



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I hope you are all enjoying the spring like weather we have been having! It is wonderful to see our students around campus on the field, track and tennis courts working and playing hard!

Speaking of our Panda athletes, they have had a very successful February! Congratulations to our Archery Pandas on their high scores this month. Kudos also to our Bowling Pandas for their performance at state. Finally, congratulations to our Aqua Pandas who earned their 19th consecutive regional title and their Team Sportsmanship Award and to those students who made the All Region Team.

I would like to thank the parents and students who have supported our annual Raffle. The raffle is an important fundraiser that supports our tuition assistance program and helps to keep our tuition affordable. Each ticket is a chance to win \$10,000 and the raffle will be held this Friday, February 17 at 2:00 p.m. To support our raffle we count on each student to sell 6 tickets at \$15 - that's a \$90 investment in our school. If each student does her part, we can raise over \$50,000 to support our school and each other. Please talk to your daughter today to make sure she has sold her tickets. Sr. Paul Ann, Sr. Rachel and Ms. Jan Gilliam have been in the foyer each morning to collect sold tickets. We have some incentives for ticket sales including a special treat if each student sells her 6 tickets!

Finally, I would like to close today by thanking both our Student Council members and our Peer Ministers for making this Valentine's Day very special at NDA. Our Student Council members made Valentines for each of our 589 students and our Peer Ministers put a "You are Loved" heart on each student's locker. I think it's safe to say that our entire community was touched by the efforts of these students yesterday. At times it may seem that our world is filled with negativity however, it is uplifting to see our students embracing dignity in themselves, each other and our community!

I am inspired by your daughters each and every day. Thank you for choosing Catholic education and allowing us to partner with you in educating your daughter in the Catholic tradition!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Charity Volleyball Game

The final numbers are in from CSW's Charity Volleyball Game between NDA and CCH. Together our schools raised \$2617 for the Emergency Cold Shelter of Northern Kentucky.!

Enchanted Forest Dance

NDA and CCH Freshmen and Sophomores and their dates are invited to come to the Enchanted Forest, a Semi-formal dance scheduled at Notre Dame Academy on Saturday March 11 from 8:00-11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 per person, and will be sold the week before. All proceeds will benefit Notre Dame Academy's Drug Free Club.



Attention Sophomores!

This week, February 13-17, the Teen Leadership Club (TLC) will be collecting items from the Sophomores to support the Notre Dame Urban Education Center. Each month from January thru April we will have a different grade donating items, and February is the sophomore's turn. The after school program at the Urban Ed Center assists around 55 students daily and the sisters like to provide a snack and drink because the children are always hungry when they come! TLC will be collecting individually packaged snacks and drinks such as peanut butter crackers, cookies, chips, pretzels, capri sun, etc. We would like to make a big donation because in our most recent correspondence with the Urban Ed Center, they indicated their cupboards were almost bare! Donations can be brought to school and placed in designated spots in the front lobby. If you donate, please make sure the portions are individually packaged. Thank you in advance for your generosity ~TLC

2017 NDA RAFFLE ◀

Last chance to win \$10,000!

HAS YOUR DAUGHTER SOLD HER 6 RAFFLE TICKETS?

As you know, this fundraiser helps keep tuition low and aids in providing tuition assistance to deserving students.

Our goal this year is \$45,000 and we are on our way to reaching that goal with only TWO days remaining! The winning raffle ticket for **\$10,000** will be pulled this Friday, **February 20 at 2:00 p.m.** Sr. Paul Ann, Sr. Rachel and Ms. Gilliam will be collecting raffle tickets each morning and tallying up our totals for the students to check our progress each day.

Each student is highly encouraged to sell 6 tickets at \$15 each and there are many incentives for them to do so. If each student brings in their 6 chances, and we reach the student/school goal of \$40,000, we will invite the Mr. Softee truck to NDA during lunch mods and the girls will have Panda Rec., a little time outside one day! This is aside of the other individual, grade level and homeroom incentives. If you have any questions, please call the Advancement Office at 859-292-7729.



PPC NEWS ◀

PPC Meetings are always the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the teachers lounge. Our next meeting is **MARCH 14**. All are welcome!



YEARBOOK SALES ◀

Parents, now is a great time to order a 2017 yearbook and take advantage of the best price available! Yearbooks are \$60 and can be ordered by clicking [this link](#) or visiting jostens.com.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

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 maggarde@ndapandas.org. This year the weekend Cinderella's Closet is open is actually the weekend of our prom so Ms. Maggard has spoken with the director about how to accommodate our girls. However, we need to let them know soon how many girls would like to shop at Cinderella's Closet, so please contact Mrs. Maggard by Friday, February 17! For more information about Cinderella's Closet go to <http://www.cinderellasclosetusa.org/>

Junior ACT on February 28:

All juniors will be taking the ACT during the school day, on Tuesday, February 28. We will help them with registering on paper during the school day for this District Test. There is no need to register for this test. We will ask the students to bring the fee of \$39.50 to school eventually for the test. If a student has trouble with that fee, please let Mrs. Monohan know. All high schools in the Diocese will be taking the ACT on that day. We will ask students to arrive at 7:45 that day to get ready to start by 8 a.m. More details and reminders will follow in an email to students and parents.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO 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](#).



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

Financial Aid Applications:

Financial aid applications are now open and will remain open until April 15th. If you are in need of financial assistance OR are looking to do work study the application with FACTS must be completed before anything else. Financial assistance requests increase each year we cannot stress enough the importance of getting your application in early. Late applications run the risk of financial aid funding being exhausted. You can access the Financial Assistance page of the website [HERE](#).

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

ARCHERY

The NDA and CCH Archers have shot well in February, placing 2nd in the Next Level Academy Tournament with a score of 3249 and 5th at Regionals with a 3239. At the Next Level Academy Tournament, Erin Kirchner placed 2nd with a 277, Lily Gamel shot her personal best and placed 4th with a 272, Hope Feinauer placed 7th with a 262, and Gabriella Ficke came in 9th with a 261. Megan Seligman shot her top score of 240. At Regionals Erin Kirchner shot a 280 and placed 10th. Other top scores included Hope Feinauer with a 272, Lily Gamel with a 270, Jenna Wigger with a 265, Kayla Torres with a 264, both Oli Marita and Manon Stovik shot a 261. Come watch the Pandas shoot at our annual Charity Tournament this Saturday, February 18th to benefit the National Wildlife Federation.



BOWLING

Congrats to bowling for wrapping up their season at state. Alecia Radford finished 24th in the State!

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Congratulations to the swimming and diving team on their 19th Region Title and on the Team Sportsmanship Award that is voted on by the coaches.

Congratulations to the swimming All Region Team of Sophie Skinner, Sam Glass, Amanda Smith, and Allie P. and to Sophie Skinner who was voted this year's Swimmer of the Meet.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The NDA Athletic Hall of Fame is set for March 9 at 6:00 p.m. in alumnae hall. There will be a cocktail and hors d'oeuvre hour from 6:00-7:00 p.m. with the program beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending around 8:00 p.m. We are excited to induct the list below and recognize the Swimming and Diving State Champion Teams from 1972, 1973, 1976 and 1977. You can purchase tickets online [HERE](#).



Kim Gunning, Volleyball and Golf coach, AD 1989-2014

Rob Hardin, Tennis Coach 1995-2015

Sara Raaker McSorely, Soccer Coach, 2000-2013

Jill Hampton Baaker, Volleyball 1994-1998

Ally Westling, Tennis 2006-2010

Anna Walsh Koningsmark, Soccer 2001-2005



2016-17 College Rep Visits at NDA

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students. Below is a list of upcoming visits.

March

7 University of Kentucky 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

9 Northern Kentucky University 8:15 - 9:00 a.m.

*Women Making
A Difference*

WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE 2017 ◀

You are cordially invited to attend Notre Dame Academy's Sixteenth Annual Women Making A Difference Award Luncheon on Thursday, March 16, 2017, 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 NDA's Advancement office at 859.292.7729 to RSVP.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME PANCAKE BREAKFAST ◀

Come one, come all, and come hungry to the 21st Annual Uganda Mission Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, February 19, 2017 from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in NDA's Cafeteria. The price is \$6.00 for adults | \$4.00 for children under 12

All proceeds benefit the Sisters of Notre Dame Uganda Mission. For more information, please call Sr. Mary Margaret Droege at (859)392-8109 or email her at mmdroege@sndky.org.

▶ Important dates

February 16	Healing Service for Kelly Schmahl in Chapel 3:00 p.m.
February 17	NDA Incoming Freshman Priority Application Period Ends! Winter Sports Pep Rally
February 19	Sisters of Notre Dame Pancake Breakfast
February 20	Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL
February 21-24	Senior Retreat
February 24	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. All are welcome!
February 28	Super Tuesday: Senior Mission Retreat, Juniors - ACT, Sophomores and Freshmen - CERT Test
March 1	Ash Wednesday Mass
March 9	NDA Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
March 11	Freshman/Sophomore Dance: Enchanted Forest
March 13	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development
March 14	Panda Parent Club Meeting
March 16	Women Making A Difference Day
March 25	Scholastic Writing Awards 3:00 p.m. NDA Theatre

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- A Night of Praise, Worship, and Adoration - BELIEVE - February 23
- Work Study Opportunities for the Sisters of Notre Dame
- Scholarship Tax Credit Messenger Story

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

