

Dear Panda Families,

What a wonderful evening we shared at Light the Night for NDA this past Saturday! It was inspiring to see so many members of our NDA community come together in support of our students and our mission. A special thank you to our amazing event chairs, Laura Mauller, Jenn Fariello and Tracie Stacy, whose hard work and dedication helped make the evening such a success. We are also grateful to our sponsors, donors, volunteers and everyone who supported this special event.

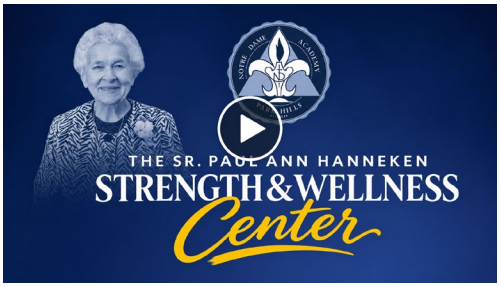
One of the highlights of the evening was the announcement of our **Raise Your Panda Paw initiative to create the Sister Paul Ann Hanneken Strength & Wellness Center.** There has been a great deal of excitement surrounding this project, and I hope many of you have already heard about it! We are thrilled to share this vision with our entire NDA community.

As we celebrate NDA's 120th anniversary, we have a wonderful opportunity to honor Sister Paul Ann's legacy while making an important investment in the health and wellness of our students. This project will transform our current weight room into a modern strength and wellness center that will benefit all of our girls, not just our student-athletes. It is an exciting opportunity to provide our young women with a space where they can build strength, develop healthy habits and grow in confidence.

The response at Light the Night for NDA was tremendous, and we are so grateful to the Hanneken family and everyone who has already supported this effort. We still have funds to raise to make this vision a reality, and I want to make sure every NDA family has the opportunity to be part of it.

I encourage you to watch the short video to the right to learn more about this exciting project and the impact it will have on our students.

If you feel inspired to support this initiative, please consider making a gift. Every contribution, regardless of size, brings us one step closer to creating this special space for our Pandas.



SUPPORT THE SISTER PAUL ANN HANNEKEN STRENGTH & WELLNESS CENTER HERE

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, I want to express my gratitude for each of you and for the many ways you support our NDA community. We are truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful school family. Please note that there will be no Panda Press Weekly next week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. On behalf of all of us at Notre Dame Academy, I wish you and your families a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving!

Walk in Faith,

Mrs. Lisa Timmerding

Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding '97

Thank you!

Walk in Faith!

CAMPUS MINISTRY



FAITH & PRAYER

UPCOMING MASSES AND THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE

We will celebrate Mass in our chapel at 7:25 a.m. on Friday, November 20 and on Tuesday, November 24. All are welcome to join us.

We will gather as a school community for our annual Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Monday, November 23. This is a great way for us to reflect on the many blessings in our lives as we begin our Thanksgiving celebrations.



OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

NEW RELICS ON DISPLAY IN OUR CHAPEL

Thanks to the generosity of the Class of 1986 - we have more than doubled the amount of relics that we have out in our case in the chapel. These relics were gifted to the school from the Sisters of Notre Dame and have been in the sacristy for several years since we did not have a proper way to respectfully display them. The Relic case is located in the front right corner of the chapel as you face the altar. You can find relics of **these Saints** in that case. Feel free to stop in the chapel to check it out and offer up a prayer for their intercession while you are there. If you want to find out more about relics - **this website** does a good job of explaining what the Catholic Church believes.



SENIOR FAITH FORMATION

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SENIORS ON RETREAT

Please pray for our second group of seniors who are making their retreat this week. We pray that they will be open to God's word and His call to live out holiness in their daily lives.

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PREPARING FOR ADVENT

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

All Religion classes will have the opportunity to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the first 2 weeks in December. This is an important step in preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Student Life



FAITH FORMATION & SERVICE

HELP US CREATE A NEW FAITH-FILLED ADVENTURE FOR OUR PANDAS!

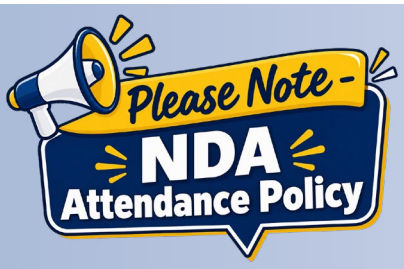
NDA is excited to begin planning our first-ever 5–7-day faith-based immersion experience for rising juniors! We envision a unique opportunity that combines faith, service, adventure, reflection, and sisterhood, with hopes of partnering with the St. Clare Foundation in Morehead, Kentucky.

Through outdoor adventures, appreciation of the beauty of God's creation, meaningful service opportunities, and shared experiences, we hope to help our young women step outside their comfort zones, deepen their faith, discover their strengths, and build lasting connections with their NDA sisters. Above all, we want this experience to strengthen their sense of identity, foster a deeper culture of belonging, and inspire them to live their faith with purpose.

We need your help to bring this vision to life! We are in the early stages of planning and are looking for parents, faculty, staff, and community members who would be interested in joining our planning team.

If you feel called to help shape this exciting new opportunity for our students, please contact Betsy Weber at **bweber@dbllaw.com**.

Together, we can create an unforgettable experience that encourages our young women to learn, lead, and serve with purpose!



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.



NDA 120TH ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATE NDA'S 120TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A SPECIAL ORNAMENT!

One of the special offerings at this year's Light the Night for NDA was a beautiful, custom-designed glass ornament commemorating NDA's 120th anniversary, paired with an out-of-uniform pass for exam week. We are excited to make this opportunity available to all NDA students and families!

For just $30, your daughter will receive an out-of-uniform pass for the entire exam week AND a commemorative 120th anniversary ornament created right here at NDA!

Order your commemorative ornament and get your out-of-uniform pass HERE!

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!



PANDAS GIVING BACK

LAST CALL FOR NDA'S ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE!

NDA's annual Food Drive is going strong, and our Pandas are doing a great job collecting donations to help local families in need!

Organized by Student Council, the drive benefits St. Vincent de Paul and wraps up this Friday, November 20! There is still time to make a difference, so we encourage all students to bring in those last-minute donations of canned goods, bottled water and individually wrapped food items.

The friendly competition between NDA families is heating up, with family points, special prizes and an out-of-uniform day on the line!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far and to our Student Council for leading this important effort. Let's finish strong, Pandas, and fill those shelves for families in need!



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

HOLIDAY SPIRIT SHOP HOURS

Need to do a little Panda shopping during the holidays? Stop by the Bambootique!

Monday – Friday
7:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Saturdays, December 5, 12 and 19 | 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you! Happy Holiday Shopping!











FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

FBLA PANDAS LEARN FROM LOCAL ENTREPRENEUR AND WELCOME 35 NEW MEMBERS!

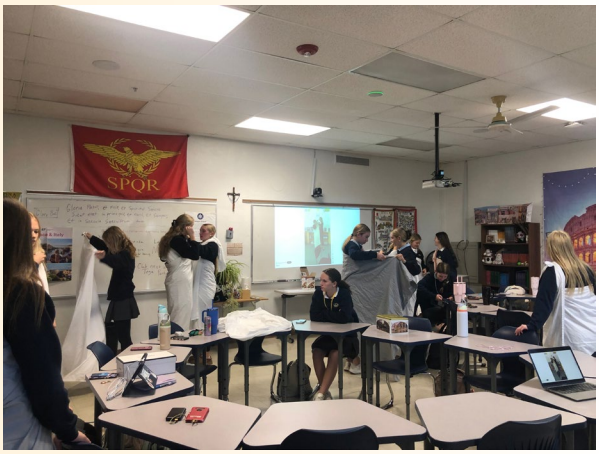
What a busy week for our FBLA Pandas! They started the week with a meeting with the founder and CEO of Better Blend, Isaac Hamlin. The club learned about starting businesses and keeping connections in the business world. We also have some new FBLA inductees! The ceremony took place last Tuesday, celebrating 35 new members. President Lizzy Fite and Vice President Claire Gearing led the ceremony, by reciting the official FBLA pledge and stating the Pledge of Allegiance. The new inductees are:

Gianna Alexander
Taylor Brown
Alexa Cruse
Addison Edmondson
Olivia Eibel
Gabby Ertl
Kate Espel
Sophia Farro
Emily Fite
Claire Gearing
Addyson Hamby
Emma Haney
Elsie Hanks
Dara Jackson
Mylah Jasper
Lauren Keily
Makayla Kleman
Lorna Knarr
Audrey Li
Charli McKinley
Harper McKinley
Stella McKinley
Jenna Molique
Lorelai Moorehead
Gwen Owens
Lauren Pence
Ellie Price
Caroline Reid
Kate Robke
Makayla Roose
Sammi Schmitz
Audra Schneider
Kennedy Scott
Brooke Sweeney
Juliana Wehner

Congratulations to all of our new FBLA Pandas! Thank you to Mrs. Timmerding for coming to officiate the ceremony, Mr. Glenn for taking some great pictures, and Mr. Lonneman for advising the club!





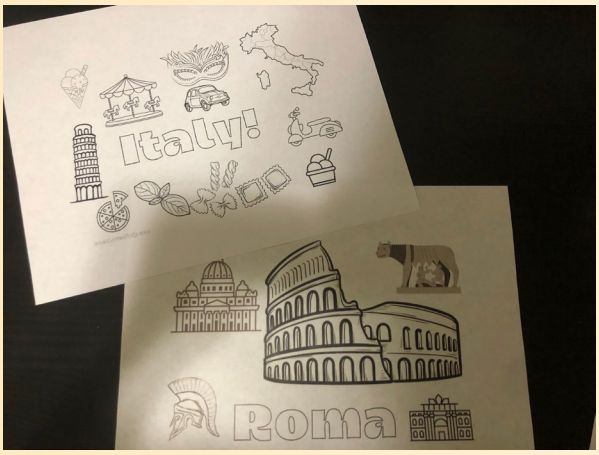




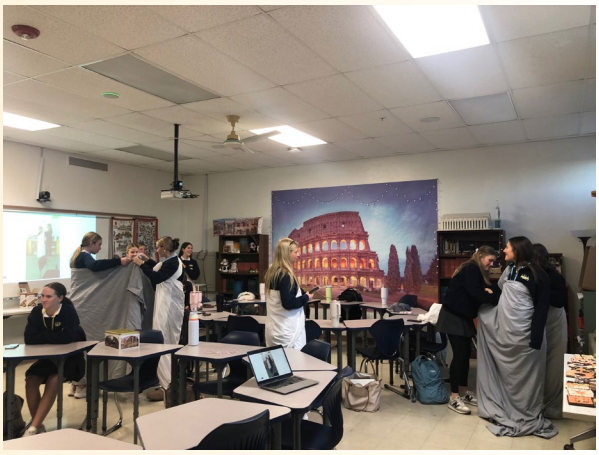
LATIN CLUB FUN

TOGA PARTIES BRING A TASTE OF ANCIENT ROME TO NDA!

Last Tuesday and Thursday mornings, the Latin club had a 'toga party'. Students were encouraged to bring in bed sheets and many tried their hand at wrapping togas. They also sampled different Italian breakfast pastries and colored in Italy- and Roman-themed coloring pages. All in all, a nice Italian/Roman way to start the school day.









DELICIOUS NEWS

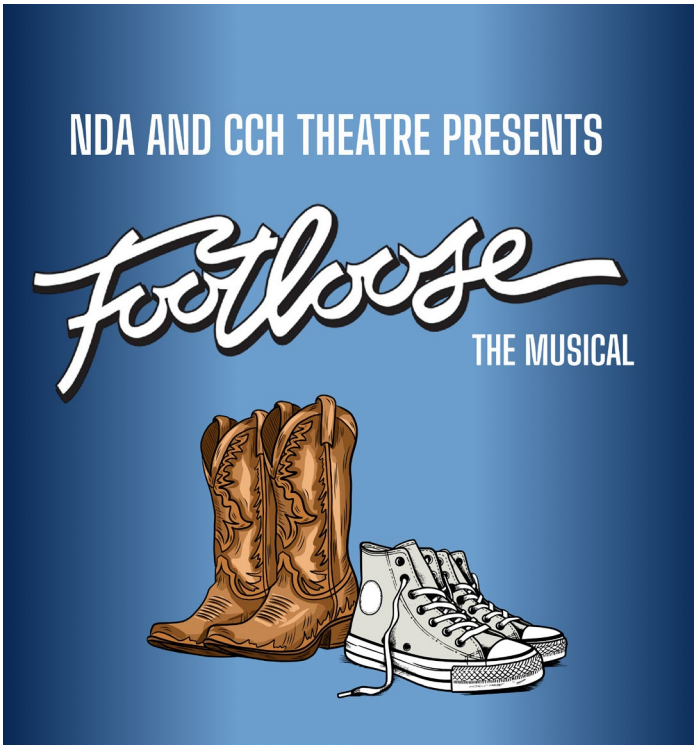
CAFETERIA INFORMATION

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

FINE ARTS NEWS



NDA & CCH THEATRE

LET'S CUT LOOSE! FOOTLOOSE TAKES THE STAGE THIS WEEKEND!

Get ready to kick off your Sunday shoes! Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic High School theatre students have been hard at work bringing Footloose, the high-energy stage adaptation of the beloved 1984 film, to life!

Join us this weekend for an exciting production filled with music, dancing and plenty of fun as our talented students bring the story of Bomont to the stage!

Showtimes:

Friday, November 20 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 21 at 7 p.m.

Sunday, November 22 at 2 p.m.

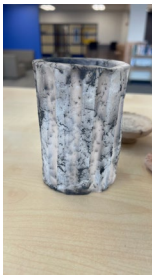
Don't miss your chance to support our talented student performers and enjoy a fantastic show!

Get your tickets HERE!













CERAMICS

CERAMICS STUDENTS EXPLORE THE ART OF FIRE AND CLAY

In this ceramics project, students explored both traditional and alternative ceramic techniques by creating a Raku mask and a horsehair-fired ceramic container. Students learned the step-by-step processes involved in designing and constructing their pieces using hand-building techniques, developing their understanding of form, structure, and craftsmanship. Once completed, the masks were glazed with special Raku glazes and fired in a metal container at approximately 1,850 degrees, where the unique firing process created dramatic surface effects and unpredictable patterns. For the horsehair-fired containers, students applied horsehair directly to the hot ceramic surface at the same temperature, allowing the hair to burn onto the clay and create distinctive, organic markings. Through these experiences, students explored the exciting relationship between fire, glaze, and surface decoration while learning how to embrace the unexpected results of alternative firing methods. Students are also beginning to develop foundational skills on the ceramic wheel, learning the basics of centering, opening, and shaping clay through wheel-throwing techniques.













CERAMICS FIELD TRIP

CERAMICS STUDENTS DISCOVER CINCINNATI'S RICH POTTERY HERITAGE.

During our ceramics field trip, students had the opportunity to explore the history, craftsmanship, and contemporary practices of ceramics throughout the Cincinnati area. We began at the Cincinnati Art Museum, where we toured the Cincinnati Wing and explored its Rookwood collection, learning about the history of local pottery and viewing important examples of ceramic work from our region. Next, we visited Queen City Clay, where students explored the clay and supply shop, picked up new glazes for upcoming projects, and toured the studios of local ceramic artists for inspiration and insight into professional ceramic practices. Our final stop was Rookwood Pottery, where students received an inside look at the production process, including the use of clay presses, slip molds, and handbuilding techniques. We also explored their glazing processes, quality control standards, and finished products. This field trip provided students with a valuable opportunity to connect what they are learning in the classroom to the rich history and thriving contemporary ceramics community in Cincinnati, while gaining inspiration and a deeper









ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

PANDA ATHLETICS UPDATE

Archery

Archery is busy taking care of all the housekeeping items as the team gets its season underway! Practices have started, and the Pandas are preparing for their first tournament on December 4–5 right here at NDA! Come out and cheer on our Archery Pandas as they take aim and compete!

Basketball

JV and Varsity had their first scrimmage this past Saturday at the Ohio vs. Kentucky event held at Ryle High School. It was a great opportunity for the teams to compete against other area schools and identify areas to continue improving. Their first game is December 1 against Newport Central Catholic at NDA! Come out and support our Pandas. Go NDA!

Bowling

The second week of competition was just as exciting as the first! The Pandas picked up another win against Conner and are now 2-0 on the season! Adding to the excitement, Alyssa Bechtol broke her own two-game record of 466 with a new record of 469! Congratulations, Alyssa! The team is back in action Thursday against Dixie Heights at Erlanger Strikes and Spares. Keep up the great work, Pandas!

Swimming & Diving

Congratulations to our Swim & Dive team on winning the Flying Turkey Relay Meet this past Saturday! The Pandas competed in their second meet of the season, taking part in a fun relay-style event featuring races in formats they do not normally compete in.

Next up is the team's annual trip to Chattanooga for the McCallie Invitational! The weekend will include plenty of competition in the pool and on the diving boards, team bonding, and even team Mass along the way. Best of luck this weekend, Pandas!

Fall Athletic Signing Day

We celebrated seven incredible student-athletes this past Tuesday as they officially signed their college commitments! We are so proud of these athletes and excited to see what the next chapter holds for each of them.

Congratulations to: Savannah Bien – Diving, United States Military Academy at West Point

Abby Carnes – Swimming, University of Tampa

Makayla Kleman – Swimming, Bellarmine University

Julia Stegman – Soccer, Lenoir-Rhyne University

Megan Johns – Soccer, Youngstown State University

Ellie Osterkamp – Volleyball, Transylvania University

Teagan Kondik – Volleyball, University of Cincinnati



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 p.m. 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**.

Drug Free Clubs OF AMERICA

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.

Advancing the Mission







THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!























Important Dates

November 18-20	Senior Retreat #2
November 19	Alumnae Rosary
	Alumnae Dinner Theatre
November 20-22	Footloose!
November 20	Mid-Quarter
November 23	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
November 25-27	No School - Thanksgiving Break
November 30	FBLA Toy Collection
December 1	Reconciliation - 3rd through 6th
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 7-11	Catholic School Inclusion Week
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