



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

As part of our ongoing A.L.I.C.E. training to ensure safety on our campus, we had an active threat drill on Monday morning. The purpose of the drill was to prepare our students to think strategically in the event of an active threat. I am happy to report that our students and faculty did a wonderful job walking through the process of an active threat and reviewing the strategies and response options needed to respond competently in such a situation. I would like to thank our entire NDA community for their diligence in keeping our campus safe.

Please take a minute to sign up for one of our Strategic Plan Feedback sessions below. An important part of the strategic planning process is hearing from you, our parents. In order to get your input, we will be holding feedback sessions for NDA stakeholders on both May 2 and May 9. I hope to see you at one of these sessions.

**Students will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. this Friday.** Our annual Junior/Senior prom will be held Friday evening at Music Hall followed by our After Prom here at NDA. Please note: anyone attending Prom must be in attendance for the day's duration on Friday. Also please remember that students must be dressed appropriately to be admitted to the prom. Students must abide by the NDA Student Code of Conduct which is also highlighted in the prom agreement form they each signed. I am truly grateful to the students, faculty and parents who have put so much time and energy into planning these events to ensure a fun, safe and entertaining evening for our students and their guests!

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

## Important Reminder For Parents

### STRATEGIC PLAN FEEDBACK SESSIONS

We are holding feedback sessions for our Strategic Plan on the following dates and times. We hope that you will consider attending one of these sessions. To sign up, please go to [THIS LINK](#).

**May 2 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. NDA Alumnae Hall**

**May 9 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. St. Joseph Heights Meeting Room**

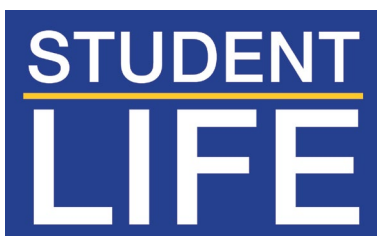
Your input is very valuable to our process. These sessions are open to anyone who wants to advance the mission of NDA – to follow the vision of the Sisters of Notre Dame in educating young women to make a difference on our world.

## IMPORTANT CAFETERIA INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS ◀

In order to give the construction crew as much lead time as possible to get started on all that needs to happen this summer with our *Excellence Without Boundaries* construction, **THE CAFETERIA WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MAY 4. STUDENTS WILL NEED TO PACK THEIR LUNCHES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 7.** Only snacks and drinks will be available for purchase from that time on.

### ALSO...

SENIOR PARENTS: Please check your daughter's account balance and let Cafeteria Manager Karen Brungs ([brungsk@ndapandas.org](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org)) know if you would like a refund or transfer your balance. Thank you!



## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Orange and White Flag Football Game

Please join the NDA and St. Ursula communities at the Orange and White Flag Football Game taking place on Sunday, April 29 at 5:00 p.m. All proceeds from t-shirt and ticket sales will support Leukemia research. Tickets will be \$10 at the gate. Festivities begin on Notre Dame's campus at 4:00 p.m. with a "Meet and Greet" and the opportunity to mingle with students from across the river. Beat Ursula and Beat Cancer!

### Prom and After Prom

Prom is scheduled for this Friday, April 27 and will take place at Music Hall. Students riding the NDA shuttle will depart NDA at 7:15 p.m. The buses will leave Music Hall for NDA at 11:30 p.m.

Doors open at Music Hall at 7:30 p.m., and all students must arrive by 8:00 p.m. Students can leave as early as 11:15 p.m. and all students must leave Music Hall by 11:30 p.m. Under special circumstances you can be permitted to arrive late or leave early, but parent verification must be given to Mrs. Grayson prior to Friday.

A huge thank you to Panda Parent Club for hosting After Prom at NDA which begins at 11:30 p.m. and ends at 3:30 a.m.

### 2018-2019 Student Council Grade Level Co-Presidents

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as next year's Class Co-Presidents:



#### Class of 2021

Jenna Danneman  
Mollie Tagher

#### Class of 2020

Kate Joyce  
Molly Kleier

#### Class of 2019

Ellie O'Hara  
Anna Resing

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Important  
Reminder

### EARLY DISMISSAL -

**SCHOOL WILL DISMISS AT 11:30 A.M. THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018**



## LUCY PASTURA

APRIL STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Notre Dame Academy Junior, Lucy Pastura, who has been selected as April's Student of the Month. Lucy, Stage Manager for NDA's Theatre, just completed her third year of productions with the musical Pippin. Having been cut from the play her freshman year, Lucy found her place in theatre stage management where she enjoys seeing the final show after lots of hard work. Theatre Director Ms. Stine describes Lucy as "stellar and amazing." We are proud to call Lucy a Panda!

### SOMETHING ABOUT LUCY



Lucy serves as a Facilities Manager for most of NDA's Theatre rentals. According to Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Kirn, Lucy "works well with faculty and other adults from other schools that use our theatre. She is always happy to go the extra mile and represents NDA to others in a very positive way. She is dependable, hard working, responsible and happy to take on more tasks."

When not at NDA, Lucy can be found hanging out with her family. If it's a Tuesday night, she's at Grandma's for dinner.



Lucy advises Pandas to "make the best of your time at NDA. It goes by fast and feels like a blink of an eye."

## SUMMER LEARNING BAND ◀

Summer Learning Band BEGINS June 5 from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. This is the perfect opportunity for any student who has ever had a desire to learn to play an instrument. It is an awesome endeavor to learn a wind instrument and play with the NDA/CCH Band! Students learning a second instrument are also welcome to attend. We have a number of instruments on which students can learn to play. For further information email Greg Cerimele at [cerimeleg@ndapandas.org](mailto:cerimeleg@ndapandas.org).



## NDA SUMMER CLASSES ◀

NDA has all sorts of Summer Enrichment Opportunities. You can find information about our 2018 Summer Art Classes online [HERE](#).

## ATTENTION JUNIOR PARENTS ◀

Junior Parents: Your daughter received information and a registration form for her Senior Retreat. We know this is early - but one of the retreats takes place the week before school begins next year. All retreat registration forms must be returned by May 1. Please carefully read the letter and form and look over the dates with your daughter. Please consult with coaches, directors, employers etc when ranking your retreat options as it is difficult to change after the lists are complete. If you have any questions - please do not hesitate to contact me at [priceb@ndapandas.org](mailto:priceb@ndapandas.org). We hope to have the final retreat lists ready to go by mid May.

## YEARBOOK SALES ◀

Parents, don't forget to order your daughter's 2018 yearbook They can be ordered by clicking [this link](#) or visiting [jostens.com](http://jostens.com).



## CNSTRCTN Vol. XI, #2 On the Wings of Imagination. ◀

Don't miss the latest installment of Sr. Dolores Giblin's Heritage Blog so you can read all about our recent renovations. You can access her blog [HERE](#).

# CONGRATULATIONS!



## SND EDUCATOR AS A GOSPEL WITNESS AWARD ◀

Congratulations to NDA faculty member Mrs. Michele Johnson on receiving the Sisters of Notre Dame Educator as a Gospel Witness Award. This is a new award that will be presented at the Educational Summit in June. Mrs. Johnson will be one of four educators honored at the opening banquet. Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Johnson on this well deserved award!



## 2018 NATIONAL GOLD COUNCIL OF EXCELLENCE AWARD ◀

Congratulations to our Student Council, Faculty Moderator Kimberly Wagner and Assistant Principal Amber Grayson on receiving the 2018 National Gold Council of Excellence Award! This is the highest honor awarded by the National Association of Student Councils. We truly appreciate the work our Student Council, Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Grayson do throughout the school year acting as a liaison between the student body and the administration and faculty. These young women are very committed to organizing activities for the entire school, giving our students a more enriching experience at NDA.

## NDA FRESHMEN VISIT ST. JOSEPH HEIGHTS ◀

Our freshmen visited St. Joseph Heights this school year to learn more about the Sisters of Notre Dame and the incredible work they are doing all over the world!



## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR GERMAN STUDENTS FOR FALL 2018 ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2018 enrollment. We are again working with our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta). Notre Dame Academy has become such a great experience for the girls from Vechta that we have been asked to increase from 2 to 3 German exchange students for the fall semester. At this time we are seeking families who would consider hosting these students. Please email Mrs. Katie Caccavari at [caccavarik@ndapandas.org](mailto:caccavarik@ndapandas.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 host families.



## DELICIOSO! ◀

Last Tuesday, April 17, our Spanish Club hosted Paella chef Hector to come cook! He cooked paella with pork and chicken, speaking in both Spanish and English. This was a great opportunity for the Spanish Club to learn more about Hispanic culture. Chef Hector has his own business called "Paella at your Place" where he cooks Paella for people at their houses.

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

### BALL DROP

Please help the golf outing fundraiser by selling some ball drop tickets! Ball Drop tickets are \$10 for a chance to win \$1000 or second place of \$500 if we sell more than 500 tickets. The ball drop is at the golf outing on July 27th. Students turn in your tickets with money to the front office or the athletic office. We will also have gift card drawings on 4/27, and 5/4. Whomever sells the most ball drop tickets will receive a mutually agreed upon prize! See Mrs. Webster for details. Reminder, make sure your name is on the ticket as a seller!

### VOLLEYBALL

If you are interested in playing volleyball next year at NDA and were unable to attend the meeting with Coach Molly McDermott on 4/10 please email her at [mcdermottm@ndapandas.org](mailto:mcdermottm@ndapandas.org).

### SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Registration is now open for the  
**2018 - Summer Sports Camps Hosted at Notre Dame Academy**

NDA is hosting several youth sports camps this summer.

You can view more detailed information on the NDA website under the tab for [Athletics / Summer Camps](#).

Summer  
Sports  
Camps!

### ATHLETIC SIGNING FOR SENIOR ATHLETES

Congratulations to our outstanding NDA student athletes who made their college decisions final yesterday by signing letters of intent to continue their sports careers at college!



Pictured (L-R): Sammie Kleier, Sarah Stutler, Lindsey Meier, Katie Rice, Stephanie Meyer, Sophie Middendorf, Sophie Skinner, Ashley Wright, Kaylie Collins, Allison Robertson, Maddie Wilhoite, Manon Stovik, Kylie Long, Libby Durrough, Mary Tierney, Olivia Montelisciani, Natalie Hardig, Lainey Stephenson



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# Panda Test Prep

June 4 - 8, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



## PANDA TEST PREP ◀

### ACT Prep Course

June 4 - 8, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$300

This summer, Notre Dame Academy is kicking off its **Panda Test Prep Program** with an ACT Prep Course. The course will be held Monday, June 4 through Friday, June 8 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. each day. This ACT Prep Course is aligned with the June 9 and July 14 ACT test dates. The course will be taught by NDA faculty members and features:

- **Five 3-hour classes** - Monday, June 4 - Friday, June 8 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **Small Class Size** - Class will be limited to 20 students
- **Personalized Learning** - Curriculum will be tailored to the needs of students based on past standardized test scores (CERT and ACT) taken by participating students

**Notre Dame Academy's ACT Prep Course will provide participating students with the following:**

- Understanding of ACT test format
- ACT test-taking strategies
- Review of ACT test sections: Math, Science, English & Reading
- Experience taking actual ACT tests
- ACT Test prep workbook
- Confidence in knowledge & abilities
- Personalized instruction from NDA faculty members

### ACT TEST PREP REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Students can register online at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/NotreDameAcademy1/NDAACTPrepClass>

Registration is limited to 20 students and will be handled on a first come, first served basis.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 25, 2018**

\*If you have questions regarding NDA's Panda Test Prep or would like information regarding a financial need based scholarship for this ACT Test Prep Course, please contact Kelly Burgei at [burgeik@ndapandas.org](mailto:burgeik@ndapandas.org).

## ► Important dates

April 25	Sophomore Ring Ceremony
April 27	Mid-quarter Prom - 7:30 Music Hall
April 29	Orange and White Game at NDA (prayer service 3:30, meet and greet 4:00, game 5:00)
May 4	Mass and May Crowning Choral Concert and Dance Team
May 6	Band Concert
May 7	AP Testing Begins
May 11	Spring Sports Pep Rally
May 16	Senior Alumnae Luncheon/Send Off
May 17, 18, 21	Senior Exams
May 17	Academic Awards
May 19	Theatre Exam Shows
May 21-23	Exams
May 24	4th Quarter Ends Cleaning Day
May 25	Graduation at NKYCC
May 28	NDA Marching Band and Dance Team Park Hills Memorial Day Parade

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- A Rosary For World Peace
- FC Youth Night Game
- Travel the World Without Leaving Home This Summer
- School Cafeteria Manager Needed
- Positions Available for Students
- World Meeting of Families

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

