).

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 [linked here](#) to see how you can help.

NDA PRESENTS

CAN THE CRU & BEAT THE BREDS

PROCEEDS GO TO SAINT
VINCENT DE PAUL



PEANUT BUTTER
CANNED VEGETABLES (PEAS, CORN, MIXED VEGGIES,
GREEN BEANS, CARROTS)
CANNED FRUITS
CANNED BEANS
CEREAL AND OTHER BREAKFAST ITEMS LIKE POP-
TARTS, OATMEAL, GRANOLA BARS
SOUP
SIDES LIKE RICE-A-RONI, NOODLES, KNORR SIDES,
ETC.
MAC AND CHEESE
INSTANT/CANNED POTATOES
CANNED TOMATO SAUCE, PASTE, DICED TOMATOES
PASTA AND PASTA SAUCE
CANNED PASTA (RAVIOLI, SPAGHETTI RINGS, ETC)
CANNED MEATS SUCH AS TUNA, CHICKEN, CHILI,
SLOPPY JOE, ETC.

Nov. 11th-22nd

DOUBLE COMPETITION THIS YEAR 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.

**FALL
sale**

30% off everything

November 6-10, 2024

Stock up on COLD WEATHER gear now!

Shop in Store
Wednesday 12pm-5pm
Thursday 12pm-7pm
Friday & Saturday 10am-4pm

www.schoolbelles.com
Customer Service 1-888-637-3037

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.



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2024 OPEN HOUSE

NOVEMBER 10 from **1-3**

REGISTER @ www.ndapandas.org



DO YOU KNOW A FUTURE PANDA?

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Come explore our beautiful campus and state-of-the-art facilities, learn about our comprehensive curriculum, student life, financial aid options, admissions process, and much more. Experience firsthand what The Notre Dame Life has to offer!

Early registration for Open House is NOW LIVE! Register [HERE](#).

We look forward to welcoming you!



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](#).



PANDA SPIRIT WEAR!

BAMBOOTIQUE

The Panda Christmas t-shirt is back and cuter than ever! Get yours at the online Bambootique! [HERE](#)

PLEASE NOTE!

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.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to our cross country team with a 5th place finish at the KHSAA Cross Country State Meet. The team was ranked 18th going into the state and pulled out a strong finish! We are so proud of all their hard work!

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball is off to the quarter finals in the KHSAA Volleyball state tournament. On Friday evening they will take on Knott County. The beat Lexington Catholic (5th ranked team) in a sweep (3-0) at Notre Dame this past monday.

BASKETBALL

Basketball kicked off their season with a wonderful celebration, Pandemonium this past Saturday.

BOWLING

The bowling team took on Dixie this afternoon and will be in action again on Saturday

SWIMMING AND DIVING

This coming Saturday both Swimming and Diving will have their first meet at Scott.

VOTE!
VOTE!
VOTE!

TIME TO VOTE!

LET'S HONOR OUR ATHLETES!

Please consider voting for some of our amazing athletes.
Vote [Here!](#)

Please be sure to vote from your phones and vote once every hour.

Notre Dame volleyball – The Pandas again clinched the 9th Region championship after sweeping Highlands and St. Henry, improving to 31-3.

Ava Tilden, Notre Dame – She was named the Ninth Region tournament MVP after registering 41 kills, 19 digs, four blocks, four aces and an assist in three games.

Our incredible Volleyball PaNDAs are also up for Fall team of the week through LINK NKy.

Vote below!!

<https://t.co/UqFzn2puM5>

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



STAY INFORMED WITH THE PPC

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!

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.



**PANDA
PARENT
CLUB**

**COLLEGE
REP VISITS**

ADVANCING THE MISSION



BID HIGH, BID OFTEN

LIGHT THE NIGHT - SOLD OUT YOU CAN STILL PARTICIPATE!

We are thrilled to announce that Light the Night for NDA on November 16 at The Grand in Covington is sold out! You can still support the evening by bidding on auction items or buying your first choice tickets [here](#). The bidding site will go live early next week!



SHARING OUR Community News

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

- St. Tim's Mission Trip
- Hero Night

Important dates

November 6-8	Showcase Auditions- Theatre
November 8	Remembrance Mass Showcase Auditions
November 10	Open House
November 14	Students wear sweatpants for \$3 or 3 cans
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 21	Dress down day for \$5 or 5 cans Panda Parent Club Speaker - Suicide Prevention - Alumnae Hall
November 22	Mother /Daughter Event at NDA
November 27	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
November 28-29	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
December 1	Junior Advent Retreat - Alumnae Hall
December 6	In School Band and Choral Christmas Concert - Gym
December 7	Freshman Semi-Formal Dance - Auditorium/Cafeteria
December 8	Christmas Band Concert - Theatre/Alumnae Hall
December 9	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass
December 11	Winter Choir/Dance Concert at 6:30 p.m.
December 13	Cookies with Santa Alumnae Event
December 14	HSPT Silver Bells Dance
December 23	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break begins
January 6	School Resumes
January 20	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day