



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

A special note of gratitude to all who helped plan last week's Catholic Schools Week activities. Our NDA students together with students from CCH, raised over \$1,600 for the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky on Wednesday evening at our annual charity volleyball game. It is fitting that as a Catholic school community we share our gifts with those in need, especially the homeless.

We are ready to begin our scheduling process for the 2020-21 academic year. This includes meetings with parents. As you can see below, these meetings begin mid-February. I suggest you take some time in the next week or two to discuss your daughter's thoughts on what options she is interested in pursuing next school year.

We are also working on our calendar for next school year. Below you will find a list of scheduled holidays for the 2020-21 school year. Please note, the first day of the 2020-21 school year will be August 12, 2020.

As usual this time of year, we have recently had many students absent due to illness. Please encourage your daughter to practice good health habits. Although we strongly believe that attendance is important at NDA, we certainly understand that if your daughter is sick, it is best for her to stay home. This will enable her to get the rest she needs to recover quickly and not spread her illness to other students. Please note the following policies listed in the NDA Student/Parent Handbook regarding Illness During School and Unexcused Absences:

Illness During School

In case of illness during the school day, the student is to report to the school office and may be admitted to the health room. Every fifteen minutes in the health room is counted toward the missed time in a class. A student must decide if she is going home or returning to class within one half hour. If she decides to go home, the school secretary contacts a parent. In the case of illness, no student may leave the building or call, text or email a parent on her own. This is to be done from the school office. If a student does so, disciplinary consequences will result.

Unexcused Absences

Unexcused Absences include any time a student is absent from school when it is not considered excused as defined in our handbook. Illness, even with a doctor's statement, is NOT an excused absence. Sick days are simply added to the "missed days" total. If a student must be absent from school, a parent/guardian should call the school office by 8:00 a.m. If a student is missing from 1st period and a phone call explaining the absence has not been received, a call will be placed to the student's parent or guardian verifying her absence. The student should bring a note upon her return stating the date of the absence and the reason for missing school. Other documentation, such as a doctor's note, is also very helpful but does not excuse the absence unless a student has a chronic condition. The notes are kept in the student's file.

Thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education. Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

Congratulations to Jana Leberecht on being named the February Student of the Month. You can read more about Jana [HERE](#).



NDA 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR HOLIDAYS ◀

August 14	Assumption
September 7	Labor Day
October 8, 9	PD Days
November 2	All Saints' Day
November 3	Election Day
November 25	PD Day
November 26	Thanksgiving Break
November 27	Thanksgiving Break
December 8	Immaculate Conception
December 21 - January 1	Christmas Break
January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 15	Presidents' Day
April 1-9	Easter Break
May 28	Graduation
May 31	Memorial Day



YEARBOOK INFORMATION ◀

You can still pre-order your daughter's yearbook for the 2019-20 school year (2020: Women with Vision) at [jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2020-Yearbook/2020011204172891054/CATALOG_SHOP/) (link https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2020-Yearbook/2020011204172891054/CATALOG_SHOP/). February is the last month for the special price of \$60; the price goes up to \$70 on March 1.

The 2018-19 yearbook (New and Forever) is available for purchase for \$70 in the office or Room 112; please make checks payable to Notre Dame Academy.



PANDA PARENT CLUB MEETING ON TEENAGERS AND ALCOHOL ◀

Don't miss the next Panda Parent Club meeting on **Monday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m.** The topic is **Teenagers and Alcohol** and our speaker will be Dr. David Baum.

Junior and senior parents in attendance at the February and March PPC meetings will be entered into two special prom ticket raffles:

- 2020 Prom ticket raffle
- 2020 After Prom ticket raffle

Junior and Senior Parents, WIN A TICKET to Prom or After Prom FOR YOUR PANDA by ATTENDING February or March's PPC meeting!



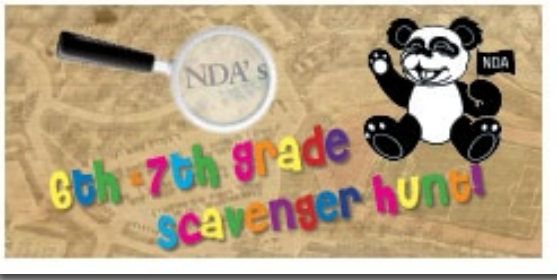
GIRL UP DAY ◀

Girl Up Club is hosting Girl Up Day on February 29 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Notre Dame Academy. The day is open to girls in grades 4-8, and they will work on building teamwork, confidence, and leadership skills. Registration is now open, and the students will get a free t-shirt if they registers by February 12. All proceeds will go to the United Nations Girl Up Campaign. You can register online [HERE](#).



CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

At NDA, we celebrate our Catholic Identity everyday by living the Gospel message of Jesus through kindness and generosity to others, respect for life, community service and striving to use our God given gifts. Take a look at our Campus Ministry Department calendar for the next week [HERE](#).



6TH & 7TH GRADE SCAVENGER HUNT AT NDA! ◀

Attention future Pandas! Join in all of the “Pandamonium” at the 6th and 7th Grade Scavenger Hunt at Notre Dame Academy on Thursday, February 13 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Don’t miss this afternoon of games, the NDA Scavenger Hunt, food and more! Please return the registration form for this event before February 11. You can find the registration form online [HERE](#). For more information contact NDA’s Director of Admissions, Katie Caccavari, at 859.292.1829. We hope to see you there!

FATHER DAUGHTER 2020 SPORTS OF ALL SORTS!



2020 FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE! ◀

NDA’s annual Father/Daughter dance is this Friday, February 7 from 7-11 p.m. and we need your help for set up, registration, sending in treats and setting up games at this year’s Father Daughter Dance. Please go [HERE](#) to help out.

Also, SENIORS - don’t forget to turn your posters in to the office THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

PLEASE NOTE!
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIOR PARENTS ◀

On March 24, your daughter will be taking part in a one day Mission Retreat. This retreat will be held at St. Joseph Height’s from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and is required. The purpose of this day is to reflect on the many ways they are called to carry the Mission of Notre Dame Academy out into their everyday lives, particularly once they graduate in May!

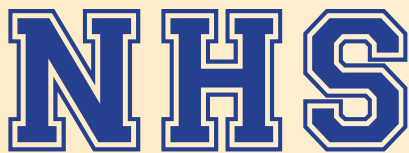
PLEASE READ a letter from NDA regarding your daughter’s Senior Mission Retreat [HERE](#).



DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MASS ◀

On Wednesday, Jan 29, 2020, seven students represented NDA at the Diocesan Catholic Schools Week Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption. These students were selected by their Religion teachers. Thanks to Katie Graves, Grace Autry, Lauren Huepel, Clara Weber, Paige Neuhaus, Claire Dunham, and Gaby Weber for representing NDA well.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE! ◀



From January 13 to 17, NDA's National Honor Society hosted a bake sale and sold key chains in order to raise money for Girls Health Period (GHP). GHP is an organization dedicated to eliminating girls' absenteeism in Cincinnati Public Schools due to their menstrual cycles by providing feminine hygiene products to local schools. The students raised \$660.60 and received a generous donation of \$250 from St. Elizabeth's Pastoral Care Department. In total, NHS will be contributing \$910.60 to GHP. Through this endeavor, NHS has truly made a difference in the community.



AND THE VERDICT IS... ◀

The future is bright for Notre Dame Academy's Mock Trial Team! NDA's Mock Trial B Team, comprised of 6 freshman and 1 junior, placed 4th at Regionals, earning them a berth in the Kentucky High School Mock Trial State Tournament. You can read more about NDA's Mock Trial teams [HERE](#).

NDA HONOR ROLL ◀

Congratulations to all of the students who made the NDA Honor Roll for the second quarter of this school year! You can see the complete lists [HERE](#).





IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Work Study Job Application Deadline: April 15, 2020

Financial Aid Applications & Academic and Tuition Assistance Scholarships

The application for work study jobs is available on the website [HERE](#) and is due by **APRIL 15, 2020**.

Financial aid applications are also now open and will remain open until **APRIL 15, 2020**.

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](#).

We are currently accepting applications for Academic and Tuition Assistance Scholarships. Applications can be found on the website [HERE](#), and are due in the front office no later than April 15, 2020.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

WINTER SPORTS PROGRAM ◀

Mark your calendar for the Winter Sports Program which will be held on March 17 at 7 p.m. in the NDA theater.

SWIM & DIVE UPDATE ◀

Congratulations to the swim & dive team for winning Conference two weekends ago!

Last week the swim & dive team celebrated Senior Night for the first time ever. During half time at the varsity basketball game against Scott on Monday, January 27, the senior swimmers were each recognized on court, along with their parents and coaches. It was a great way to celebrate our seniors and their accomplishments and their hard work and dedication over the last four years. We hope that this event can become an annual tradition for the swim & dive team.

The dive team competes in Regionals tonight in Louisville and the swim team will compete this Friday evening and Saturday afternoon at Silverlake. Swimming prelims start at 6:15 p.m. on Friday and finals start at 3:25 p.m. on Saturday.

Good luck, Aqua Pandas!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHTS (FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS) ◀

Current Sophomores:

Tuesday, February 11
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
NDA Theatre

Current Freshmen:

Wednesday, February 12
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
NDA Theatre

Current Juniors:

Tuesday, February 18
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
NDA Theatre



Topics to be covered:

- Know Your Options: 2-year / 4-year colleges
- Paying for College: College Financial Aid At a Glance
- Reality of College Scholarships: What to expect
- Utilizing Resources: Naviance, NDA Alums, College Visits
- Key To-Do's

If you can't make it to this meeting, the counselors will send a copy of the presentation to all parents and students via email. Questions: Email counselors@ndapandas.org.



College Rep Visits

2019-20 College Rep Visits ◀

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch periods. You can find a list of upcoming visits [HERE](#).



ATTENTION JUNIOR AND SENIOR PARENTS ◀

Attention Junior and Senior Parents - 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 personal counselor Erin Maggard at maggarde@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](#).



TEENAGERS AND ALCOHOL PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS ◀

Clinical Psychologist, Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor, and current Director of Clinical Services at ASAP (Adolescent Substance Abuse Programs) is coming to Notre Dame Academy on Monday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. to speak on the topic of Teenagers and Alcohol. Parents, you do not want to miss this very informative and engaging presentation!



**University
of Dayton**

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON: EXPLORE ENGINEERING EVENT ◀

University of Dayton: Explore Engineering Event
Free opportunity to explore a career in Engineering and tour the University of Dayton.

Saturday, Feb 22, 2020

11 am - 5 pm

More information and to register: [UD Engineering Event](#)



**Chamber
Foundation**

REGIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM ◀

The Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce sponsors this leadership program. Students work with area employers to develop leadership and communication skills as well as get an idea about careers and workforce. For more info and online application visit the website [HERE](#).

Application information can be found here. Please note that completed applications must be submitted electronically or postmarked by March 1, 2020.



ZOO TEEN PROGRAM ◀

Any teen interested in animals and leadership opportunities should check out the Zoo Teen Program. Applications for the program are due by February 29 and available online at the link provided below:

<http://cincinnati-zoo.org/volunteer/>



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NDA PARENT TOOLBOX? ◀

Check out the NDA [Parent Toolbox](#). Timely topics include lying, emotional storms, stress, and so much more!

**WE HOPE
TO SEE YOU!**



SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME PANCAKE BREAKFAST ◀

Come one, come all, and come hungry to the 23rd Annual Uganda Mission Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, February 16, 2020 from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Notre Dame Academy Cafeteria

1699 Hilton Drive, Covington, KY

\$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 859-291-2040 or email info@sndky.org.

Thank you to the Ludlow Knights of Columbus for putting on this event every year since 1996!



ALUMNAE NEWS ◀

Alumnae Mass

All are welcome to join us at our monthly Alumnae and Friends Masses in our new Mary, Mother of the World Chapel. The next Alumnae Mass is scheduled for February 26 at 11:30 a.m.



DINING HALL POSITIONS OPEN ◀

NDA is looking for parents to fill two openings in the Longworth Dining Hall. There is a position open on the salad bar and another as a side item cook. Please contact Karen Brungs at brungsk@ndapandas.org if you are interested in either of these positions.

POSITION AVAILABLE: DATABASE SPECIALIST ◀

Notre Dame Academy's Advancement Department is searching for a part-time Database Specialist to provide clerical expertise and to maintain the Notre Dame Academy community database. This position will assist in data entry, mailings, filing and other general office duties. Donor management software experience preferred. Please submit a cover letter, resume and references to ndahr@ndapandas.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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

- Position Available at St. Joseph Heights
- Bible Study With Reverend Timothy Schehr
- Young Adult & Teen Job Fair
- Emergency Shelter of NKY - Homeless to Hopeful Event
- Position Open for Parish Office Secretary



Julie Tapke-Dusing
Trey Tapke
Michael Dempsey
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► Important dates

February	7	Mid quarter
		Father Daughter Dance
	10	Winter Sports Pep Rally
		Panda Parent Club Meeting: Teenagers and Alcohol
	11	Sophomore College Planning Meeting
	12	Freshmen College Planning Meeting
	14	6th and 7th Grade Scavenger Hunt
	16	Ugandan Mission Pancake Breakfast
	17	No School: Presidents' Day
	18	Junior College Planning Meeting
	24	Students begin class selection in PowerSchool
	26	Ash Wednesday Mass
	28	Prom Registration Opens
		State Latin Convention
	29	Girl Up Day
March	5	Women Making a Difference Day
		Women Making a Difference Luncheon
	9	Panda Parent Club Meeting
	10	National Latin Exam
	11	FR to the Play
	13	3rd Quarter Ends