



*An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy*

## **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT** ◀

Greetings parents!

“Have a heart as wide as the world.” These are the words of St. Julie Billiart, spiritual mother of the Sisters of Notre Dame. As we celebrate her feast day today it is appropriate to reflect on these words and the challenge of their call. At this time of year we celebrate the accomplishments of our students and especially those getting ready to graduate from NDA - our class of 2015. In many ways, our seniors have opened their hearts to the world over their last four years at NDA. Let us all pray that they might have the courage to do so as they continue on their journeys beyond high school.

Today at our Academic Signing, we celebrated the success of those graduates who are receiving scholarship offers in the amount of half tuition or more at the college or university they are attending. An impressive 39% of the senior class was acknowledged at this event. This is a true testimony to their hard work and the education they receive here at NDA!

Our senior Art students have had a great year and produced some wonderful work under the guidance of Mr. Matt Eckler. Please check out their exhibit at Reality Tuesday Cafe this month. Our Senior Accounting students visited Enerfab, Inc. to learn more about manufacturing and accounting in the real world. Thanks to Accounting teacher, Ms. Pat Brennan, for arranging an educational real world experience for her class. See more in the story below.

We also celebrate our Lacrosse and Tennis teams this week as they head to the state competitions. A relatively young program, this is the first time the Lacrosse team has qualified for state competition. Good luck to our Tennis and Lacrosse players and coaches as they represent the Pandas in the upcoming competitions.

Congratulations to our May Student of the Month – Taylor Watts. Please read more about Taylor’s involvement at NDA and the many ways she contributes to our school community in the section below. We also share news of a special honor presented by the American Jewish Committee to Senior Shannon Wilson for her commitment to community service in our greater Cincinnati area.

Let us give thanks for the many accomplishments of our NDA students and especially for their parents and teachers who have helped them along the way. May we all have “hearts as wide as the world”.

May you know God’s goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



## **FEAST OF ST. JULIE BILLIART, SND SPIRITUAL MOTHER** ◀

Today (May 13) we celebrate the official Sisters of Notre Dame feastday for St. Julie Billiart. St. Julie Billiart is the spiritual mother of the Sisters of Notre Dame, since she was not living when the religious order began, but the order is based on her spirituality and teachings. She was born on July 12, 1751; she died on April 8, 1816; she was canonized a saint on June 22, 1969.

Today as we pray, let us say with St. Julie Billiart: “How good is the good God” !

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Election Results

Congratulations to the following students who were elected to Student Council office for the 2015-2016 school year. These students will serve as Grade Level Co-Presidents on the Student Council next year:

Freshmen Meghan Greenwell and Emma Nurre

Sophomores Katie Hellmann and Jay Mullaguru

Juniors Emma Kramer and Taylor Watts

Elections for 2015-2016 homeroom representatives will take place on Thursday, May 21. Good luck to all students who will be running for office!

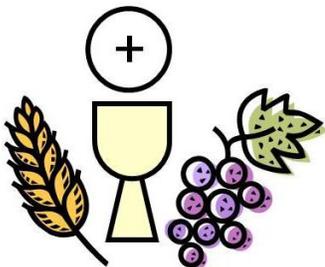
### Orange and White Flag Football Game

Congratulations to the NDA and St. Ursula communities for raising money for Leukemia research at Cincinnati Children's. Last week Student Council representatives from both schools presented a check to Children's hospital for \$4,705.50! Not only did we raise money for a great cause, but we joined our sisters across the river to remember Natalie Bradley – an Ursula student who lost her battle to Leukemia. St. Ursula came out ahead in the flag football competition, but everyone wins when we work together to do God's work! Next year, NDA will host the event.



## NEPAL FUNDRAISER ◀

This Friday, May 15, we will be holding a Fundraiser for the Victims of the Nepal earthquakes. Students had the option to pre-purchase a lunch with proceeds from the lunch going to Nepal. A reminder that if your daughter did not purchase this lunch, they will need to pack on Friday as no other lunch will be offered. We will also hold a bake sale and ring toss during lunch Friday. Donation bowls will also be throughout the lunch room area for anyone wishing to make a donation of any amount for the Nepal Relief. All monies will be sent to Catholic Relief Services to be used in their Nepal Relief Efforts.



## JOIN US FOR MASS ◀

Please join us for Mass this Friday morning at 7:15 a.m. in our Chapel. Fr. Matthew Summe will be present to celebrate. All are welcome to attend. This will be the last Friday mass we hold this school year and it is a wonderful opportunity for our NDA community to celebrate the Mass together. We welcome students, faculty, staff and visitors from our community!



## NDA STUDENT WINS HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD ◀

For 50 years, American Jewish Committee (AJC) has honored outstanding student volunteers of all faiths who have demonstrated a passion for making our community a better place in which to live with the Simon Lazarus, Jr., Human Relations Award. On Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at Rockdale Temple in Amberley Village, American Jewish Committee (AJC) celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Lazarus Awards at a ceremony. At the celebration, NDA senior **Shannon Wilson** was presented with a cash prize and recognition of her volunteer accomplishments.

Shannon has a record of giving back and spreading hope in the face of great adversity. At the end of her freshman year of high school, Shannon was diagnosed with a brain tumor and underwent surgery.

Throughout her treatment and recovery, she continued to volunteer weekly at a local rehabilitation agency for children with disabilities. Shannon also took part in a yearly walk to raise money for brain cancer research and patient education programs. After participating for two years, she took it upon herself to fundraise and organize her own team for the next walk. Her tireless efforts resulted in 250 team members and more than \$11,000 in fundraising for the cause. Shannon's relentless energy, generosity of spirit and commitment to her community are truly an inspiration to those around her.

Throughout the years, dozens of local public, private, and parochial high schools have nominated deserving students for this prestigious award. Each school making a nomination received a book for its library, inscribed with the names of its nominees.



*Kyle Caskey, Running Backs Coach for the Cincinnati Bengals, presented Shannon with her award.*



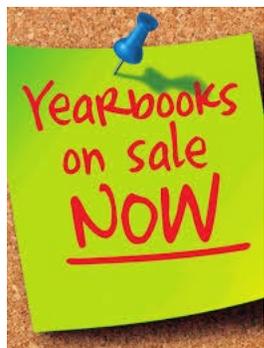
## STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

Newly elected Senior Class Co-President for next year, Taylor Watts has been selected as May's Student of the Month. Teachers describe Taylor as hard working, compassionate, kind and respectful. Mrs. Staggs comments that Taylor "is willing to do anything asked of her, usually going above and beyond" – a true example of servant leader.

Member of Student Council since her freshmen year, Taylor looks forward to representing the senior class and "wants to make sure her class sets an example for future generations of students." According to Mrs. Wagner, Student Council Faculty Moderator, "Taylor is enthusiastic and passionate about making NDA the best it can be," so it is no surprise that Taylor hopes the Class of 2016 will leave "a positive legacy on the school, our community and those we serve."

Beyond her Student Council membership, Taylor has participated in SWAT, French, Drug Free, Sign Language and World Affairs Clubs. She is also a member of National Honor Society where her commitment to service and academics earn her this distinction.

Taylor plays on NDA's soccer team, helped the team win state in 2013 and earned a spot on KHSAA's Academic All State Team her freshman and sophomore years. She plans to play Division 1 soccer at Belmont University in Nashville where she has verbally committed for college. Until her next adventure begins, Taylor will enjoy her final year as a Panda where there is an "unmatched sense of pride and belonging that comes with being a part of Notre Dame Academy." You are spot on, Taylor, and congratulations on being named May's Student of the Month!



## IT'S NOT TOO LATE! ◀

If you haven't ordered your 2014-15 yearbook, you can still order one for \$70 directly from Josten's online [HERE](#), or by sending in a check payable to Notre Dame Academy. Ordering now is the only way to guarantee your copy. Preorders will close at the end of May.

## ACCOUNTING CLASSES VISIT ENERFAB ◀

Accounting I and Accounting II students met with Mr. Wendell Bell, Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Enerfab, Ms. Kristin Farrell, Chief Financial Officer of Enerfab Power and Industrial Division, and Mr. Daniel Sillies, Chief Financial Officer of Enerfab Process Solutions and Fabricated Products. They were accompanied by Patricia Brennan, Accounting teacher, and Hilary Johnson, World History teacher and FBLA moderator. The students learned first hand about different types of accounting careers and career paths. Following our meeting, the students toured the manufacturing facility where mega-gallon pressure tanks are custom manufactured for beverage, chemical and other industries. The students came away with a new appreciation for accounting and manufacturing careers and were very grateful for intersecting classroom experience with the business world. Thank you to Mr. Wendell Bell and his executive team for making this opportunity available to the NDA Accounting Pandas.



## ACADEMIC SIGNING ◀

NDA's annual Academic Signing will be held today at 4:00 p.m. in the theatre. This event is for seniors receiving scholarship dollars in the amount of at least half the cost of tuition at the school they are attending. This year we have over 50 seniors signing (39% of the class). This is a true testimony to the education and preparation they receive here at NDA!

## Important Reminder:

Please check PayPams for your daughter's cafeteria account balance as many currently have insufficient funds. If balances are unpaid at the end of the school year, students are unable to receive their report cards and seniors will not receive their transcripts. Seniors can receive a lunch money refund or transfer balance to a younger sister if a request is made by email to [brungsk@ndapandas.org](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org).

Thank you!

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

### ACT Prep for June 13 test

There will be two intensive Torch Prep Boot Camps for ACT prep this summer. There is a Weekend Warrior program May 30-31, and June 6-7. There will also be a 4 day intensive training offered June 8-June 11. Please see the website at [www.torchprep.com](http://www.torchprep.com) for more info.



### Pandas, Looking for a Summer Job??

Student's ILP (Individual Learning Plan) can be a tool for locating jobs!

The Employment Tab on the ILP offers an Employment Guide with information on many topics, including:

- Job Market
- Networking Strategies
- Interview Skills
- Job Search by Zip Code

## ATHLETIC NEWS ◀



### 2015 NDA GOLF OUTING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in serving on the committee or volunteering for the Notre Dame Boosters 17th annual Golf outing please contact the AD, Myanna Webster, at [websterm@ndapandas.org](mailto:websterm@ndapandas.org). The outing will take place at Twin Oaks golf course on July 31, 2015.

### LACROSSE PANDAS DETERMINED TO WIN!

Congratulations to the Lacrosse Pandas after an amazing win on Monday! Today the Lacrosse Pandas play North Oldham for the 4th District Championship at 6:30 p.m. at Georgetown College before they go on to State on Saturday. GO PANDAS!



### TENNIS PANDAS HEAD TO STATE

Congratulations to Tennis Pandas for winning Sectionals on Saturday. The players' hard work and the coaches' strategy paid off and the team is off State this week for both team and individual competitions at UK. Wish them luck! Thank you parents, families, Dr. Koehl, Sr. Mary Ethel and Sr. Mary Rachel for coming out to support the team. Go Pandas, win State!



### BASS FISHING NEWS

The Bass Fishing team has had a great season! The team is looking for people who own boats to be boat volunteers for tournaments. If you can help them out, please contact Pete Salkowski, Bass Fishing Team Coach, at [salkowskip@ndapandas.org](mailto:salkowskip@ndapandas.org).



## NEWS FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT ◀

### NDA Art Hits the Walls of Reality Tuesday Café

NDA Art students have a long lasting connection with Reality Tuesday. For about 10 years, the well-established hot spot for many NDA students, has allowed NDA artists display their work on the Reality Tuesday walls and this year is no different. Through the month of May, NDA student work will be on display and in some cases, on sale, on the walls of Reality Tuesday Café. Please stop by to check it out. Many thanks to Traci and the entire Reality's crew for allowing us to show our work in such a great location.



*Mural at Newport on the Levee that Hope helped paint*

### NDA Art Students Get Involved In Artworks

Congratulations to AP Art student Gina Erardi who was accepted to work for Artworks this summer!!! Artworks is a local organization that hires high school art students to create artwork that goes back to the city. NDA Art students have been a part of the program in the past as some have worked on murals that have been painted in Covington, some created installations that have been on display in the Contemporary Art Center. And last year, current AP Art student Hope Thelen worked on the beautiful mural that was painted on the Newport Aquarium. Gina will be working on a mural of Ezzard Charles that will be going up in Over The Rhine. Congratulations Gina and Excellent work Hope!!!

### Senior Art Trip to Chicago

Twenty Art 3 Seniors spent their first weekend in May travelling to Chicago for the annual Senior Art Trip. Just after arriving in downtown Chicago, all students and chaperones caught the train up to Wrigley Field to take in an afternoon at the ballpark. After the game, some students spent the rest of the afternoon checking out the sculptures, sliding down huge slides, enjoying the weather, and hanging out in Millennium Park. That evening, we all enjoyed the Blue Man Group at the Briar Street Theatre and afterwards we enjoyed dinner together by taking in some Chicago-style deep-dish pizza. To end the night, Seniors from NDA met up with Seniors art students from CCH on a similar weekend field trip, to play late night Ultimate Frisbee. On Sunday, we spent the afternoon taking in works of many of the Masters and enjoying the collection at the Art Institute of Chicago. Overall, the weekend was incredible!!!



*The Art Institute*

Blessed with great people, beautiful weather, diverse cultural experiences, and a wonderful time. It was surely an excellent way to spend a weekend before the year ends. A huge THANKS to all of the students that attended the trip and made it such a blast and a huge thanks to the parents that allowed their daughters to go to Chicago. Special huge thanks to Jean Deters, Doug Stegman, Mary Beth and John Peavler who gave up their weekend to chaperone the trip.

### Congratulations to Amanda Sauer!!!

Congratulations to Sophomore Amanda Sauer for being accepted into the Governor's School for the Arts program. Initially, Amanda was an alternate but just recently found out that she has earned a spot and will attend GSA this summer.



## at NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Whether you are **Artistic** **ATHLETIC** **Musical** **Dramatic**  
or you are just looking for **Something Fun**  
to do this summer, NOTRE DAME ACADEMY has all  
sorts of opportunities for you! Check them out at:

[www.ndapandas.org](http://www.ndapandas.org)

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT? ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2015 enrollment. We are working with our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta) to arrange for 2 German exchange students. We are also working with the Cambridge Institute to recruit students from China, Korea and/or Viet Nam. We are hoping to enroll 3-4 students through this program. At this time we are seeking families who would consider hosting any of 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 a host family. Thank you for your interest.

### BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

Have you had a chance to stop in and check out the latest items in the Bambootique? We've got a few new things as well as LOTS of items that have been marked down in the hopes of clearing out the inventory in preparation for next school year. Come check us out! If anyone is interested in working in the shop, please email Aimee Dickhaus at [ddickhaus@yahoo.com](mailto:ddickhaus@yahoo.com) with your availability - we can always use more help!

### ▶ Important dates:

May 13	Academic Signing
May 14	Academic Awards
May 15	Senior Send-Off
May 18	Senior Exams Begin
May 20	Senior Alumnae Luncheon
May 21	Homeroom Rep. Elections Baccalaureate Mass
May 22	No School - Senior Awards Breakfast/Graduation
May 25	No School - Memorial Day
May 26	Exams Begin
May 29	Cleaning Day

### COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- American Red Cross Leadership Development Opportunity
- Part-time Positions for Students
- St. Charles Community Now Hiring

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

