



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings parents,

February is underway and we have reached the midway point of the third quarter. As the school year proceeds, we are reminded each day of the many blessings of our NDA community. Our students are thriving and being constantly challenged in the classroom, in the gym, on the stage and in the many ways that they live and learn in our school community. Each day we are Celebrating our Sisterhood!

This past weekend I had the pleasure of attending our annual fine arts showcase - this year titled *Once Upon a Time: A Showcase of Fairytales*. It was a sold out show and for good reason. From the jazz musicians performing before the show, to the beautiful display of artwork on the walls of Alumnae Hall and the excellent performance in the theater, it was a real joy to experience the many talents of our students. Congratulations to our teachers Ms. Stine, Ms. Perrino, Mr. Cerimele and Mr. Eckerele for helping to bring out the many talents of our students. We are proud of the NDA/CCH actors, stage crew members, musicians, and NDA art students who made the event such a success. We are so blessed to have the amazing facility for our performing arts and to see it filled with the many God given gifts of our young people.

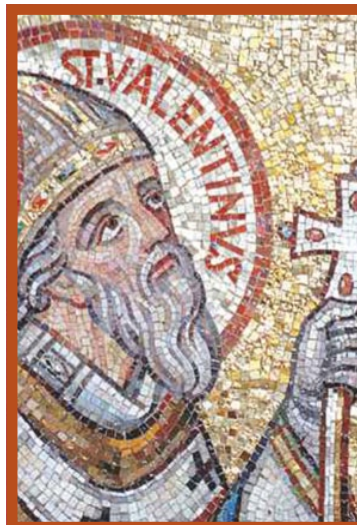
Congratulations to our Student of the month for February – senior Rachel Kreutzjans. Please read below about Rachel’s accomplishments in and out of the classroom. This week we also acknowledge outstanding students of science who were accepted to the TAP MD program and our accomplished students in Latin. Congratulations to their teachers as well, Mrs. Proudfit who teaches AP Biology and our Latin teacher Mr. Lander.

Good luck to our Aqua Pandas who head into the Regional championships this weekend. NDA is hosting the event at the Silverlake Recreation Center in Erlanger. Thanks to our swimmers, divers, coaches and all the parents who support the team and represent NDA so well.

As we head into this February weekend that looks to be a cold one, I hope you have time to celebrate and find warmth in the special blessings of those you love and those who love you.

May you know God’s goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



St. Valentine was a bishop, and is thought to have been a physician. He was arrested for giving aid to Christian prisoners awaiting martyrdom, and while imprisoned he converted the jailer by restoring sight to the jailer’s daughter. St. Valentine refused to deny Christ before the Emperor Claudius in the year 280 and won the jeweled crown of martyrdom by his faithful witness. The feast of St. Valentine was first established in 496 by Pope Gelasius I.

### Prayer to St. Valentine

O St. Valentine, lover of Christ and of the Church, we ask your intercession that we may learn how to love God above all things, and to selflessly love one another. O glorious St. Valentine, pray for us that we too may have the steadfast faith of the martyrs.

(From catholicprayercards.org)



## INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

Senior and SWAT Team member, Josie Shriver, “helping out the Sistas” (Sr. Anita Marie and her sister, Sr. Maria Francine) here from Uganda as Josie helps find iPad One solutions for our NDA sister school.

For the latest installment of the NDA Senior Reflection Series [CLICK HERE](#).



## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### West Point Society Seminar on Leadership and Ethics

Last Friday, Haley Brueggemann (11) and Evonne Vandenberg (10) attended the West Point Society’s Seminar on Leadership and Ethics. Hundreds of students from the Greater Cincinnati area attended the seminar where they had the opportunity to reflect on their personal value systems and discuss and explore a variety of ethical situations. The all day seminar included a keynote speaker and small breakout sessions where students practiced ethical decision-making.

### Class Rings

Herff Jones will be on campus in NDA’s foyer next Wednesday, February 18 between 3 and 7:30 p.m. At this time, Sophomores will be able to purchase their class rings.



## 2015 STATE LATIN CONVENTION CONGRATS! ◀

Congratulations to the Notre Dame Academy Junior Classical League delegates who represented us at the 2015 State Latin Convention. This group of Latinists placed 2nd and 3rd in spirit and several placed in tests:

Emily Walter received 9th place in Reading Comprehension and 4th place in Derivatives, Molly Hehman got 4th place in Roman History, and Lily Thaman won 1st place in Derivatives. Bene factum est, discipulae!

## NDA STUDENTS ACCEPTED INTO TAP MD PROGRAM ◀

Three NDA AP biology students applied and were accepted to the TAP MD program. Congratulations to Emily Walter, Malea Rolfsen & Carly Gross. They are among the 41 students from 25 high schools in the greater Cincinnati area, to be accepted!



## AUDITIONS FOR SPRING PLAY ◀

There will be AUDITIONS for Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic's production of LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS, February 11 and 12 from 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Auditions will take place in the Theatre of NDA. Actors should come prepared to sing and dance, and may audition using either a song of their choosing with the track provided (actors from this Winter's Showcase may use a song from the showcase), or may audition using one of two tracks from the musical. If you require one of these tracks, please email Ms. Stine. For that and with questions, email her at: [stinec@ndapandas.org](mailto:stinec@ndapandas.org). Can't wait to see you! \*\*Please note: This is a change from the previously announced musical, Working.

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

### Cinderella's Closet

Prom season is approaching quickly! Sometimes this can be a troubling time as a family tries to cover all the expenses associated with the dance. Cinderella's Closet is an organization that can help. They have thousands of dresses, accessories, and shoes that can be provided at no cost. If this is something that could benefit your junior or senior daughter, please contact the Personal Counselor, Tessa Taylor at [taylor@ndapandas.org](mailto:taylor@ndapandas.org). She can work with your daughter to set up an appointment on March 20 or 21 to pick out her dress. Learn more about the program here: Cinderella's Closet.



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

### February - RACHEL KREUTZJANS

Teachers describe Notre Dame Senior Rachel Kreutzjans as positive, hardworking, well respected and diligent. Rachel's History teacher Ron Greife, says she "is always ready for class and willing to actively and enthusiastically contribute to class discussions and debates." For her exceptional work ethic, Rachel has earned the recognition of February's Student of the Month.

Last month, Rachel joined many other NDA students in Washington D.C. where she marched in support of unborn babies and gave a voice to the voiceless. This is not the first time Rachel has acted in support of our most vulnerable populations. She has worked with the elderly at St. Charles Care Center and partnered with the S.T.A.R.S. program when helping young children whose parents had passed. She has also served as a tutor at St. Agnes School. Rachel admits she is drawn to helping the elderly and children because she sees how her actions positively and directly impact them.

Rachel's teacher and Life March moderator, Mrs. Brennan, commented that Rachel "is exactly the type of student leader and woman" we hope to graduate from NDA. Achieving first or second honors every quarter since her freshmen year, Rachel excels in the classroom and beyond. Rachel is a member of NDA's soccer team, Life Club, Latin Club, Latin National Honor Society, Girls Athletic Association, Respect Club and National Honor Society. This spring, Rachel will be representing Notre Dame at the regional Future Business Leaders of America Conference.

As Rachel reflects on her time at NDA and makes plans for college, she recognizes the gift of her Catholic education. Rachel says, "I know the lessons I have learned here will be invaluable in college next year and throughout my life." Congratulations, Rachel, on earning this month's recognition and best of wishes as you plan your future. We are proud to call you a Panda!

## Have you sold your raffle tickets?

Our annual raffle is underway and we ask each family to support this effort by buying/selling at least 5 tickets. (Students received the tickets during Catholic Schools Week.)

Proceeds from the raffle help bridge the gap between tuition and actual cost of education and provide tuition assistance to deserving students.

Sr. Paul Ann & Sr. Rachel will be in the foyer every morning to collect what the students have sold the previous day.

**Tickets are only \$10  
for a chance at  
First Prize: \$5000  
Second Prize: \$2500  
Third Prize: \$500**

The drawing will be held on February 27 at noon.  
Call 859.292.7729 with questions.



**Your support is  
greatly appreciated!**



Tickets Are Now Available!

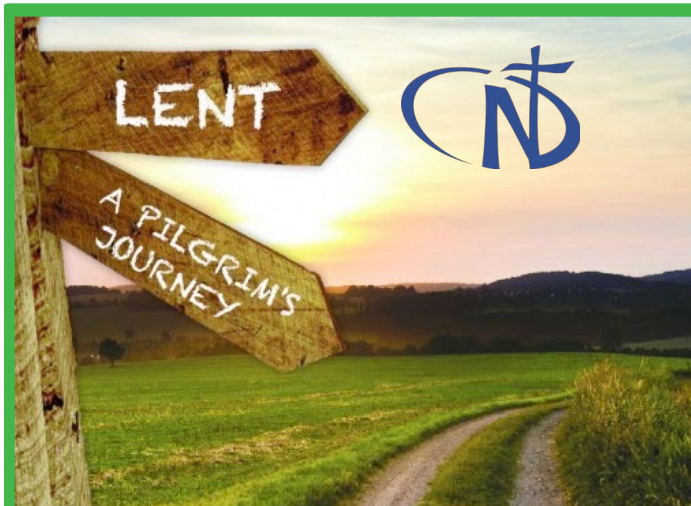
"Homeless to Hopeful"

Support the shelter while enjoying a cash bar, silent auctions, and raffles!

Auction items include autographed Bengals memorabilia, Reds memorabilia & tickets, and much more!

Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$5 for students  
Contact Laura at (859) 291-4555  
or [emergencyshelternky.laura@gmail.com](mailto:emergencyshelternky.laura@gmail.com)

Date: February 20th Time:  
7:00pm - 10:00 p.m. Notre  
Dame Academy Theatre  
1699 Hilton Dr.  
Park Hills, KY 41011



Join Sr. Kathleen Hine, SND, for  
"Lent, a Pilgrim's Journey."

This retreat calls upon our desire to enter more deeply into the Lenten season through the opportunity to make a spiritual pilgrimage

Wednesday, February 18, 2015  
8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
SND Provincial House  
1601 Dixie Highway  
Covington, KY

Cost: \$20.00/person

The retreat includes presentations, Mass, lunch, and Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Click [here](#) for more information and to RSVP

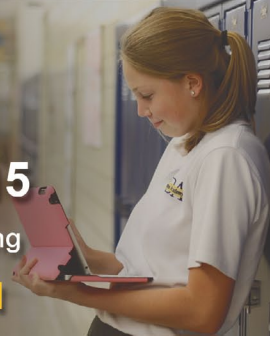


# Class of 2019

**PRIORITY APPLICATION PERIOD  
 JANUARY 7 - FEBRUARY 13, 2015**

to be eligible for scholarship consideration and iPad drawing

**CLICK HERE FOR ONLINE APPLICATION**



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Building confidence, celebrating excellence, and enabling a future without boundaries.

## ► Important dates:

February 11-12	Spring Musical Auditions
	Annual Appeal Phonathon
February 13	Students may wear red/pink shirts and/or socks for Valentine's Day.
February 16	No School
February 18	Ash Wednesday
	Herff Jones in for for Class Rings 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.
February 21	Freshmen/Sophomore Dance with CCH
February 28	8th Grade Conferences

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

Ash Wednesday Day of Recollection

Northern Kentucky Trap Program

St. Charles Community is now hiring

Class forming for new drivers with Streetsmartz

Are you caring for an aging parent or grandparent? St. Charles can help!



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