



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I hope this letter finds you and your family staying warm and doing well. Our students are wrapping up their exams tomorrow and are ready to begin a new quarter.

Unfortunately last Friday we felt it was necessary to cancel our Silver Bells Dance due to inclement weather. As always, the safety and well being of our students is our highest priority. We are currently looking for an alternative date to reschedule the event. You can read more about our efforts in the matter in the Student Life section below.

On Monday, we had the day off school in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. I hope you and your family took the time to celebrate Dr. King's life and his example. We talk a great deal about 21st Century educating at NDA. There are many facets of 21st Century learning, one being the education of students to work effectively in a diverse and multicultural society. In order to be effective leaders and to promote justice for everyone in our society, students need to understand and appreciate the world's wide range of people and cultures.

On Friday, we will focus on respecting life for all, from conception to natural death. On Thursday evening, a group of NDA students, teachers and parents will leave for the March for Life in Washington D.C. We will have a prayer service with the NDA community on Friday to pray for the protection of human life. We thank those members of our community who are representing us at the March for Life. Safe travels!

We are ready to begin our scheduling process for the 2017-18 academic year. This includes meetings with parents as listed in the information below. We also meet with each class during long homerooms prior to these meetings to review the process and course options. I suggest you take some time to discuss your daughter's thoughts on what options she is interested in pursuing next school year.

At Notre Dame Academy, we strive to be a community enriched by our differences. By expanding our students' knowledge and understanding of the diversity in our world, we encourage an awareness of the global community. Thanks for your continued support of our mission. Please know I am grateful to partner with you in this important work!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Handbook Highlight

As stated in our Student/Parent Handbook, “a student may ask to use the office phone if she must make a phone call during the school day or while at school. A student may not use any of the school phones or a cell phone without permission of a staff or faculty member.” We appreciate parents support

of this policy as helps minimize students’ distractions throughout the day.



Talent Show

NDA’s annual Talent Show is scheduled for Friday, February 2 and will conclude our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Students must submit their electronic registration by this Friday, January 19 if they wish to perform. Any freshman through senior is invited to show off her talent whether it is in music, theatre, dance, band or even comedy!

Silver Bells Update

NDA is currently working with CCH to identify a day for the Silver Bells Dance. The chosen date may require us to look for an alternative venue since NDA facilities are already booked for most Fridays and Saturdays. Parents are encouraged to email Mrs. Grayson (graysona@ndapandas.org) should they have venue recommendations or suggestions. We hope to have an update on the rescheduled dance in the next few days.



2018 FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE ◀

Don’t miss this year’s Father Daughter Dance on Friday, January 26 from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at Receptions in Erlanger. The theme this year is Country Western! The cost is \$25 per person and includes dinner, dances and non-alcoholic drinks. Country Western attire is encouraged! You can make your reservations online [HERE](#).

NDA/CCH

THEATRE
CHORUS
dance
VISUAL ART
Jazz Band

Fine Arts Showcase

February 2 - 4, 2018 | at Notre Dame Academy

SAVE THE DATE! ◀

Fine Arts Showcase: Revolutions, Feb. 2 - 4

Join us in declaring REVOLUTION as we examine the ways in which rebellion, revolution, and change have manifested throughout our musical/theatrical history! From the Beatles to Hamilton, we as a people have defied convention, made waves, and changed the course of history with our indomitable spirits and strength of will. This NDA/CCH Fine Arts Showcase will feature Theatre, Chorus, Dance Team, Visual Art and our Jazz Band. Come and bring the family!

CAN YOU LEND A HELPING HAND? ◀

Do you have just one day a month to volunteer for two hours in the NDA cafeteria? Helping out is neither difficult nor time-consuming and our current volunteers have fun visiting the school and seeing their daughters, granddaughters and friends. Volunteers are also welcome to stick around after their two-hour shift for lunch with “the crew”. Grandparents in particular seem to love this job, so please consider asking your daughter’s grandparents if they would like to help out. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karen Brungs at 859.292.1856 or brungsk@ndapandas.org. The schedule is online and you can sign up [HERE](#).

PANDAS AUDITION FOR TRI-STATE BAND SYMPOSIUM ◀

Good luck to our NDA Pandas who are auditioning for the NKU Tri-State Band Symposium this Friday: Christina Cornett, Manon Stovik, Anissa Dickerson, Grace Caccavari, Ming Waih Wong Burgess and Emily Farrell!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

College Planning Nights for Students and Parents:



The NDA counselors will be having a College Planning night for the current freshmen, sophomores and juniors. These nights will address what students should be doing at this time to prepare for their path after high school. We will discuss our Naviance program, standardized testing, scheduling courses and other related issues. We would like a parent and the student (if possible) to attend. We understand that scheduling conflicts occur, and will send out a copy of the presentation electronically after the meetings.

- Junior College Planning: February 6 at 6:30 p.m.
- Freshmen College Planning Meeting: February 8 at 6:30 p.m.
- Sophomore College Planning: February 15 at 6:30 p.m.

TAP MD Award Recipients:

Congratulations to Abby Dressman and Olivia Ossege for being accepted into the TAP MD Program recently. This is a very competitive program that seeks to have high school students explore various types of careers as a physician.

Junior ACT in school:

This is a reminder that the juniors will be taking the ACT in school on Tuesday, February 27. Students do not register for this through ACT online. Mrs. Monohan has sent some communication to the students about the test as well. They will have the test in the morning and have a long break before enrichment activities in the afternoon. They will wear their uniform that day. They do not pay for the test as it is already included in school fees.

Sophomore and Freshmen CERT Testing:

The sophomores and freshmen will be taking the online CERT test on Tuesday, February 27. This is a practice test for the ACT and is aligned with the ACT format and scoring. Students will have testing in the morning a long lunch and enrichment activities in the afternoon. Students need to have a charged iPad that day for the test and will wear their uniform. We do not have extended time for students that have a Plan for this test. It is only a practice test. Here is some info about the CERT. This will be the 2nd time sophomores will take the test this year and the first time for freshmen.

<https://certforschools.com/about#overview>

▶ Important dates

January 16,17,18	Exams
January 19	Life March
	Prayer for Penance Prayer Service
	Selected Band Members to Attend NKU Honor Band Symposium
	2nd quarter ends
January 22-25	Senior Retreat
January 26	Father/Daughter Dance 7:00 p.m. - Receptions
January 29	Catholic Schools Week Begins
February 2	Talent Show
February 2-4	Fine Arts Showcase
February 6	Sophomores to Play
	Sophomore Ring Ordering 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
	Junior College Planning Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 7	Winter Sports Pep Rally
February 8	Sophomore Ring Ordering 10:50 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
	Freshman College Planning Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 14	Ash Wednesday Mass 1:30 p.m.
February 15	Sophomore College Planning Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 16	Mid quarter
	Mother/Daughter Dance 7:00 p.m. - Receptions

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Boone County Walk for Life
- Positions Available for Students
- Part-time job opportunity

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

