

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

If you are a freshman and would like to serve as a Student Council Homeroom Representative, you must submit your application for office by Thursday, October 9. Late applications will not be accepted! Elections are scheduled for Friday, October 24.

Next Thursday, October 9 is the annual Playing for a Purpose volleyball game at Thomas More College. Get excited for some great volleyball and the opportunity to support breast cancer awareness. On this day, all NDA students will be encouraged to wear pink socks and their Playing for a Purpose t-shirt with the uniform skirt.

The PSAT will be administered to all sophomores and juniors on Wednesday, October 15. Students will report at 9 a.m. on that day, as they normally would on a Wednesday.

THE FRUIT SALE GOES ONLINE! ◀

NDA's annual Fruit Sale will kick off this Friday, October 3rd, and there are some exciting new changes. This year, fruit can be ordered online and paid for with a credit card! Your daughters will receive more information about the process this Friday and you can watch the website for more information about this great addition to our fruit sale!

Thanks,
Janice Schmidt
Ext. (859) 292-1831



GO GOLF PANDAS! ◀

In the past two weekends the Varsity Golf team has taken both the Conference and Regional titles and will look for a strong finish. Good luck the rest of the way Golf Pandas!



Thank You
To all of our Sponsors and Panda Paw Participants!
See the list of our extravavaPANDAz supporters [HERE](#).

YOU'RE INVITED ◀

You should have recently received your extravavaPANDAz invitation in the mail. Please plan on attending this wonderful NDA event on November 1! If you have not received an invitation, please contact NDA's Advancement Office at 859.292.1850.

Making A Difference In The World

NDA STUDENTS SERVE OTHERS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ◀

This summer three NDA students traveled to the Dominican Republic through the Interact and Rotary Clubs. Rikki Buchberger, Haley Appelmann and Kelly Schmahl had the opportunity to put their Catholic faith and NDA education into action.



This summer I got the wonderful opportunity to travel to the Dominican Republic through the Interact Club of Boone County. I made my best friend Haley Appelmann sign up with me, and when we walked in the first meeting, imagine our surprise when we saw our classmate Kelly there! Well this trip cost \$1000 dollars. Not unreasonable by any means, but the people in charge of the trip wanted kids to raise the money themselves. Well I had a lemonade sale for two days holding a huge sign that said 'Help me Help Others!' I raised around \$600 and sold maybe 3 cups of lemonade? The country itself was beautiful, colors and movement everywhere! But it was also a place of poverty as well. We visited an orphanage while there, where the children inside were extremely disfigured and severely challenged, most of them confined to beds and completely mute. We found out that the orphanage was run by the government, and so they only had power for 12 hours a day. That means the nurses had to choose whether to keep the air conditioning on during the day or during the night, in the Dominican summer heat. We also



went to a preschool, where I was able to teach the kids to play croc-a-dilly-o-mine using my very very very limited Spanish. That was a lot of fun! The teacher told us she wanted to raise enough money for the preschool to give the kids lunch since a lot of them only got the snacks the school provided as their food for the whole day.

That trip gave me a lot more than I gave it, and I can't wait to go back!

Rikki Buchberger



The service trip to the Dominican Republic started many months before myself, two other NDA students, and the strangers that would soon become friends stepped off of the bus in Boca Chica. The first time we heard about it was on a day after school during an Interact meeting - we walked into a room filled with Rotarian representatives talking of service trips in faraway countries when I had never stepped foot out of the United States. Rikki and I soon contact the community Interact group that was planning the trip under Barbara Rhan, and while waiting for June to come began to get ourselves involved in other Interact groups and science projects. Finally, it came time to raise money, and we all shared creative ideas to purchase plane tickets. We were hosted by a generous sports camp once the plane finally landed after months of meeting and planning and the first night was spend going into town. Throughout the trip, we traveled to the village to visit a preschool, painted houses, visited a remote orphanage, served food, met amazing people, and many other humbling experiences. The trip was short because of airline complications, but in the future I know that all three of us would readily attend a longer, and more extensive trip after having even more of a desire to serve kindled in us after just five short days in the Dominican Republic.

Haley Appleman



SHOE & PURSE/BAG DRIVE ◀

Shoe & purse/bag Drive will be held from Oct. 1-10 at NDA. Any and all shoes of any condition (or just one missing its mate) are accepted. Purses and bags are accepted as well (no wheels or metal parts to the bags). These items will be shipped to a company in St. Louis that will buy the items (based on weight) and then reuse the items for projects if they are no longer usable as shoes/bags. The money made from this sale will go to the Ugandan Water Project sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame. Questions?? - email Mrs. Price at priceb@ndapandas.org.

PANDAS SHOW SUPPORT! ◀

A few weeks ago, NDA senior Shannon Wilson asked her fellow Pandas to join her in showing their support for the UC Walk Ahead for Brain Tumor Cure 5k on October 26. The response from the NDA community has been nothing short of amazing! Shannon's team of Shannanagins now totals 228 walkers and together they have raised \$7,895! Way to show your support and celebrate sisterhood Pandas!



PANDAS ATTEND LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP ◀

Mayerson Student Service Leadership Workshop: On Wednesday, Sept 17, 5 students and 2 faculty members participated in this workshop held at the University of Cincinnati. Participants had the opportunity to learn about service options that can be brought back and adapted for their school as well as to learn a little more about leadership skills needed in the area of service. Over 700 participants from the Greater Cincinnati/Dayton and Northern Kentucky Schools gathered and shared in this day. Cassidy Ryan, a senior at NDA, was one of the presenters for the UGIVE organization, a project she heard about while attending the workshop last year. Participants in the day from NDA: Sophomores, Teaghan Brauer, Paige Montfort and Lauren Reinersman, Junior - Emily Walter, Senior - Cassidy Ryan and Faculty - Dr. Theresa Snodgrass and Mrs. Bridget Price.



DO YOU WANT TO MAKE AN IMPACT? ◀

- Would You Like to Encounter People from All Over the World?
 - Would You Like to Have Opportunities for Travel?
 - Would You Like to Volunteer in Your Community?
 - Would You Like to Network with Area Community and Business Leaders as well as Service-Minded College Students?
- Interact Might be the Club for You!

When you INTERACT you make an IMPACT!

Past Impacts:

Interact members have volunteered in the Dominican Republic, at the Homeless to Hopeful event, at the Hunger Walk, at the Heights, for Scarf It Up, for the Uganda Shoe Drive, making sandwiches for Welcome House, and for the Chicks and Chucks Tennis Tournament.

Interact Connections: Skyping with Interact members in Tavistock, Devon England, Traveling to the Dominican Republic, Working with Interact and Rotary Members in Northern KY, Working with the Rotaract Club of the University of Cincinnati, Emailing to a Peace Corps volunteer in Botswana, and Learning the Basic Greetings of Italian

Interact Donations: School Supplies to the NDUEC, a stereo for NDA's Campus Ministry, \$690 in Box Tops for Education, \$455 toward Polio Vaccines, \$150 to the Clean Water Project at NDA Uganda over and above the Shoe Drive totals, \$15 to the Emergency Cold Shelter of Northern Kentucky, & \$141.10 Tuition Assistance to NDA

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



PSAT Testing for sophomores and juniors:

The sophomores and juniors will be taking the PSAT on Wednesday, October 15. This will be in practice for the SAT. All students will still arrive that day at the late start time of 9 a.m. The Counselors will review the results of the test on January 21 at the parent meeting we will hold to discuss the Plan, PSAT and scheduling information. Click here for more info:

<https://www.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt>

Mt. Saint Joseph University will be hosting an informational program for the college planning process for students that have a diagnosed learning disability or ADHD. This will be held on Tuesday, October 28 from 7-9 p.m. in the Seton Center. Visit the website for more info: www.msj.edu/excel

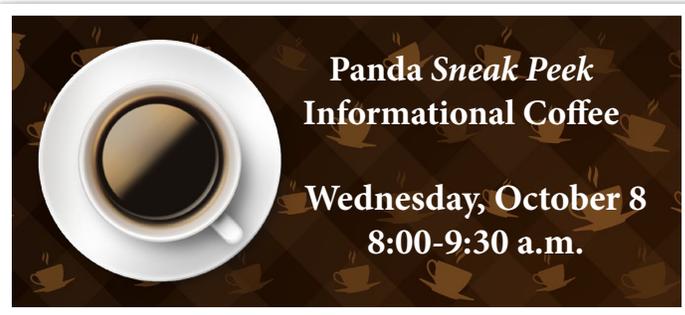
Mini Medical College:

UC is hosting the Mini Medical College the 1st four Wednesdays of October. This is a program where UC faculty conduct a series of lectures about medical school and various topics associated with it. Register students at <http://www.uc.edu/ce/minimed.html>



Governor's School for the Arts

The KY Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) Summer Program Application and ArtShop registration will become available through their website on Wednesday October 1st. The November ArtShops usually fill up quickly! Visit their website to learn more: <http://www.kentuckygsa.org>



DO YOU KNOW ANY PROSPECTIVE NDA PARENTS? ◀

Pass on the word... future Panda parents are invited for a "sneak peek" at NDA: Who we are, what we value, and how we will prepare your daughter to make a difference in the world. Interested parents can RSVP to Katie Caccavari, Director of Admissions, at caccavarik@ndapandas.org if you plan to attend this session.



2014-15 College Rep Visits at NDA

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch mods (M/T/Th/F 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Wednesdays 11:12 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) Parents are welcome to come in to speak with the college reps. Below is a list of upcoming visits.

October

- 1 University of Kentucky
- 2 Western Kentucky University
- 2 University of Cincinnati
- 3 Marian University
- 6 Miami University Oxford
- 6 Transylvania University
- 8 Mount St. Joseph University
- 14 University of Alabama

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Thomas More College

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Good Samaritan College

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Otterbein University

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St. Louis University

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University of Dayton

November

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Dennison University

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Brescia University

CALLING ALL TRAVELERS! ◀

If you are planning to join us for our Italy trip June 6-14, 2015, registration forms, including a valid passport and the \$500 deposit are due on Thursday, October 30. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wagner at wagnerk@ndapandas.org.



▶ Important dates:

October 3	Fruit Sale Kick Off
October 8	Panda Sneak Peek Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents
October 9	8th Grade Shadow Day - St. Joseph School, Crescent Springs Playing for a Purpose Volleyball Game
October 10	No School
October 13	8th Grade Shadow Day - Non-District Schools
October 14	7:00 p.m. PTO Meeting
October 15	Freshman Retreat Sophomore and Junior - PSAT Testing Seniors - Mosque Trip
October 16	8th Grade Shadow Day - Blessed Sacrament School
October 17	First Quarter Ends
October 21	8th Grade Shadow Day - St. Agnes and Prince of Peace
October 23	8th Grade Shadow Day - St. Pius X
October 24-26	Fall Play - <i>Almost, Maine</i>
October 27	Red Ribbon Week Begins
October 29	Christmas Play Auditions Begin
November 1	extravaPANDAz
November 9	NDA Fall Open House

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Check out the Community News section of NDA's website for news about...

Help Wash Away Huntington's Disease Car Wash!
Live a Life of No Regrets with Robert Rogers
Smiles & Miles 5K in honor of Maria Schaffstein
Pure Fashion
Streetsmartz

For a complete list of community news [CLICK HERE](#).

