



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings parents!

Happy Catholic Schools Week! I have been so impressed with our students' excitement and enthusiasm as they celebrate their Catholic education. Our Student Council has done a great job of planning many activities this week to honor our Catholic heritage and school spirit. These students are a great example of women making a difference! Today excitement builds for our annual charity volleyball game tonight with CCH. Go Pandas!

As we celebrate this special week, we are truly blessed to be educators and students in a Catholic school and especially one guided by the SND charism. Our celebration this week began with mass celebrated by Bishop Foy and a celebration of "Nunday" Monday in honor of the Sisters. It is fitting that we began our week acknowledging the vision and dedication of the Sisters in making the Notre Dame education available to so many. True to their spirit of giving, the sisters served ice cream sundaes to our students at lunch.

In celebration of Catholic Schools week and recognition of our teachers and students, Bishop Foy gave us a free day. **Therefore we will not have school on Monday, February 8.**

Scheduling meetings for the 2016-17 school year begin with our **Freshman and Sophomore Meeting** tomorrow, February 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The **Junior Meeting** will be held on Thursday, February 11. Parents are asked to attend these meetings which will include information about standardized tests your daughter took this year as well as course scheduling for the coming year. Students are welcome to attend as well.

Don't forget our Fine Arts Showcase next weekend, February 5-7. The theme this year is *The Trail We Blaze*. Please see our [website](#) for more details.

Our Annual raffle is underway and we ask each family to support this effort by buying/selling at least five tickets. The tickets were given to your daughter this week in homeroom. Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Rachel greet them every morning to collect what they have sold the previous day. The raffle helps to cover our educational costs including tuition assistance. In addition to those benefits, there are incentives for students and for each grade level. Please encourage your daughter to sell at least five tickets. Your support is greatly appreciated.

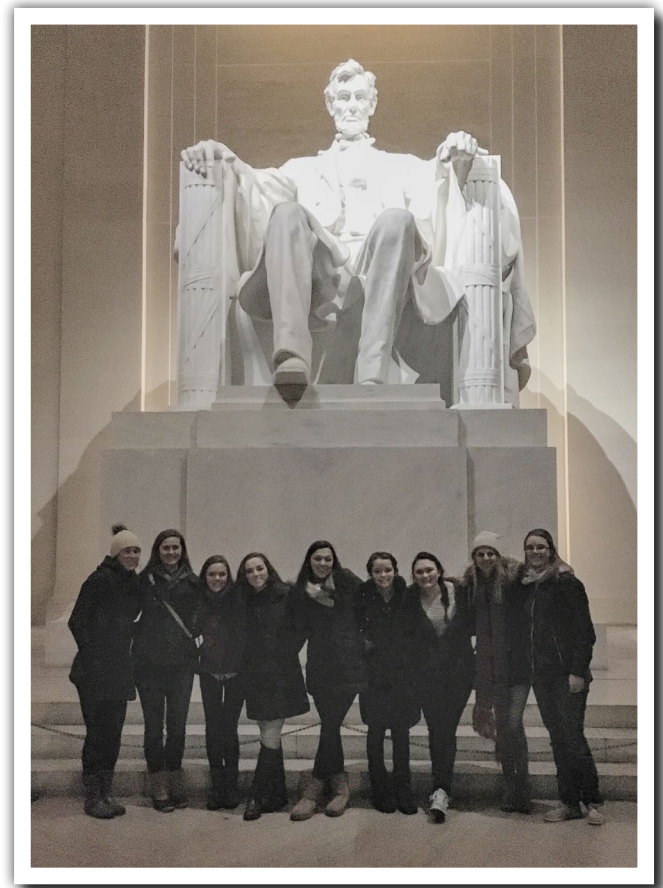
As you can see, NDA is a very busy place with many opportunities for our students to shine. As we celebrate our NDA Catholic community, please know that we are most grateful for the commitment of our parents to Catholic education. Thank you for choosing a Notre Dame education for your daughter and giving us the opportunity to be a part of her development as a woman who will make a difference in our world.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



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Students Attend LEAD Conference

Last weekend, Mrs. Grayson and Mrs. Wagner traveled with nine students to our nation's capitol for the annual LEAD Conference hosted by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Designed to help students refine and develop their leadership skills, the LEAD Conference lasted two and a half days and was full of exceptional workshops and opportunities to network with students from around the country. While in Washington D.C., NDA's students and advisors took full advantage of the monuments, museums and metro with one of the highlights being Mass at a local church. Pictured left to right: Libby Greenwell, Rachel Franzen, Kelsey Sucher, Margot Tierney, Arden Cleves, Abby Schuh, Emma Kramer, Paige Monfort and Emily Walter.

GOOD NEWS! ◀

Fiona Blackburn is an American Voices Award Nominee for our region for her short story, "Ymir." Congratulations to both Fiona and her English teacher Ms. Lynn Dickman.

NDA & CCH PRESENT... ◀

Don't miss this year's Annual Showcase February 5-7. The theme this year is *The Trail We Blaze*. Please see our [website](#) for more details.

MORE THEATRE NEWS ◀

Auditions for Seussical the Musical:

Tuesday, February 9 from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 11 from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Crew Meetings for Seussical the Musical:

Wednesday, February 10 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.



PPC NEWS ◀

After Prom Fundraiser

Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support NDA's After Prom. Come in to the Chipotle at 525 Buttermilk Pike in Crescent Springs on Tuesday, February 9 between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Bring in the flyer [HERE](#), show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Notre Dame Academy.

PPC Meetings

Please note, Panda Parent Club meetings are always the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the faculty conference room. **The next meeting will be on February 9 at 7:00 p.m.** See you there!

2016 NDA RAFFLE ◀

It's Raffle Time at NDA and each student received 5 raffle tickets in homeroom yesterday for this special event. As you know, this fundraiser helps keep tuition low and aids in providing tuition assistance to deserving students.

Our goal this year is \$42,000 and we've already raised over \$10,000 in ticket sales from our generous alumnae. The three winning raffle tickets will be pulled on February 17 at 2:00 p.m.

Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Rachel will be collecting raffle tickets each morning and tallying up our totals for the students to check our progress each day.

Each student is required to sell 5 tickets and there are many incentives for them to do so:

- The Top Selling Student will receive a \$100 AmEx gift card and get to be "Principal for the day" on February 19
- The 2nd Top Selling Student will receive a \$50 AmEx gift card
- The Winning Homeroom will get donuts one morning during long homeroom
- The Winning Grade Level will get pizza one day during lunch mods
- The Top Winning Homeroom Teacher will receive a \$50 AmEx gift card
- Out of Uniform Opportunities

Each student will have a chance at 3 out of uniform days. She can receive an Out of Uniform Pass if she:

1. Brings in her 5 raffle tickets BEFORE or ON February 9,
2. Brings in 5 additional raffle tickets BEFORE or ON February 11
3. Brings in 5 additional raffle tickets BEFORE or ON February 17

As you can see, in order to receive 3 Out of Uniform Passes, a student must sell 15 chances. If we meet our goal, everyone will be out of uniform on February 18!



FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

Fall Athletic Signings

Soccer: Taylor Watts, Belmont University,
Soccer: Maddy Kim, Middle Tennessee State University
Soccer: Libby Greenwell, University of Cincinnati

Bass Fishing

There will be an informational bass fishing meeting for anyone new to the sport on February 9 at 7 p.m. in room 111. If you are interested in participating in bass fishing please have a parent and/or yourself come to learn about the sport!

Bowling

Alecia Radford made the bowling all conference team.

Basketball

JV and varsity Basketball beat Gallatin county on Saturday and play again Tuesday at 6 and 7:30 verse Cooper at NDA.

Volleyball

Five NDA Senior volleyball players qualified for the 2016 Girls Junior National Volleyball Championship. Playing together on club team NKYVC 18 Tsunami, NDA Seniors Hannah Talkers, Madison Salkowski, Hannah Colvin, Hanna Knaley, and Morgan Hentz are 1 of only 36 teams in the country to qualify at the highest level, Open, for the Junior National Championship in Volleyball! Congratulations to these athletes!



Middle School Track and Field

There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m. in NDA's cafeteria. There is a \$50 participation fee and a KHSAA physical needed.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



Scheduling meetings:

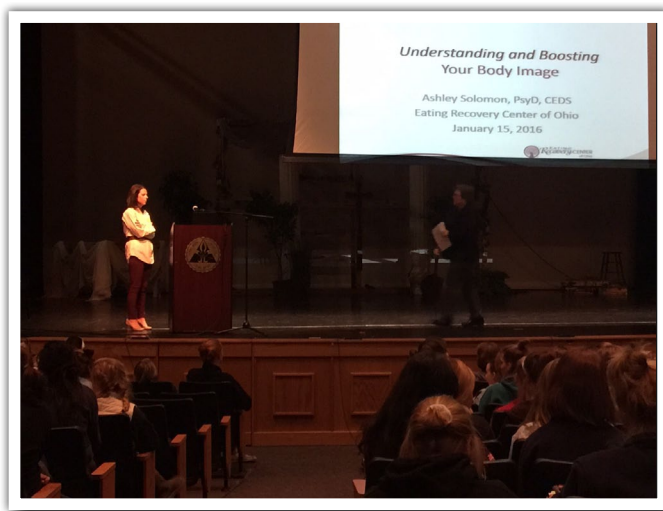
The counselors will be holding meeting for the parents to discuss the upcoming scheduling process for the 2016-17 school year. We will also be discussing the PSAT results for the sophomores and juniors. Students are welcome to attend, but we would appreciate at least one parent/guardian be in attendance. Handouts and presentation materials will be available via electronic resource, if one is unable to attend. The dates for these meetings are:

Freshmen and Sophomore Meeting: Thursday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

Junior Meeting: Thursday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

Understanding and Boosting Your Body Image

Dr. Ashley Solomon, Executive Clinical Director at the Eating Recovery Center of Ohio in Cincinnati, recently gave a presentation to all of our NDA students entitled "Understanding and Boosting Your Body Image." Students were actively engaged in her presentation, which focused on what it means to honor, value, and appreciate our bodies.



Cinderella's Closet

Even though Silver Bells is still fresh in everyone's memories, some people are already thinking ahead to Prom! The organization Cinderella's Closet is definitely one of those groups, as they provide dresses, accessories, and shoes for junior and senior girls who need help to have a wonderful and memorable Prom experience. They provide these essential Prom items at no cost to those who have a financial need. If this is something your junior or senior daughter could benefit from, please contact Personal Counselor, Erin Maggard, at maggard@ndapandas.org. The counselor will work with your daughter to set up an appointment on March 18 or 19 to pick out her dress. Cinderella's Closet will begin accepting appointments on February 12, so please let the counselor know if you are interested as soon as possible. For more information about Cinderella's Closet go to <http://www.cinderellasclosetusa.org/>.

Grief Group Forming

NDA will be offering a Grief Support Group for students interested in participating. There will be about 6 meetings, beginning later in February. Please contact Mrs. Hildreth for more information or if interested in participating.

CAFETERIA NEWS ◀

Please Check Your Balances

Please check PayPams for your daughter's cafeteria account balance as many currently have insufficient funds.

Dish Room Volunteers Needed - Here is an easy way to sign up

Volunteers are needed daily to help in the dish room in the NDA cafeteria. Shifts are from 11:00 to 12:30. Click [here](#) to see available times and to sign up. All volunteers must be Virtus trained. We're using VolunteerSpot to organize this activity.

Please sign up for NDA Dishroom!

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/5aVWtd>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact us and we can sign you up manually. Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers!



WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE 2016 ◀

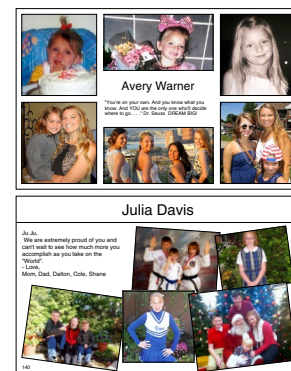
You are cordially invited to attend Notre Dame Academy's Fifteenth Annual Women Making A Difference Award Luncheon on Thursday, February 25, 2016, the at Northern Kentucky Convention Center, Covington, Kentucky beginning at 11:00 a.m. with Registration & Networking followed at 12:00 p.m. with Luncheon & Awards Ceremony. Please contact Emily Berling at 859-292-1852 or at berlinge@ndpandas.org to RSVP.

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR YEARBOOK? ◀

Parents: Now you can order your daughter's copy of the 2016 edition of the Notre Dame Academy yearbook, Tapestry, by following this link to jostens.com. Yearbooks are now available at last year's pre-order price of \$60; get yours before the price goes up in April!

SENIOR ADS ◀

Senior Parents: You're understandably proud of your daughter. Why not say it with a yearbook recognition ad? They're available in a variety of sizes and price points, 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.



Important dates:

February 3	Diocesan Mass Charity NDA vs. CCH Vball Game
February 4	Current Freshmen & Sophomore Parent Scheduling Meeting
February 5	Mid-quarter Talent Show
February 5 - 7	NDA/CCH Showcase: The Trail We Blaze
February 8	Free Day From Bishop Foy's - NO SCHOOL
February 9	PPC - Panda Parent Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. - ALL ARE WELCOME!
February 10	Ash Wednesday
February 11	Current Junior Parent Scheduling/PSAT Meeting
February 11-16	California Technology Trip
February 12	No School: Faculty Retreat
February 15	No School: Presidents' Day
February 17	Sophomore Ring Ordering
February 25	Women Making A Difference Luncheon
February 26	Senior Retreat

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- St. Joseph School Curtain Call Cavaliers Present "Adventures of a Comic Book Artist"
- SOUPer Bowl
- 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](#).

