



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings parents!

I hope you had a great long weekend. We have quite a bit to be thankful for this week at NDA and a great deal of exciting news to share!

Last Friday our faculty attended a retreat together and it was a very rewarding experience. We had an opportunity to pause and reflect on our own Stories of God's Goodness and share them with each other. A common theme became apparent throughout the day - our faculty members are very appreciative of the opportunity to teach at NDA and be part of such a supportive community. I know you, like me, are grateful to have such an extraordinary and devoted faculty. Special thanks to our Campus Minister Bridget Price for putting the retreat together.

Congratulations to one particular member of our faculty - Dan Martin. Dan teaches religion at NDA. This weekend he successfully defended his doctorate earning his Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Dayton. Dr. Martin is a prime example of the high caliber of faculty members we are blessed to have at NDA. Congratulations Dr. Martin!

Congratulations also goes out to our four National Merit Finalists: Andrea Leigh Davis, Carly Gross, Kelsey Sucher, Lily Thaman. We are very proud of these NDA scholars as it is quite an honor to be recognized as a National Merit Finalist. This accomplishment is a reflection of the diligence of these students and dedication of our faculty. We congratulate all four of these young women and their families.

Over the weekend, several of our students traveled to Northern California on a Technology Trip. You can read all about this incredibly interesting trip below.

This month's Student of the Month is Claudia Hillman. Claudia is a freshman at NDA known for her enthusiasm and caring ways. You can read more about Claudia through the link below.

Our Aqua Pandas had a very successful weekend earning their 18th consecutive regional title. Good luck at State to our swimmers and divers!

Due to the number of recent off days, we have extended our annual raffle to give students time to sell their five tickets. The winners will be drawn this Friday, February 19 at 2:00 p.m. I would like to thank you for your support of this important fundraiser. Proceeds from the raffle help bridge the gap between tuition and actual cost of education and provide tuition assistance to deserving students. Thanks also Sr. Paul Ann, Sr. Rachel and Jan Gilliam for organizing the raffle again this year and making a difference in the lives of our students.

Please take a look at the link to the video version of the Stations of the Cross that our sophomores produced. This is a wonderful Lenten resources for the entire NDA community. May this Lent be a special time of renewal for each of you!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



CAMPUS MINISTRY UPDATE ◀

We will have Mass this Friday morning at 7:15 in the chapel. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Msgr. Enzweiler will be here. This is a great way to stay focused and reflective during this Lenten Season.

Lenten Pilgrimage - 7 Church Walk in Northern Kentucky

Join us for the 7 Church Walk, a Roman Lenten Tradition on Saturday, March 12. We will journey (by foot) to 7 local churches. We will begin at Blessed Sacrament Church at 7:00 a.m. and Conclude our journey at the Cathedral Basilica around 1:30 p.m. Our walk is an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy Walk. Pilgrimage is part of a Jubilee year celebration, and our pilgrimage will take us to six churches leading to our Diocesan Cathedral - Basilica of the Assumption. There we will go

through the Holy Door of Mercy. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass along the way. This is open to students and their families. Sign up by March 3. For more information, email Mrs. Bridget Price at priceb@ndapandas.org or call 859-292-1836.

Holy Thursday Reflection and Praying the Steps

Students are invited to join us in an evening of reflection on Holy Thursday. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. at NDA for some group discussion. We will depart NDA at 9:00 p.m. and journey to Mt. Adams to Pray the Steps, a local Lenten Tradition. We will arrive back at NDA around 11:30 p.m. Sign ups will be held during March. For more information contact Mrs. Bridget Price at priceb@ndapandas.org.

VIDEO STATIONS OF THE CROSS ◀

Mrs. Kimberly Wagner's sophomore students put together a wonderful video version of the Stations of the Cross once again this year. They wrote reflections to go with their assigned station that connected with their lives and paired it with images and music. This is a great Lenten resource! Below is a link to the video stations of the cross and a written script that can be downloaded so people can read along if they like.

Transcript: <http://www.ndapandas.org/news/2016/02/17/nda-students-create-video-stations-of-the-cross.aspx>

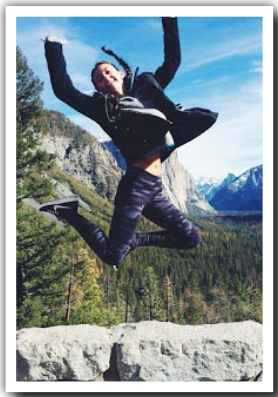
Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iccYguBe3po>



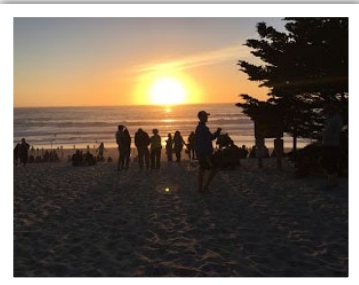
INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

NDA: Jumping to a New Height of Technology

Over Presidents' Day Weekend, 21 NDA students traveled to Northern California on a Technology Trip lead by Mrs. Mullee, Dr. Koehl, and Mrs. Phillips. The trip was designed to give students an exposure to the authentic tools we use at NDA with-



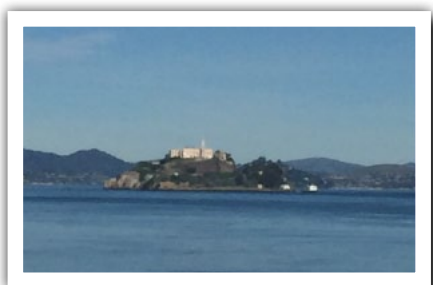
out forgetting the what inspired Apple's Operating Systems, Mavericks, Yosemite, and El Capitan. Technology themed visits included trips to [Aerohive](#), the company that supplies our Network Access Points throughout the NDA Campus, [Google Headquarters](#), in Mountain View, CA, NASA, and Intel. Next we visited [Mavericks](#) surfing site and met some surfers.



Then onto Carmel Mission where we watched the sunset next to the 18th hole at Pebble Beach.

We still had two more Operating System name-sakes to visit and explore: Yosemite and El Capitan, fortunately the same location.

We couldn't finish our trip without making it out to Alcatraz and traversing San Francisco. Experiencing the exposure to technology juxtaposed with true majestic nature, gave students a true sense of balance. Forever.



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CONGRATULATIONS! ◀

Notre Dame Academy is pleased to announce that four students from the class of 2016 have been recognized as National Merit Finalists by the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. NDA seniors Andrea Leigh Davis, Carly Gross, Kelsey Sucher, Lily Thaman have all earned the distinction of National Merit Finalist.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

Congratulations to our February Student of the Month - Claudia Hillman! Read all about Claudia and why she was chosen as this month's Student of the Month [HERE](#).

GREAT NEWS ◀

NDA Religion teacher Dan Martin successfully defended his doctorate this weekend to earn his Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Dayton. Congratulations DR. MARTIN!

2016 NDA RAFFLE!

Due to all of the recent off days, our 2016 NDA Raffle has been extended to give students the opportunity to turn in their 5 raffle tickets.

As you know, this fundraiser helps keep tuition low and aids in providing tuition assistance to deserving students.

Our goal this year is **\$42,000** and we are on our way to reaching that goal with **only TWO days remaining!** The three winning raffle tickets will be pulled this **Friday, February 19 at 2:00 p.m.** Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Rachel will be collecting raffle tickets each morning and tallying up our totals for the students to check our progress each day.

Each student is required to sell 5 tickets and there are many incentives for them to do so:

- The Top Selling Student will receive a \$100 AmEx gift card and get to be "Principal for the day" on February 24
- The 2nd Top Selling Student will receive a \$50 AmEx gift card
- The Winning Homeroom will get donuts one morning during long homeroom
- The Winning Grade Level will get pizza one day during lunch mods
- The Top Winning Homeroom Teacher will receive a \$50 AmEx gift card
- If we meet our goal, everyone will be out of uniform on February 23!





FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

Archery

The Panda archers shot at Calvary Christian and scored 3093 coming in 7th place. Kimmy Birrer shot best on our team with her personal best score of 271, coming in 13th place in her division. Lily Gamel set her personal best score of 268. Erin Kirchner, Hannah Rovito, and Grace Michels, who also shot her season high score, were the other point leaders. Emma Duerstock, Hope Feinauer, Libby Roebker, Maddie Wermeling, and Emily Farrell shot their best score of the season. Nice shot Pandas!

Swimming & Diving

Congratulations to the Aqua Pandas. The team walked away Regional Champions after the two day meet. This marks the Pandas 18th consecutive win!

- 4 Regional Records were shattered at this year's meet.
- Sophie Skinner broke both the 100 Free and 200 Free records.
- Maddy Vonderhaar broke her own 100 Breaststroke record.
- Vonderhaar and Skinner along with Sam Glass and Amanda Smith swam to a new record in the 400 Freestyle Relay.
- Sophie Skinner was named Outstanding Female Swimmer.
- Skinner, Vonderhaar, Glass, Allie Picirillo, and Smith were named to the All Region Team.
- Olivia Hagen won this year's Sportsmanship essay and will represent our Region at the State Meet.
- Head Coach Courtney Sorrell was named Female Coach of the Year.

Francie Case finished 4th and Sophie Skinner 6th in the diving regional over the weekend to advance to state! Swimming and diving head to state in Louisville the 25th! Go Pandas!!

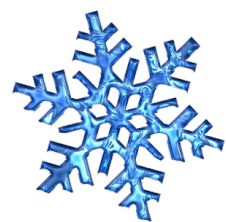
Basketball

Varsity basketball beat Wayne county and will take on Ryle Wednesday at Ryle. Basketball will start district play February 24 at Holy Cross. Time and opponent TBA.

Golf

NDA is pleased to announced that the 2016 Athletic Golf Outing will be at Twin Oaks on July 29 with an 11 a.m. shot gun start. This event is the second largest fundraiser for the athletic department and benefits all sports! Contact athletic director, Myanna Webster at websterm@ndapandas.org if you are interested in volunteering on the committee or the day of!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



Winter Dance

NDA Freshmen and Sophomores are invited to attend this year's Winter Dance scheduled for Saturday, March 12. The semi-formal event will be held at St. Pius, and any NDA or CCH freshman or sophomore is welcome to attend. Guests from other schools are also welcome to accompany an NDA or CCH student. NDA proceeds will benefit our Drug Free Club. Tickets are \$10 per person; sales will begin next week!



KHEAA News

After Thursday February 18, all NDA Freshman will have accessed their ILP accounts to complete My Matchmaker (a highly-credible Interest Inventory which offered 40 careers based on their likes & dislikes), and the Learning Style Inventory (which also provided specific study tips). Freshmen also began entering their experiences, extracurriculars, and awards to Build their Resumes. If parents would like to see these results, simply ask your daughter to "Share" their ILP by entering your email. Contact [Mrs. Hildreth](mailto:Mrs.Hildreth) with any questions.

Grief Group Forming

NDA is forming a Grief Support Group for students interested in participating. There will be about 6 meetings, beginning later in February. Please contact [Mrs. Hildreth](mailto:Mrs.Hildreth) if interested in participating.

Summer Enrichment Opportunities for Students:

We are getting information about Summer Opportunities of all sorts! We will keep updating our Summer Opportunities page throughout the Spring as we get information but some deadlines are approaching so take a look! To view all Summer Opportunities: [Click Here](#)

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

FACTS Re-enrollment and Financial Aid:

Re-enrollment in FACTS is easy. You are automatically re-enrolled to the same plan you have for this school year UNLESS you want to change it. If you want to change the plan, just contact Laura Hehman in the finance office hehman@ndapandas.org or 292-1844.

Also the financial aid applications are now open and will remain open until April 15. If you are in need of financial assistance OR are looking to do work study the application with FACTS must be completed before anything else. Financial assistance requests increase each year we cannot stress enough the importance of getting your application in early. Late applications run the risk of financial aid funding being exhausted.

ATTENTION CLASS of 2018 - IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR CLASS RING ◀

Parent and Student Ring Order Night

A representative from Herff Jones Graduate Services will be at NDA tonight, February 17, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to order your daughter's class ring.

Herff Jones will also be here during your Daughter's lunch period on Thursday, February 18, 2016, to collect the order.

NDA ART SUMMER CLASSES ◀

NDA has all sorts of Summer Enrichment Opportunities. Below is information on our Art Classes but you can find further information and registration forms online at <http://www.ndapandas.org/admissions/summer-enrichment-programs.aspx>

NDA's Co-Ed Junior High Art Camp 2016

This summer we will be focusing on a process done by legendary street artist Vhils. Students will be creating a piece of artwork by digitally manipulating an image, recreating that image on a piece of stencil paper, carving out a portion of that image and creating a background to show through the cut out areas. <https://sites.google.com/site/ndajuniorhighsummerstudioart/>

Who: Any current 6th, 7th, and 8th Grader

What: Students will:

- learn a basic intro to Photoshop
- be introduced to street artist Vhils and his work
- learn how to create a piece using layers that involves building layers
- NEED an image on a flash drive that they would want to use. (face, object, place)

When: Session A: July 11th – July 14th, 6pm – 8pm (Limit 20 students)
Session B: July 25th – July 28th, 6pm – 8pm (Limit 20 students)

Where: The Art Studio at Notre Dame Academy

Cost: \$75 per student (with this particular project, students will be using paper and found images to create their piece. They will also be using an exacto-knife and will be taught how to use this tool. If the tool is used IN ANY WAY that seems dangerous, the student may be asked not to return for the remainder of the class.)



High School Summer Studio Art 2016

- Forms and payment are due by Friday May 27
- Class runs Monday thru Friday of each week, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Any scheduling conflicts (vacation, camps, sports camps) can easily be worked out if I am notified prior to the class.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at eckerlem@ndapandas.org
- If AP students, future AP students, and students interested in applying for Governor School for the Arts take the summer course, their assignments will be individualized.



WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE 2016 ◀

You are cordially invited to attend Notre Dame Academy's Fifteenth Annual Women Making A Difference Award Luncheon on Thursday, February 25, 2016, the at Northern Kentucky Convention Center, Covington, Kentucky beginning at 11:00 a.m. with Registration & Networking followed at 12:00 p.m. with Luncheon & Awards Ceremony. Please contact Emily Berling at 859-292-1852 or at berlinge@ndapandas.org to RSVP.

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR YEARBOOK? ◀

Parents: Now you can order your daughter's copy of the 2016 edition of the Notre Dame Academy yearbook, Tapestry, by following [this link to jostens.com](#). Yearbooks are now available at last year's pre-order price of \$60; get yours before the price goes up in April!

Important dates:

February 17	Sophomore Ring Ordering
February 19	Mass in Chapel 7:15 a.m. RAFFLE DRAWING 2:00 P.M. Winter Sports Pep Rally 2:15 p.m.
February 22	Shadow Day
February 25	Women Making A Difference Luncheon
February 26	Senior Retreat
March 1	Life Club Blood Drive
March 5	8th Grade Conferences
March 11	Third Quarter Ends
March 12	Freshman/Sophomore Winter Dance
March 15	Senior Mission Retreat JR ACT/SO CERT Test/FR at Play
March 19	8th Grade Conferences
March 23	Holy Week Prayer Service
March 24 - 30	Spring Break (No School)

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- St. Joseph School Curtain Call Cavaliers Present "Adventures of a Comic Book Artist"
- Work Study Positions Available with the Sisters of Notre Dame
- Part-time Job Opportunities for Students and Moms
- NDA Alumna Returns to Teach Masterclass

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

