

Dear Panda Families,

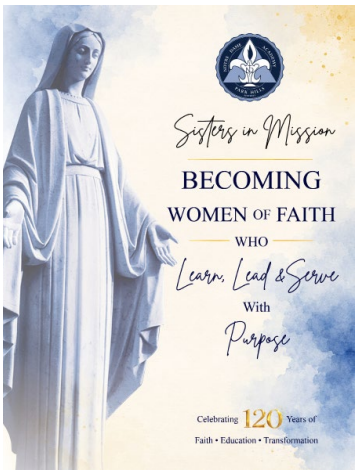
What a wonderful day we had at Notre Dame Academy on Sunday! Our Open House was a tremendous success as we welcomed a great number of prospective Pandas and their families to campus. It was exciting to see so many young women exploring all that NDA has to offer and beginning to imagine themselves as part of our Panda sisterhood.

I could not be prouder of our faculty, staff and students, who did an outstanding job showcasing what makes Notre Dame Academy such a special place. From the warm welcome our guests received to the engaging conversations and classroom experiences throughout the afternoon, our NDA community truly shined. Our students, in particular, were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Their confidence, enthusiasm and genuine love for NDA spoke volumes about the experience we provide here.

A special thank you to our new Director of Enrollment, Katie Schweitzer, and our Enrollment Coordinator, Julie Spellman, for their outstanding leadership in planning and coordinating this year's Open House. Thank you as well to everyone who worked so hard to make the day a success. Open House is truly a team effort, and Sunday's event was a beautiful reflection of our mission and the spirit of sisterhood that makes NDA so special.

That same spirit of community will be on display this Saturday as we celebrate Light the Night for NDA! This year's event is especially meaningful as we celebrate 120 years of educating young women in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame. I am grateful to everyone who has worked to make this celebration possible and to the many families, alumnae and friends whose generosity continues to strengthen our mission. Even if you are unable to attend, I encourage you to explore our silent auction and the many opportunities to support NDA.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I am also inspired by the generosity of our students through our annual Food Drive. This longstanding tradition reminds us that our mission calls us not only to learn and lead, but also to serve others with compassion. I encourage all of our Pandas to participate and help make a difference for families in need throughout our community.



There is so much to be thankful for at Notre Dame Academy. From the excitement of welcoming future Pandas to the generosity and dedication of our current school community, we are blessed in countless ways.

Thank you for all you do to support our students and our mission. What a blessing it is to be part of the NDA community!

Walk in Faith,

Mrs. Lisa Timmerding

Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding '97

Walk in Faith!

LIGHT THE NIGHT IS ALMOST HERE!

THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN THE CELEBRATION & SUPPORT NDA!



The countdown is on! **Light the Night for NDA, presented by Heritage Bank, is this Saturday, November 14, at The Madison Event Center!** We cannot wait to celebrate 120 years of faith, friendship and sisterhood with our NDA community!

Good news! A limited number of event tickets are still available! If you have been thinking about joining us, there is still time to be part of this special evening. We would love to see you there!

FIRST CHOICE RAFFLE: YOUR CHANCE TO WIN BIG!

Imagine having your pick of ANY item in our Light the Night Silent Auction, including prizes valued as high as $4,000!

That is exactly what our First Choice Raffle winner gets to do!

Here is what you need to know:

PURCHASE FIRST CHOICE TICKETS! CLICK HERE

- Tickets are just $50 each, and only 100 will be sold!
- **Winner will be pulled on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13!**
- The winner gets first choice of ANY silent auction item.
- You do not need to attend Light the Night to win.
- Sales end Friday, November 13, at 2 p.m., or when all 100 tickets are sold.
- First Choice tickets will NOT be available at the event!

Do not miss this incredible opportunity to take home something amazing while supporting NDA!

TAKE A SNEAK PEEK AT OUR LIVE AUCTION!

Want to see what is up for grabs Saturday night? Our Live Auction preview is now available online! From exciting getaways to one-of-a-kind experiences, we have some incredible packages waiting for our bidders. Take a look now and start planning which items you will be bidding on Saturday night!

OUR SILENT AUCTION IS OPEN!

The bidding has begun! Our silent auction is LIVE and filled with wonderful items, unique experiences and exciting opportunities. Whether you are attending Saturday's celebration or supporting NDA from home, everyone can participate!

DON'T FORGET THE RAFFLES!

There are even more ways to win! Purchase your raffle tickets for a beautiful Longchamp bag, stunning Herzog earrings, an Amazon gift card or our popular Bourbon Run featuring eight bottles of Blanton's bourbon!

CLICK HERE to see our live auction items, explore the silent auction, purchase raffle tickets and support Light the Night!

Whether you join us in person or participate from home, your generosity helps ensure that NDA's mission continues to thrive for generations to come.

CAMPUS MINISTRY



FAITH IN ACTION

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND A SPECIAL BLESSING

We invite all those involved in the Footloose Production to attend the 7:25 a.m. Mass on Friday, November 13, and receive a special blessing afterwards as they prepare for the opening of their show. All are welcome to attend.

We will celebrate Mass at 7:25 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17, for the Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. All are welcome to attend.



GROWING IN FAITH

SENIORS PREPARE FOR THEIR NOVEMBER RETREAT

Our 2nd senior retreat will take place November 18–20. All parents of seniors attending this retreat should have received an email from Mrs. Price on Oct. 30. If you did not receive that information, please reach out by emailing Mrs. Price at **priceb@ndapandas.org**.



CALLED TO SERVE

MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH UPCOMING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

There are many upcoming opportunities in the community with the approaching holiday season. Be sure to check out the **Upcoming Service Opportunities** page, which is posted on the Padlet weekly.

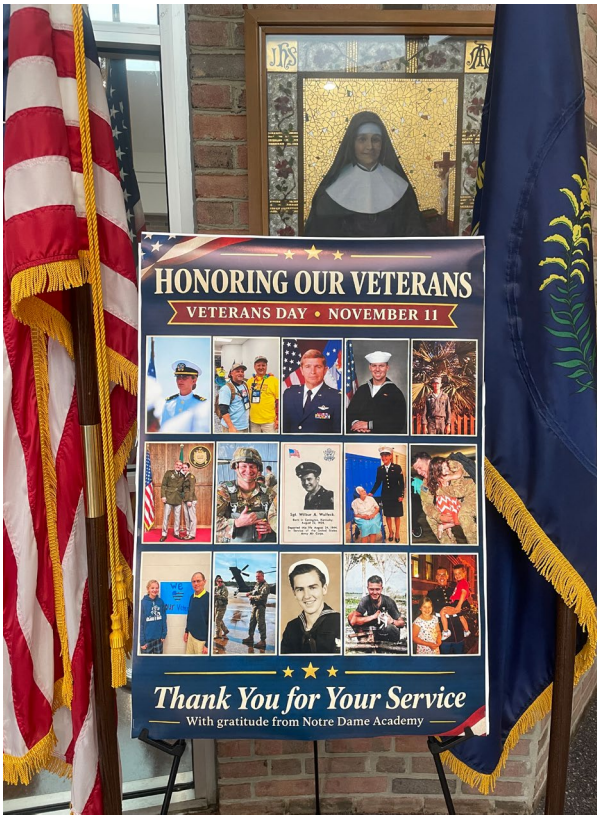


A MOMENT OF PRAYER

DISCOVER THE SAINTS THIS NOVEMBER WITH HALLOW

Did you know that all students have access to the Hallow app? This is a great resource for prayer. During the month of November, when we remember the saints and all who have passed away, there are many sessions that students can pray along with. Check out the Daily Saint Sessions, which update every day. It is 3 minutes to get to know one of the saints and pray for their intercession.

Student Life



WITH GRATITUDE AND PRAYER

NDA HONORS OUR VETERANS WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Today, Notre Dame Academy honored our veterans with a moment of silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, marking the end of fighting in World War I. Students paused all activities for a minute of silence, followed by prayer and reflection.

This observance invites us to consider what peace truly means, remember the courage of those who served, and honor the sacrifice of those who never returned home. With grateful hearts, we thank all veterans and those currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces for their service, dedication, and sacrifice.



ACADEMIC UPDATES

FIRST QUARTER REPORT CARDS SENT TO FAMILIES

The digital report cards for Q1 were sent last Friday via the School Messenger Communicate program. Please check your email inbox or SPAM folder if you have not seen it. If for some reason, such as insurance discounts etc., you need an official printed report card, please contact Raymond Schlosser at **SchlosserR@ndapandas.org** and he will be happy to supply one. The report card is a PDF document linked in the email. Some sort of PDF reader application is needed to open the file. The report is password protected with the student's NDA student number. To open the report card, select the "click here" link at the bottom of the email to unlock and download the report card. When you do, a password screen will appear with a box where you need to enter the corresponding seven digit student number. Following that, you should see another screen confirming the report card has been sent successfully to your email downloads location. There is a help document on the NDA Resources > PowerSchool web page: **Report Card Grade Categories Defined** that explains each grade that appears on the report cards. Please contact Raymond Schlosser if you have any questions or problems opening the report card.



PANDAS GIVING BACK

NDA'S ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE IS UNDERWAY!

Notre Dame Academy's annual Food Drive is underway, and our Pandas are once again coming together to make a difference in the lives of local families!

Organized by Student Council, this year's Food Drive runs November 9–20, with donations benefiting St. Vincent de Paul. Students are encouraged to bring canned goods, bottled water and individually wrapped food items to help stock the shelves for families in need.

Of course, a little friendly competition makes giving back even more fun! Throughout the drive, students can participate in special incentives, including gift card raffles, sweatpants days and opportunities to win tickets to school dances. Our NDA families will also compete for family points, an out-of-uniform day and other special prizes.

While the competitions bring plenty of Panda spirit, the real reward is knowing that our students are helping neighbors in need!

As we celebrate 120 years of Notre Dame Academy, this annual tradition is another wonderful example of our students living out the mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame through compassion, generosity and service.

Thank you to our Student Council for leading this important effort and to our entire Panda community for helping us make a difference in the world!

THE HISTORY BEHIND THE TRADITION

Some of Notre Dame Academy's most meaningful traditions begin with students who see a need and decide to do something about it. That is exactly how NDA's annual Food Drive began in 2010.

When a group of Student Council members learned that shelves at a local St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry were nearly empty, they decided to take action. They organized a schoolwide collection and invited Covington Catholic High School to participate in a friendly "Canned Food War."

The Pandas rose to the challenge, collecting an incredible 15,750 canned goods in that first year!

What began as a simple act of compassion has grown into a beloved NDA tradition. Over the years, Student Council has kept the spirit of giving alive through creative competitions, special incentives and partnerships with other local schools.

Since 2010, Notre Dame Academy has collected 166,625 canned goods and nonperishable items through its annual Food Drive. These donations have helped St. Vincent de Paul provide much-needed assistance to families throughout our community.

The impact goes far beyond the number of items collected. Each year, our students learn that service is not simply something we do at Notre Dame Academy - it is part of who we are called to be.

Sixteen years after that first Food Drive, our Pandas continue to show that a small act of kindness can grow into something extraordinary!



GET READY SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS AND SENIORS!

SILVER BELLS!

Get ready for a sparkling evening at Silver Bells! Join us on Friday, January 15, 2027, from 8–11 p.m. at the Newport Car Barn. Registration is now open and will close on Friday, December 18. Scan the QR code to register and reserve your spot!



ATTENTION SOPHOMORES

CLASS RING INFORMATION

It's time for our sophomores to start thinking about their class rings! Representatives from Herff Jones will visit NDA on Friday, November 13, during PPT to share information about class rings and distribute ordering packets.

Parents will have an opportunity to meet with Herff Jones representatives on Wednesday, November 18, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the school foyer to ask questions and learn more about ring options.

Herff Jones will return to NDA on Thursday, November 19, during lunch periods to collect class ring orders.

STAYING CONNECTED

SCHOOLMESSENGER ALERTS

NDA has used our SchoolMessenger emergency notification system twice this year to communicate important updates regarding water main issues that interrupted instruction. As winter weather approaches, we want to ensure all families receive these important notifications. **If you did not receive our previous alerts by phone, email, and text, please contact the school office so we can verify and update your contact information** before inclement weather arrives.



SAVE 30%

SCHOOLBELLES FALL SALE

It's a great time to stock up on NDA uniform essentials! Schoolbelles is celebrating fall with a special sale offering 30% off everything from November 12–16, 2026.

Whether your Panda needs a few new uniform pieces or you want to get a head start on shopping for the months ahead, this is a great opportunity to save!

Visit www.schoolbelles.com to shop the sale.





THE PARACHUTE PROJECT

PHYSICS TAKES THE PLUNGE

Things are falling in Room 311, on purpose. As part of our free-fall unit, Physics CP and Honors Physics students are designing and building their own parachutes. Before they started, the girls read a “Parachute Primer” on the history of the parachute, the parts of one (canopy, suspension lines, payload), modern canopy designs, and the idea of terminal velocity: the top speed a falling object reaches when air resistance stops it from speeding up any more.

Every student builds a parachute. Each team’s best performer counts as its official entry. The competition takes place on the theater catwalk, stage right of the Footloose set, where the girls drop their own creations. They measure each drop and use the data to compare how their parachutes did against plain free fall.

Physics CP uses the drop height to find how long the payload would take to fall with no parachute at all, then compares that with each parachute’s actual time in the air:

Honors Physics does the same comparison, then goes further. Once a parachute reaches terminal velocity, air resistance exactly balances its weight. The girls use that balance to find their canopy’s drag coefficient, a single number that describes how well a shape holds back against the air.

Engineering isn’t just about function, either. Select parachutes are also judged in a separate showcase contest, but even the prettiest entry has to meet the design limits and make a legal drop to win.



HANDS-ON SCIENCE

A CLAMMY DAY IN MARINE BIOLOGY

Our Marine Biology students got an up-close look at the internal anatomy of a mollusk as they dissected clams in class! From identifying organs to exploring how these creatures function, students enjoyed some hands-on learning. The experience was certainly shell-tacular — even if the smell was a little less than appealing!

SCHOOL PICTURE SAVINGS

SPECIAL LIFETOUCH DISCOUNTS FOR NDA FAMILIES

Lifetouch is offering special savings on school photography purchases through November 30, 2026!

50% off purchases of $50 or more with code GREAT50

40% off purchases of $40 or more with code GREAT40

30% off purchases of $30 or more with code GREAT30

Visit **mylifetouch.com** to order your school pictures and take advantage of these limited-time savings. Families can also order a FREE Digital SmileSafe card!

SHOW YOUR NDA SPIRIT

SHOP THE BAMBOOTIQUE

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

Shop at the Bambootique in person or online **HERE**.



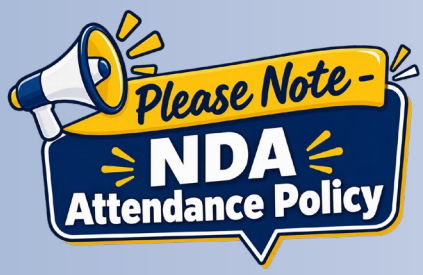
DELICIOUS NEWS

CAFETERIA INFORMATION

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

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

CLICK HERE FOR ALL NDA CAFETERIA INFORMATION



REPORTING ABSENCES

ATTENDANCE POLICY

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

FINE ARTS NEWS







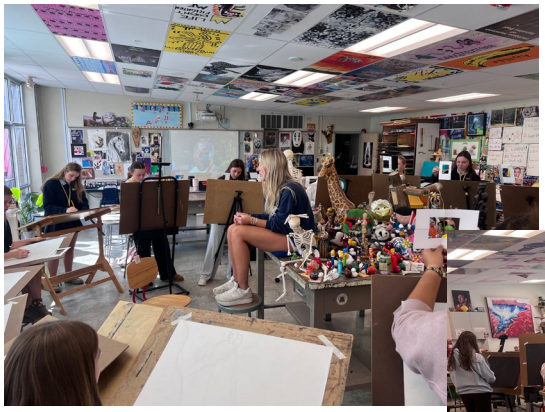


ART 1

STUDENTS BRING STILL LIFE DRAWINGS TO LIFE

Students in Art 1 have been putting their observation skills to the test through a multi-week still life drawing project. Working from a carefully arranged still life in the classroom, students use handmade paper viewfinders to select and frame a specific area of the display. Returning to the same viewing position throughout the project, they carefully study the objects, shapes, and relationships within their chosen composition. Beginning with gestural sketches, students gradually develop their drawings using contour lines, capturing the details and forms of the objects through careful observation.

Once their drawings are complete, students transform their compositions using colored pencils, filling the outlined objects with vibrant colors, patterns, images, and textures. While colored pencil may seem like a simple medium, achieving rich colors and detailed surfaces requires patience, persistence, and a great deal of attention. This project is about more than just drawing what they see; it challenges students to slow down, manage their time, and appreciate the value of a thoughtful, methodical creative process. The finished artworks showcase each student's individual creativity while demonstrating the power of observation and dedication in creating meaningful works of art.





ART 2

STUDENTS BRING SKELETON STUDIES TO LIFE



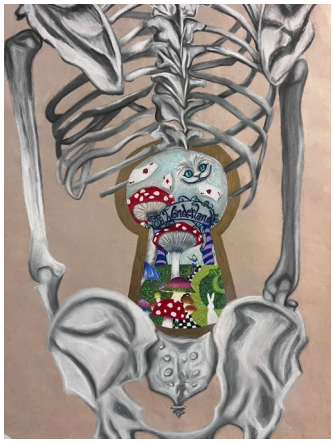
Art 2 students have been exploring composition, observation, and value through a challenging skeleton still life drawing project. Beginning with a carefully arranged skeleton display, students study the subject and create several thumbnail sketches to plan dynamic and interesting compositions on black paper. They consider the placement, scale, and movement of the skeleton while also selecting an additional object to incorporate into their artwork. This personal object adds a layer of storytelling and meaning, allowing students to create a composition that goes beyond simply recreating what they see. Using printed photographic references, students work to capture accurate anatomy, proportions, and realistic details rather than relying on memory or imagination alone.



Working on black paper with drawing materials, students build dimension and realism by carefully developing highlights, shadows, and midtones while allowing the natural black of the paper to serve as their darkest values. Through layering, blending, and thoughtful attention to detail, they bring both the skeleton and their chosen objects to life. This project challenges students to think critically about how composition, contrast, and value work together to create a visually engaging piece of artwork. The finished drawings demonstrate each student's ability to combine technical drawing skills with personal creativity and storytelling.















ART 3

EXPLORING FAITH THROUGH ART

Art 3 students are embarking on a deeply personal and expressive art project centered around the question: What does religion or your relationship with God mean to you? This project encourages students to reflect on their individual beliefs, experiences, questions, and connections to faith while translating those ideas into a visual work of art. Through brainstorming and preliminary sketches, students explore the use of symbolism, meaningful imagery, and collage elements to communicate their personal perspectives. They are challenged to think beyond traditional representations of religion and consider how setting, objects, materials, and visual elements can help tell their individual stories. With the freedom to choose their subject matter and artistic direction, each student will develop a concept that is unique to their own interpretation and experience.



Students will also take ownership of the entire creative process by designing and preparing a custom-sized canvas and frame to best complement their ideas. After applying a layer of gesso, students will establish an undertone color across the canvas, creating a foundation for their artwork while eliminating the stark white surface. From there, they will build their compositions using any combination of artistic mediums and techniques that best communicate their vision. This project emphasizes personal expression, creative problem-solving, symbolism, and thoughtful material choices. Ultimately, each finished piece will offer a glimpse into the individual perspectives of our Art 3 students, demonstrating how art can serve as a powerful way to explore, question, and communicate deeply personal ideas.





ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

PANDA ATHLETICS UPDATE

Cross Country
Our Cross Country Pandas will celebrate an incredible season at their team banquet this Thursday, November 12! Congratulations again to the entire team on a fantastic year!

Soccer
Soccer will celebrate the season and recognize this year's accomplishments at their Year-End Awards on Wednesday, November 11! Congratulations on another great season!

Volleyball - WHAT AN INCREDIBLE SEASON FOR AN INCREDIBLE TEAM!

Thank you for all your hard work, dedication, and resilience throughout the season. Our Pandas finished as STATE FINALISTS and STATE RUNNER-UP!

Did you know that Notre Dame Academy has now appeared in 8 of the last 9 State Championship games? That's nearly a decade of excellence and establishing ourselves as one of the top volleyball programs in the state!

Congratulations on an unforgettable season!

Archery
Archery practices are officially underway as the team prepares to kick off its season on December 4 right here at Notre Dame Academy. We are excited to see what this team accomplishes this year. Good luck, Pandas!

Basketball
Basketball is getting ready for the season! The Pandas have their first scrimmage this Saturday at Ryle as part of the Ohio vs. Kentucky games. Good luck as you get ready for another exciting season!

Bowling
Our Bowling Pandas started their season with a BANG, picking up a victory in their first match against Cooper last Thursday!

Up next: Thursday vs. Conner at 3:45 PM at Walt's Center Lanes

Keep up the great work, Pandas!

Swimming & Diving
Our AquaPandas have made quite a splash to start the season!

After opening the season with a team victory, the swimmers competed in the Simon Kenton Sprint Relays this past Saturday and put together some outstanding results:

- 17 individual Top 8 finishes
- 2 relay team victories
- 38 best times
- 19 best relay splits

What a fantastic start to the season! Up next, the team heads to the Flying Turkey Relay Meet this Saturday at the Keating Natatorium at St. Xavier High School.

Congratulations, AquaPandas! Keep making waves!

IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE A PANDA!
Congratulations to our fall teams, good luck to our winter sports, and thank you to everyone who supports NDA Athletics!

STUDENT SERVICES



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FRESHMEN SEMI-FORMAL

Notre Dame Academy, in collaboration with Covington Catholic, will be hosting the Freshmen Semi-Formal on December 5, 2026, from 8:00-10:30 at Notre Dame Academy. Both NDA and CCH students may register to attend and they may bring one guest if they choose. Guests must be freshmen but they may be from another school. Students must arrive by 8:30 and may not leave until 10:15 unless a note is provided to the students' school office by Thursday, December 3. The cost is $15.00 per person to attend. Questions about the dance can be directed to School Counselor Erin Maggard at **maggarde@ndapandas.org**.

Use the **link found here** to register for the dance.

Reminder: attire must be suitable and follow handbook guidelines - "It is expected that students dress in a way that is acceptable for young women attending a Catholic high school. This includes appropriate dress or skirt length and coverage of the stomach, back, and chest areas." Questions about attire can be directed to Assistant Principal Stacey Turner at **turners@ndapandas.org**.

COLLEGE REP VISITS

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

NDA COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE

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

Important Dates

November 9-20	Canned Food Drive
November 14	Light the Night for NDA
November 17	Fall Sports Signing - Auditorium
	HSPT Pep Workshop 6:00-8:00 p.m.
November 18	Green Dot Bystander Training
November 18-20	Senior Retreat #2
November 19	Alumnae Rosary
	Alumnae Dinner Theatre
November 19-22	Footloose!
November 20	Mid-Quarter
November 23	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
November 25-27	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 2	Choral Concert at Triple Crown CC
December 4	In-school Christmas Concert
December 5	HSPT Prep Workshop 8:30-11:00 a.m.
December 6	Band Christmas Concert 4:30-5:30 p.m.
December 8	No School - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 10	Quilt Show and Christmas Choral Concert 5-9 p.m.
December 11	Advent Mass
	Cookies with Santa
December 12	High School Placement Test (HSPT)
December 16-18	Exams
December 18	End of Second Quarter
Dec. 21 - Jan. 3	Christmas Break
January 4	Classes Resume

COMMUNITY NEWS



SHARING OUR

Community News

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

- CCH Tech Recycling
- Sister Soldier
- The Point Car Raffle
- St. Timothy Parish Religious Ed Opportunity
- Support Group for Separated and Divorced