



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings parents!

Today we celebrated our Holy Week Prayer Service and Women Making a Difference Day. After praying together as a community, students attended various breakout sessions where they learned about several non-profit organizations. Many of these presentations were made by students who are very passionate about the non-profit organization they were representing. It was impressive to see how our students are already making a difference with their lives. Following the presentations, students prayed the Stations of the Cross and attended a Service Fair. It was an inspirational day of hearing others share their Stories of God's Goodness. It was also a great opportunity to reflect on the value of service in a community of faith and to prepare for the Easter Season of hope.

Our Uganda Panda club is hosting a 5K Walk/Run on our campus on Sunday, April 3. Thank you to our students and their club moderators, Sr. Rita Geoppinger and Mrs. Amber Grayson, for organizing this fun event that will benefit the children the Uganda Panda club is sponsoring in Northern Uganda. There is more information and directions on how to register for the event below.

Please mark your calendar for our spring musical, *Seussical the Musical*. The performances will be held on April 15, 16 and 17. For more information including online ticket orders [CLICK HERE](#).

Notre Dame Academy students are fortunate to have the opportunity to apply for a variety of annual scholarships. If you are interested in applying for one of these scholarships for the 2016-17 school year, please check our website for application information [HERE](#). The application deadline is April 15.

Today marks the beginning of our Easter break and as we enter into this time away from NDA, I hope you will encourage your daughter to take some time to reflect and reconnect. The third quarter of this school year has been very busy. As I think back on the many activities and events at NDA over the past three months, I think about the importance of balance. Our students are active and involved in so much, however, it is also important for them to take time for themselves and for reflection. We all need to look at our lives and strive to achieve balance. I hope you are able to take some time as a family over this break to be together.

Please be assured of our prayers for you and your family during this holy season of Easter. On behalf of our faculty and staff, I wish you a safe and happy Easter and may the peace and joy of the resurrection fill your heart.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Uganda Pandas 5K: Go for Gula!

On Sunday, April 3, the Uganda Pandas are hosting a 5K Walk/Run on NDA's property starting at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds from the race benefit an organization called Unified for Uganda, which financially and emotionally supports the educational journey of destitute children in Gulu (Northern) Uganda. [CLICK HERE](#) if you are interested in participating in the Walk/Run.

Prom and After Prom

Prom is scheduled for Friday, April 22 and will take place at the Hilton Netherland Hotel in downtown Cincinnati. All Juniors and Seniors are expected to attend an informational meeting next Wednesday morning starting at 8:30 a.m. Prom tickets will go on sale beginning Monday, April 4 and end Friday, April 15.

ATTENTION NDA SOPHOMORES ◀

The NDA ring ceremony will be held on April 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the theatre and will be followed by a reception in Alumnae Hall. All students are welcome - it is not necessary to purchase a ring to participate in this event.

Please join us in a celebration of sisterhood at Notre Dame Academy as the sophomore class unites to receive their class rings. It is our tradition to bless the class rings before they are presented to the students. On this special night, we celebrate the sisterhood that is so essential to our mission and spirit here at Notre Dame. The sophomore class ring is a special rite of passage and an important Notre Dame symbol to all who see it.

The event is for sophomores, and families and friends are welcome to attend but we do ask for this RSVP to help us as we order refreshments. Please RSVP [HERE](#).

THIRD QUARTER REPORT CARDS ◀

Third quarter report cards were sent to all the contact email addresses on file in PowerSchool on Tuesday evening of this week. As part of our effort to reduce the amount of paper used, the third quarter report cards are distributed only in a digital format as PDF files attached to the email. You will need an application able to read PDF files such as Adobe Acrobat Reader to open the report card file. The report cards are password protected. Please use your daughter's seven digit student ID number to open the file. If you have any questions regarding the report cards, please contact Raymond Schlosser at 292-1846 or schlosserr@ndapandas.org.

NDA STUDENTS EXPLORE HEALTHCARE FIELDS ◀

Four NDA students recently finished the Explorer's Medical Program at St. Elizabeth Healthcare. The program allowed NDA's Bridget Neltner, Abby Gruener, Carly Gross and Francie Case an opportunity to partake in multiple roles within in the hospital. The students shared that the program also tied in with their Anatomy class. In the last week of the program, students learned all about surgery and surgical techniques. Registration for this program is currently closed but will open in mid-August for next school year [HERE](#).



NDA ART STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE ◀

Several of NDA's Art students recently made a tremendous difference in the lives of children in Madagascar through the Memory Project. The Memory Project is a nonprofit organization that invites art teachers and their students to create portraits for youth around the world who have faced substantial challenges, such as neglect, abuse, loss of parents, and extreme poverty. This year, NDA students were blessed with the opportunity to create portraits of kids from Madagascar. Each year it is an unbelievable experience. Thanks to Abby Eubanks, Abby Hentz, Alexandra Herrmann, Anna Burns, Camryn Mason, Flo Daspremont, Jessica Le, Jordan Kruezkamp, Lily Gamel, Lindsey Meier, Madison Salkowski, Maggie Brinkman, Marissa Picciuto, Natalie Gerdes, Riley Best, Stephanie Meyer, Lindsey Foust, and their teacher, Mr. Matt Eckerle, for representing the NDA Art program and the NDA community.

To learn more about NDA's participation in the Memory Project click on the link below:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCunZEGYFnU>



STUDY IN GERMANY IN SUMMER 2016! ◀

During the 2015 Fall Semester, NDA hosted two German students from our sister school in Germany, Liebfrauenschule Vechta. Jacky and Jana were a wonderful addition to our NDA community. Liebfrauenschule Vechta has invited NDA students to take part in an exchange program in Germany during summer 2016 from around May 28 to June 25/26. If you would like more information about this opportunity, please see Mrs. Caccavari in her office. A limited number of spots are available.

NDA HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR GERMAN STUDENTS FOR FALL 2016 ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2016 enrollment. We are again working with our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta) to arrange for 2 German exchange students to study at NDA for the fall semester. At this time we are seeking families who would consider hosting these students. Please email Mrs. Katie Caccavari at caccavarik@nda-pandas.org, if you would be interested in more information about this opportunity. Your reply is not a commitment, but would help us to know which families would consider supporting our international student enrollment by serving as a host family. Thank you for your interest.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Grief Group Formed

Anyone still interested in participating in a Grief Support Group at NDA, please contact Mrs. Hildreth. Meetings begin on April 5 and will be conducted by Cancer Family Care.

Job Opportunities for Students

NDA receives many notices regarding Job Opportunities for students. You can find Job Opportunities posted on the Bulletin Board across from Dr. Koehl's office. Below is an example of one job notice that came in this week!



Ohio River Foundation offers High School students a unique summer job working to restore and protect our natural habitat. Ohio River Foundation seeks to protect water quality and restore rivers, creeks, and streams. They are looking for students to work on their Youth Conservation Teams. For more information and to apply: www.ohioriverfdn.org. Applications deadline: March 25.

Drug Free Clubs of America: \$4,000 Essay Scholarship Contest 2016!

Two \$2,000 prizes will be awarded for excellence in performance in this essay contest:

- Why do you think it is, or is not, important for you to be a good influence on others such as your friends, family, and classmates?
- How does your membership in Drug Free Clubs of America affect your ability to do this?
- Must be postmarked or emailed by midnight of March 24, 2016.
- See letter from Drug Free Clubs of America or Mrs. Hildreth for more details.

You can find the entrance form for the contest [HERE](#).



NDA 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>



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FACTS Payment Plan Re-enrollment and Financial Aid Applications:

Re-enrollment in the FACTS Payment Plan 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 your payment plan. An example of this would be if you paid monthly this year and want to do lump sum next year, just contact Laura Hehman in the finance office hehman@ndapandas.org or 859-292-1844.

Also the financial aid applications are now open and will remain open until April 15. This is separate from your payment plan. 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.



PPC NEWS ◀

PPC Meetings

Please note, the Panda Parent Club will not meet in April. The last PPC meeting of the school year will be held on May 10, 2016. We hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ◀

The Sisters of Notre Dame need some reliable and hardworking volunteers at for their 4th of July Festival. You can find a volunteer form on our website [HERE](#).



SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDITS - ACT NOW! ◀

The Kentucky House of Representatives and Senate are considering House Bill 336 and Senate Bill 44. This legislation would create a Scholarship Tax Credit Program in Kentucky which would help ensure that all students have the opportunity to obtain the education they deserve at a school that best suits their needs. As reflected below, this legislation enjoys broad bipartisan support and momentum is on our side.

PLEASE CALL the Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181 (1-866-840-6574 for Spanish) and urge your State Representative to co-sponsor House Bill 336 and Senator to co-sponsor Senate Bill 44 (the operator on the line will assist you in getting the message to the correct Representative and Senator).

House Bill 336 is sponsored by Rep. Tommy Thompson (D-14), Rep. Larry Clark (D-46), Rep. Fitz Steele (D-84), Rep. Dennis Keene (D-67), Rep. Russ Meyer (D-39), Rep. Terry Mills (D-24), Rep. Brad Montell (R-58), Rep. Sal Santoro (R-60), Rep. James Tipton (R-53), and Rep. Addia Wuchner (R-66). Senate Bill 44 is sponsored by Sen. Ralph Alvarado (R-28), Sen. John Schickel (R-11), Sen. Max Wise (R-16), Sen. Julie Raque Adams (R-36), and Sen. Joe Bowen (R-8). If you live in their districts, be sure to thank them for their support.

Also, please consider joining us for an event where you can learn more about the issue. The event will take place at Bishop Howard Memorial Hall, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky on March 21 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Kaylee@runswitchpr.com. You can also sign up for the event by visiting EdChoice KY's Facebook page.

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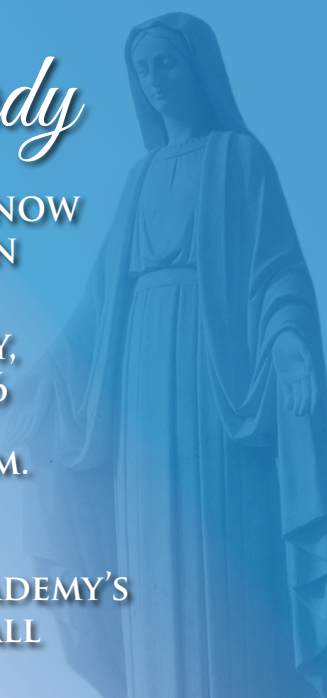
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GETTING TO KNOW
OUR PATRON

WEDNESDAY,
MAY 4, 2016

7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

AT
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S
ALUMNAE HALL



IMPORTANT DATES:

March 23	Holy Week Prayer Service
March 24 - 30	Spring Break (No School)
March 31	Classes Resume
April 3	Uganda Pandas 5K
April 14	Alumnae Dinner Theatre
April 15-17	Spring Musical
April 16	Incoming Freshman Math and Language Placement Tests
April 20	Sophomore Ring Ceremony
April 22	No School - Prom
April 24	Orange and White Flag Football Game
May 2-13	AP Exams

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Work Study Positions Available with the Sisters of Notre Dame
- Part-time Job Opportunities for Students and Moms

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

