



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

“Virtue must animate us to do everything well for the greater glory of the good God.” These are the words of St. Julie Billiart, spiritual mother of the Sisters of Notre Dame. As our school year comes to a close, it is fitting that we reflect on her words and what she is calling us to do. At this time of year we celebrate the many accomplishments of our students and especially those getting ready to graduate from NDA. It has been my pleasure this school year to witness our students discovering and sharing their gifts and talents “for the greater glory of the good God.”

This past Thursday evening our community celebrated the long-standing tradition of academic excellence at NDA at our 42nd Academic Awards Ceremony. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors and incoming freshmen were recognized at the event. The large number of students present at this year’s awards ceremony is a testament to the diligence of our students and the dedication and caliber of our faculty. I would like to congratulate the young women recognized at this event and thank them for using their God-given talents. These students have learned that achievement is measured not only by grades, scores and trophies; but also in the degree of commitment, service and hard work.

In the midst of celebrating our students’ accomplishments and preparing for exams, we took time last Friday as a community to celebrate our seniors. They began the day with the annual Alumnae Luncheon where they were inducted into the NDA Alumnae Association. Following the luncheon, our student body came together for our annual Senior Send-Off. It was a very meaningful day for our class of 2019 and I would like to thank everyone who helped in making it so special for our seniors.

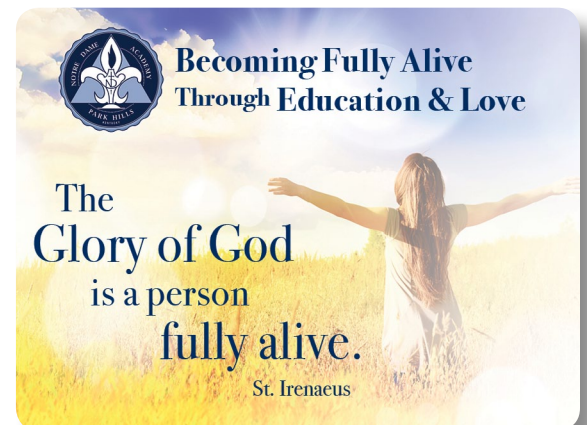
This Friday, our seniors will graduate and I would like to thank the Class of 2019 for their contributions to Notre Dame Academy. During their time at NDA, our graduates have strived to become women making a difference in the world. I am most grateful to the Class of 2019 for the way they have learned to live our mission. We look forward to celebrating these young women this week at our Baccalaureate Mass, Senior Breakfast and Graduation. I challenge our seniors to continue *Becoming Fully Alive Through Education and Love* as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

Please note that there is no school this Friday and exams for freshmen, sophomores and juniors will take place May 28-30. I encourage you to discuss the exam schedule with your daughter. This can be a stressful time and we encourage students to support one another and make healthy choices to reduce stress. You can find links to the exam schedules below.

Thank you for partnering with us in your daughter’s Catholic education.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Spiritwear Thursday

Pandas, since we do not have school on Friday, feel free to wear spirit wear with your uniform skirts on Thursday!



ALL ARE WELCOME ◀

We pray a decade of the rosary to “Notre Dame” Our Lady everyday at NDA at 7:25 a.m. in our new chapel! We welcome students, faculty and staff.

Also, we will be celebrating mass in the chapel on Wednesday, May 29 at 7:30 a.m.

All are welcome to join us as we wind down the school year!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS AND SENIOR PARENTS ◀

- There is some helpful information on the website for seniors to help you plan this week! [Senior Class Information](#) (Graduation info at the bottom of the page).
- PLEASE NOTE: Graduation will be held this Friday, May 24 at 4:00 pm. The graduation ceremony lasts about one hour and 15 minutes and will be held at the **Northern Kentucky Convention Center on the first floor.**
- If you would like to let your daughter know how proud you are of her accomplishments at NDA, you can say it with a yearbook recognition ad. They're available in a variety of sizes, starting at just \$45, and you get to choose the photos and words you want. They're quick, easy and fun! Getting started is as simple as following this link: (https://www.jostens.com/apps/shop/yrbk_ra_flash.asp?CID=147347&PFID=20180825051151427151) Order by May 31 to guarantee your daughter a copy!
- Please check your daughter's account balance and let Cafeteria Manager Karen Brungs know if you would like a refund or transfer your balance. Thank you! Contact Information: Karen Brungs at 859.292.1856 or brungsk@nda-pandas.org.



HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR YEARBOOK? ◀

There is still time to purchase this year's book, "New and Forever", at jostens.com or by following this link. (https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2019-Yearbook/20180825044300310151/CATALOG_SHOP/). Order by May 31 to guarantee your daughter a copy!

MOCK TRIAL PANDAS PLACE IN THE TOP 25 AT NATIONALS! ◀



In only the program's fourth year of existence, the Notre Dame Academy Mock Trial Team placed 23rd at the 2019 National High School Mock Trial Tournament, in Athens, Georgia, May 16-18. This accomplishment comes after winning the Kentucky State Mock Trial Tournament, earlier this year.

The power protected National Competition began on Friday May 17, with 46 total teams competing. The Pandas started off strong with a win over Kansas, leading to a match up with eventual 9th place finisher, Pennsylvania. The Pandas competed well, but lost the second round match up.

On the morning of May 18, the Pandas found themselves facing perennial power, Alabama in the third round of competition. With a strong showing, the Pandas defeated Alabama and were then faced with a tough match up against the eventual 5th place finisher, South Carolina in the fourth round of the tournament. In another poised outing, the Pandas held their own, but eventually lost the final round of competition.

At the conclusion of every round, each opposing team selected a Star Witness and a Star Attorney to award to each other. Briana Seibert was awarded Best Witness 3 separate times, with Mara Schutt being awarded in another round. Seniors Julia Hughes and Natalie Gerdes were each awarded a Star Attorney throughout the rounds and junior Emma Scharstein was twice awarded Star Attorney.

Our Kentucky State Champions and National competitors were coached by three former Notre Dame Academy Pandas. The 2018-2019 Pandas were led by head coach Katelyn (Connor) Mollett '08 and assistants Amy Hebbeler '09 and Emily (Cooney) Couch '10. All three alumnae are current practicing attorneys in the community.

Coach Mollett said, "I could not be prouder of the girls on this team. After just 4 short years we have accomplished a feat that most teams with 10 years or more experience have not. Our girls are extremely dedicated and truly amazing young woman. I am so proud to be a part of NDA and honored to Coach this program."

Team members include: seniors Natalie Gerdes, Julia Hughes and Libby Smith; juniors Josie Monfort, Briana Seibert, Emma Scharstein and Mara Schutt; sophomore Dani Shoemake; and freshman Katie Crail.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



CLASS OF 2019 ACADEMIC SIGNING ◀

On Wednesday, May 15, 2019, Notre Dame Academy held an Academic Signing in honor of the Class of 2019 for their outstanding academic achievements. NDA's Class of 2019 earned **\$16.5 million in scholarship offers**. Each of the 63 seniors signing at this year's event is receiving at least half the cost of tuition through scholarships and grants at the institution she plans to attend in the fall. That is **43% of the Class of 2019**. Congratulations Class of 2019! For the full list of seniors who attended this year's Academic Signing and the colleges/universities they plan to attend, [CLICK HERE](#).



ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY ◀

On Thursday, May 16, 2019, Notre Dame Academy held its annual Academic Awards Ceremony recognizing 205 students who received a total of 697 awards throughout the school year. We commend these young women for using their God-given talents!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

EXAM SCHEDULE

Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors will be taking exams May 28, 29 and 30. You can find the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior Exam Schedule [HERE](#).



WORK IN COLLEGE ATHLETICS AT U OF L

College athletics is a booming field. There are a different divisions within an athletic department that make a sports team function daily including athletic training (sports medicine), video, equipment, sports nutrition, strength and conditioning, recruiting, among many others.

It can often times be difficult to get your foot in the door in the sports world; however, the University of Louisville has many opportunities for U of L students to make connections and get hands-on experience. Many departments offer opportunities for scholarships and hourly pay.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Emily Artner: emilya@gocards.com.

JOURNALISM & DIGITAL MEDIA ACADEMY AT NKU

Students interested in journalism, electronic media and broadcasting...NKU is hosting a Journalism and Digital Media Academy on July 22-26 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at NKU College of Informatics.

- Students will learn the art and technology of multimedia storytelling under the guidance of faculty and student mentors
- Students will publish their work on the academy website and social media.
- The academy will take place in the College of Informatics' state-of-the-art media and technology facility

Register at: nku.edu/digitalage

More info: [Summer Academy](#)

Questions: Contact Michele Day at daymi@nku.edu or 859-572-1921



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NDA PARENT TOOLBOX? ◀

If you are looking for a good read over the break, or even some interesting articles, there are many good ideas (Untangled, Under Pressure, The Confidence Code, anxiety, friends, teens and technology, etc.), in [NDA Parent Tool Box](#)!

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NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

2019 GOLF OUTING

Friday, August 2, 2019 - Summit Hills Country Club

Come out to celebrate Notre Dame Academy in their 21st annual Golf Outing. We encourage all types of groups to play: all men, all ladies or a mixed foursome.

Don't have a golfing partner? Sign up and we can assign you to a group. You do not need to have an affiliation to Notre Dame Academy, just come out and support by golfing. **Everyone is welcome!!**

Any skill level is welcome, this is about having **FUN!**

Format will be a Four Person Scramble

Cost is \$150 per player

REGISTER HERE

Schedule for the Day:

7:00 – 7:45 am Registration, Ball Drop and Auction Ticket Sales

8:00 am: Shotgun Start

Noon: Reception, Lunch, Ball Drop and Auction Ticket Sales

Do you want to support NDA Athletics?

You can do so by playing in this year's Golf Outing at Summit Hills Country Club
on Friday, August 2, 2019

OR

You can sponsor the golf outing!

At the \$250 sponsorship level, you will receive an awesome keepsake
Golf Outing Flag that you can personalize for your Panda!

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and Sponsorship Form
and thanks for your support!

Sponsor the golf outing at
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NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Shannon Gormally

CLASS OF 2019



SUMMER Opportunities!

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!

For registration forms and further information about summer programs at NDA, go to:

www.ndapandas.org



Did you know...?

- Your Sisters of Notre Dame have been hosting a 4th of July Festival since 1922?
- The NDA parking lot is filled with cars and tents on the 4th of July?
- Notre Dame Academy in Park Hills and your sister school in Buseesa, Uganda receive funding from the 4th of July Festival? Other recipients include Notre Dame Urban Education Center, Julie Learning Center, and SND Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation initiatives.
- You can earn service hours by helping with the festival?

Become a volunteer with the Sisters of Notre Dame 4th of July Festival!

When: Thursday, July 4th

Where: Sisters of Notre Dame
1601 Dixie Hwy, Park Hills

How: Amy at 859-291-2040 or amcelheney@sndky.org
www.sndky.org/festival



GALA TABLE CAPTAINS STILL NEEDED ◀

We are still looking for GALA TABLE CAPTAINS/dedicated parents who are willing to help fill a table of 10. The job of table captain is quite simple and costs nothing! All table captains are supplied with a “how to” basket, full of essentials needed to fill their table: NDA address book, gala post cards, pens, and, if desired, stamps.

The table captain simply chooses and invites friends and family (invitees don’t have to be from NDA, all are welcome) to join them at the gala! There is NO financial obligation to pay for your table reservations! You simply secure a positive response from at least 10, get them to reserve their spot at your table and ultimately FILL that table :)

If interested, please contact Holly Danneman at hgdmd6@gmail.com

Dental Center of Florence

Being a local, family owned & operated full service dental practice, the Dental Center of Florence team works hard to offer you excellent dental care in a warm, friendly & comfortable atmosphere.

Our services include every aspect of family, general and cosmetic dentistry including sedation and implant dentistry, teeth whitening & Invisalign. We are the tri-state leader in same day dentures and have the latest dental techniques and technology available, including our on-site denture lab.

We invite you to join the many NDA Panda families we care for. To serve your busy life, we have evening and Saturday appointments available. We’ll bring a smile to your face “all in a day!” Go Pandas! Corinne Laws, Class of 2021!

Learn more about Dental Center of Florence [HERE](#).



▶ Important dates

May 20-22	Senior Exams Baccalaureate Mass
May 24	Senior Breakfast No School: Graduation
May 27	No School: Memorial Day
May 28-30	Exams
May 31	Cleaning Day 4th Quarter Ends Faculty/Staff Luncheon

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Have you checked out the Community News section of our website lately? It has all sorts of great information for you about things happening in our community!

Check out the Community News section of NDA’s website for news about:

- 14th Annual Cross the Bridge for Life
- Notre Dame Urban Education Center
- Work Study positions available
- Serra Club Florence Freedom Doubleheader
- Save the Date - The Marriage Journey
- Part-time help needed

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

