



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

We are finally in the homestretch of summer! I hope you daughters are as anxious to begin the new school year as I am. While it has been an interesting and very busy summer with all of the capital campaign renovations, we all miss the energy and enthusiasm the students bring to our campus. We are working hard to get things ready for their return. I would like to thank those of you who have signed up to help get our classrooms ready for the students. There are plenty of volunteer spots left if you have some free time and could lend a helping hand. You can find that sign-up link below.

There is a tremendous amount of important information for parents in this issue of the Panda Press Weekly. Please take the time to read through all of the items below. Most importantly, the **Parent Information Meetings** are scheduled. These meetings will be held on **Tuesday, August 28** (Freshmen and Sophomores) and **Wednesday, August 29** (Juniors and Seniors). The meetings will begin at **6:30 p.m.** in the NDA Theatre and last approximately one hour. The meeting agenda will include information on academics, student life, campus ministry, counseling, instructional technology, our Panda Parent Club and student schedules will be handed out. Grade level specific information will be included each night. **It is very important that each family is represented at these meetings.**

Please note that on both back to school parent meeting nights, we will have a reception with light appetizers starting at 5:30 p.m. Also at this time, Joseph Beth Booksellers will be selling the required English novels for the school year at discounted prices. You can see the required reading lists by class and teacher below.

The calendar for the 2018-19 school year can be found on our website [HERE](#). Also, please see the important list of dates regarding the beginning of school in the list below.

I look forward to seeing the smiles of our Pandas returning to NDA on September 4! Enjoy these last days of summer and thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR INCOMING AND RETURNING FAMILIES:

Freshman/Sophomore Parents - Tuesday, August 28, 6:30 p.m. in the theatre

Junior/Senior Parents - Wednesday, August 29, 6:30 p.m. in the theatre

* **Please note:** Joseph Beth Booksellers will be selling required English novels as early as 5:30 p.m. at the Back to School Nights. Check out the Course list included in this week's PPW below.

Pee Wee's Restaurant will begin serving light appetizers in Alumnae Hall at 5:30 p.m. on the Back to School Nights. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. in the Theatre where school personnel will share information about the upcoming school year including school wide communication, academic support and counseling, spiritual development and grade level information.

2018-19 CLASS SCHEDULES:

Fall class schedules will be available online on August 20.

2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR:

The calendar for the 2018-19 school year can be found at our website [HERE](#). Also, please see the important list of dates regarding the beginning of school in the list below.

FAMILY DIRECTORIES:

Each year we provide a directory of contact information for our families. This will be made available at the beginning of the school year. Please watch for an email regarding this directory and permission to publish your information.

REMINDERS FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN & TRANSFER STUDENTS

- All incoming freshmen need to turn in their **immunization forms** by Friday, August 31.
- **FRESHMAN ORIENTATION** is an important part of the transition process for students. This year's Freshman Orientation will be held on **Monday, August 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for incoming freshmen**. Lunch will be provided. The orientation program will include information about the daily schedule, course requirements, opportunities for co-curricular involvement and the use of the iPad. Your daughter will have the opportunity to meet current and new students and start to develop some important relationships. Students will meet in Alumnae Hall and need to bring their iPads to the Freshman Orientation. Students are not required to wear uniforms for orientation. Dress is casual.
- If you are the parent of an incoming freshman or a sophomore transferring to NDA, please plan to attend the **Parent Information Meeting** on **Tuesday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m.** in the theater. If you are the parent of a junior or senior transferring to NDA, please plan to attend the **Parent Information Meeting** on **Wednesday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m.** in the theater. At the parent meeting you will receive important information about the school year and how we will help your daughter in making the transition to NDA. Student schedules will be distributed at this meeting as well as information about accessing Power School (online grading and records) accounts.
- **NDA BRIDGE PROGRAM (For Incoming Freshmen)**
This program assists freshmen in gaining some Math, English and study skills before the start of the school year. It will be held at Notre Dame Academy from Monday, August 20 - Friday, August 24, 2018. It begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at noon. Cost is \$75.00. Checks made payable to NDA should be sent to the attention of Katie Caccavari at NDA, 1699 Hilton Drive, Park Hills, KY 41011. To register or for more information email: Mrs. Christine Monohan • NDA Academic Counselor • monohanc@ndapandas.org. The deadline to register for the Bridge Program is today, August 15.

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE

Dress Code

All students at Notre Dame Academy are required to wear a school uniform, which emphasizes a traditional dress code. This code is intended to: encourage cleanliness, neatness and pride in one's appearance; foster respect for the way in which one presents herself to others; create a semi-formal atmosphere needed for a disciplined learning environment; provide a uniform manner of dressing which minimizes social differences that may exist among students.



In addition to the required uniform pieces, visible body piercings (except the ear) visible tattoos and unnatural hair coloring are prohibited at school. Failure to comply with these expectations will result in disciplinary measures.

This year, students will be permitted to carry either purses or backpacks from class to class. While specific measurements will not be provided, the purse or backpack must be able to fit under the student's desk. If this cannot occur, the backpack or purse will not be permitted as this causes safety issues in the classroom. A student will be expected to store items in her locker if her purse or backpack cannot fit under the desk.

Parking Passes

Student parking passes will be sold prior to the start of the school year. Find the sales schedule below:

Seniors can purchase passes beginning Monday, August 27 at 2:00 p.m. The front office closes at 4:00 p.m. each day, and seniors leaving for retreat on this day should plan accordingly as **Juniors** can begin purchasing parking passes starting Wednesday, August 29 at 2:00 p.m. **Sophomores** are invited to purchase their parking passes starting Friday, August 31 any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Once the grade level purchasing window has opened, students in that grade can purchase at any time.

To purchase a parking pass, students must bring the completed form found [HERE](#) and \$25 cash or check made payable to Notre Dame Academy. If a student is unable to be on campus to make the purchase, only a family member will be permitted to do so in her absence. **Students can purchase a parking pass once they have acquired their intermediate (full) license.**



Beginning August 13

7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

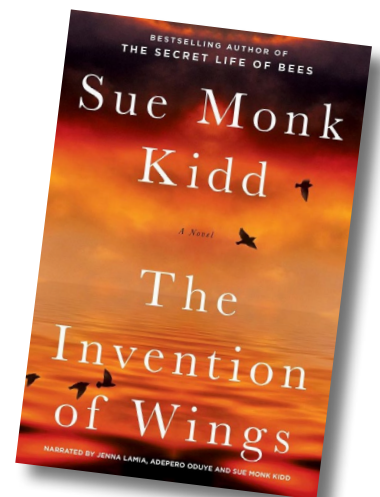
SUMMER READING ◀

Don't forget about your summer reading assignments!

Our Common Reader for the 2018-19 school year is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. The historical fiction novel is about two unforgettable American women who live with hope, a quest for freedom, and the desire to have a voice in the world. This year's Common Reader date is September 19.

You can find a 25% off coupon at Joseph Beth in Crestview Hills [HERE](#).

Other summer reading assignments can be found on our website [HERE](#).





REQUIRED READING LISTS ◀

Below are the required reading lists by class and teacher. Joseph Beth Booksellers will be selling the required English novels for the school year at discounted prices at the Back to School Parent Nights on August 28 and 29. **PLEASE NOTE:** Additional books may be added throughout the school year

Amanda Schultz

English 1 Honors

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
No Fear Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet
American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang
How to Read Literature Like a Professor for Kids by Thomas C. Foster

CP American Lit 10th AND 11th Grade

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
Awakening by Kate Chopin
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Gurrie Frisbee

English 1 CP

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
No Fear Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet
American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang

Brit Lit CP

Frankenstein by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
Wit by Margaret Edson
Grendel by John Gardner

AP Lang

Thank You for Arguing, Third Edition: What Aristotle, Lincoln, and Homer Simpson Can Teach Us About the Art of Persuasion by Jay Heinrichs
The Overachievers by Alexandra Robbins
Your Favorite Band is Killing Me by Steven Hyden
Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
We Should All Be Feminists by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Michael Byrd

AP English Lit

Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys
Wit by Margaret Edson
Emma by Jane Austen
Macbeth by William Shakespeare
Hamlet by William Shakespeare
Atonement by Ian McEwan

Creative Writing

TBA

Public Speaking

TBA

American Lit Honors

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
The Awakening by Kate Chopin
The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Michael Cerimele

English 1 Honors

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
No Fear Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
How to Read Literature Like a Professor for Kids by Thomas C. Foster

Brit Lit

Frankenstein by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
Wit by Margaret Edson

David Jackson

American Lit CP

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

American Lit Honors

The Scarlet Letter Nathaniel Hawthorne
Daisy Miller Henry James
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
Beloved Toni Morrison

Lauren Garrett

American Lit Honors

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

English 1 CP

To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Night by Elie Wiesel
No Fear Shakespeare Romeo and Juliet

Brit Lit Honors

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley (Signet Classic version)
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Lord of the Flies by William Golding
1984 by George Orwell

Elizabeth Barnes

English 1 CP

To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Night by Elie Wiesel
No Fear Shakespeare Romeo and Juliet



TAKE A SNEAK PEEK AT ALL OF THE CHANGES AT NDA! ◀

A great way to keep up on all that is happening with our renovations at NDA is to check out Sr. Mary Dolores Giblin's blog. As our archivist, Sr. Mary Dolores has been documenting our progress online and she's included some very interesting photos.

You can read all about our renovations on the NDA Heritage Blog [HERE](#).



WE NEED YOUR HELP ◀

As you know, the construction at NDA is in winding down as the school year approaches. There is a lot of dust and dirt that has accumulated over the summer needs to be cleaned up. Some of the classrooms and new areas are ready to be cleaned and reassembled. This is where we need your help.

We are holding cleaning sessions on:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. most days.

Please go to the following link to sign up. [Click HERE](#) to help.



If you are a NDA student this will count towards service hours. If you are a Sophomore, only 5 hours of service work at NDA can count towards the 15 Sophomore Service Hour Requirement. Any additional hours at NDA can be applied to their Extra Hours 2018-19 goal.

Help us get NDA back to its original shine!



SUMMER HOUSEKEEPING for your iPad ◀

All students should run OS updates on their iPad. This should be completed before returning for the school year. Also please clean off any items that you will not need for the 2018-19 school year.

FYI - Students will receive information in their email within the next few weeks about changes being made to the wifi network at NDA this year. Students will use their own username and password when logging on to the wifi. This username and password will be their PowerSchool login information.

SHOW YOUR NDA SPIRIT ◀

If you are in need of NDA spirit wear - the Bambootique will be open from 5:30-8:00 p.m. on both Parent Information Nights - August 28 and 29.

GET READY FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL PANDAS! ◀

Our Pandas need to get ready to see something spectacular right outside of our NDA Art Room when they return this summer! Art teacher Matt Eckerle has arranged an awesome 2-day graffiti camp for some of our art students just before they return to school. These students will have the opportunity to work with graffiti artist Nina Wright, founder and director of Graffiti Camp for Girls, aka GIRL MOBB. She is an artist, muralist, printmaker, and teacher with a BFA from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. She resides in Oakland, California, and is known for saturating the Bay Area with murals, street art, and gallery shows. Nina was recently in Cincinnati and one of our students and one of our graduates had the opportunity to work with her. You can read about that project [HERE](#).



NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

Thank you to those who supported our NDA Golf Outing! A special thanks to co-chairs Dave Hellmann and TJ Quigley for all their efforts!

Fall sports have begun and are in full swing. Check the website for schedules!



Grade School Night!

The **NDA Panda Soccer Team** invites all grade school girls to come and see them play on August 20! JV will play at 5:00 p.m. and Varsity will play at 6:30 p.m. Download your [FREE ADMISSION PASS HERE](#). Come and Join the Fun and Stay After the Game for the Panda Meet and Greet!

PANDAS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SANTO DOMINGO ◀

Eight of our Pandas took time out of their summer to make a difference in Santo Domingo this summer along with NDA teacher Sr. Maria Francine. Our students (Nina Simkonis, Mara Schutt, Lucy Teller, Grace Kramer, Emelia Campbell, Gracie Bernhard, Isabel Steffen and Nicole Heuker) along with Ms. Lori Wall (Villa Madonna teacher and grad of NDA '90) and two students from VMA, to Santo Domingo for a Mission Trip. Both NDA and VMA held an event prior to the trip to bring items or a monetary donation to Nuestros Pequeños Amigos, an orphanage taking care of about 97 children. Their days consisted of service either off site helping to build an addition to a small house, or on-site helping with the children with special needs or working in the kitchen, garden or bakery. The lunch meal was eaten with the children in various of their small kitchen areas in the little houses where they live. Their afternoons were spent playing with the children and getting to know them. Catholic Missions oversaw the activities and provided prayer experiences and witness talks. The volunteers were very generous, worked well together, embraced a new culture and grew to love the children with whom they worked. Way to make a difference Pandas!





INTERESTED IN TRAVELING TO ITALY? ◀

Interested in traveling to Italy? We still have spots left on this summer's trip! We will be visiting Rome, Florence, Venice, and more! There will be a parent meeting for anyone still interested in signing up for the trip on Thursday, September 13 at 6:30 pm in Alumnae Hall. We will discuss the travel itinerary, costs, and how to sign up for the trip. If you are not able to attend the meeting, but are interested in signing up for the trip please email Mrs. Wagner at wagnerk@ndapandas.org. We hope to see you there!

TIME FOR AUDITIONS ◀

Keep an eye out for an email from NDA regarding upcoming auditions for the fall play Pandas!

COME AUDITION FOR PANDATONES! ◀

Class Information: The Panda Tones is NDA's audition-only Chorus Class worth a 1/2 Fine Arts credit. We work hard, have a lot of fun, and perform at school events and concerts. This year we will also collaborate with other high school choruses!

Auditions: Open to all students and will be held Thursday, September 6, 2018 after school. We will meet as a group to warmup and discuss the audition material together. Previous members are asked to please attend and audition.

Students must be able to perform in the Christmas and Spring concerts (December 7 & May 3) and must be able to attend rehearsals on Mondays and Thursdays after school.

This choir is a class and members must take it for credit. Please come to the audition with any expected conflicts.

If there are any questions regarding the audition or class expectations please contact the Panda Tones director, Ms. Kelsey Cummings cummingsk@ndapandas.org.



NDA/CCH ALUMNI ART SHOW ◀

Be on the look out for information regarding an NDA/CCH Alumni Art Show this spring. If you are an artistic NDA alumna and would like to participate or if you are interested in helping plan the show, please contact Mr. Matt Eckerle at eckerlem@ndapandas.org.



2018-19 College Rep Visits at NDA

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch periods. Below is a list of upcoming visits.

SEPTEMBER

- 25 BUTLER UNIVERSITY
- 26 HANOVER COLLEGE
- MIAMI UNIVERSITY OXFORD
- 27 UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE



OCTOBER

- 3 BALDWIN WALLACE UNIVERSITY



SAVE THE DATE ◀

It's time to SAVE THE DATE for the 2018 *Autumn Gala*! Planning for the Gala is in full swing, and the committees are working hard to once again provide an incredible and memorable experience for all. Last year this event was sold out so be sure to purchase your tickets early!

The 2018 Autumn Gala will be held on **Saturday, October 13 at Summit Hills Country Club**. It will feature cocktails, a gourmet sit-down dinner, specialty raffles, Keepsake Photos, Signature Cocktails, and enhanced Live and Silent Auction items. An open bar will be available throughout the evening.

This year we are excited to offer 2 new games, **The Golden Ticket** and the **Mystery Raffle**. The Golden Ticket offers a chance for you and a friend to win a trip to New York City (**airfare included**) in early December to see **Hamilton** on Broadway! The Mystery Raffle allows you to take a chance on a surprise gift valued at \$500.

Thanks to our Class Party hosts and all who attended and generously donated to this year's Gala!



ALUMNAE DAY ◀

We are having our 2nd annual Alumnae Day on September 29, 2018! This year will be having Basketball and Soccer in addition to the Volleyball tournament. We encourage all ages to participate whether you are just socializing and/or competing in the games!

WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

Applications are currently being accepted for 2019 Women Making A Difference honorees. The deadline to submit a nomination is October 1. The nomination form can be found on the web [HERE](#).

▶ Important dates

August 20-24	Bridge Program
August 27	Freshmen Orientation
Aug. 27 - Aug. 30	Senior Retreat #1
August 28	Freshmen/Sophomore Parent Night
August 29	Junior/Senior Parent Night
August 30	All Faculty/Staff In-service
August 31	Faculty In-service
September 4	First Day of School!
September 7	Opening School Mass

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Witness for Entire Family
- Catechist Day of Reflection

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

