



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings parents,

“When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.”

— Maya Angelou

Over the last 24 hours, I have been blessed to witness some of the wonderful ways our students are engaging with our community. Last night, several members of our National Honor Society prepared and served dinner to foster parents at the Diocesan Catholic Children’s Home. They played with the children while their parents attended a meeting. This morning the senior class participated in presentations from two organizations they are considering for funding as part of the Magnified Giving Program. Through this program they learned about many of the needs in our community including homeless and neglected children in our local area. As a class they will select an organization to receive funding. I am proud of and grateful for the service our students seek to provide and the gracious way in which it is given.

Congratulations to our March Student of the month - sophomore Madison Jones. Madison’s dedication to serving others is a shining example of a student giving cheerfully. Please see more news about Madison in the section below.

In another wonderful example of community engagement, several young women competed at the Region 4 FBLA Conference at NKU yesterday. Please see the smiling faces of our successful competitors in the section below. Congratulations to the team and their moderator Ms. Hillary Johnson.

Many thanks to all of our parents who attended the “Save the Facts” presentation on adolescent substance abuse. Please see information below about the presentation and resources that are available to build awareness about this growing concern in Northern Kentucky. Knowledge is the first step in fighting this issue that is negatively affecting too many young people and their families.

Good luck to our Speech and Drama team as they head to the State competition this weekend. Our winning team is moderated by Mrs. Emily Sampson and Dr. David Jackson. The team (see list below) will be headed to Lexington in the new Panda Van!

Next Monday marks the end of the third quarter. Students will be completing projects and other assessments this week as the quarter comes to a close. You can check on your daughter’s progress by visiting her Power School account. Report cards will be available the week of March 30.

Next Tuesday, March 17, we will join the other high schools in the Diocese in administering the ACT to all juniors. The cost of the test is \$34 and this should be submitted to the school office before Tuesday. On the same day, our seniors will take part in their Mission retreat – a day which will focus on their call to make a difference in our world following the tradition of our Sisters of Notre Dame.

May you know God’s goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Attendance Policy

Attendance at school is necessary to an NDA education and the whole learning process. When a student is absent from class, lectures, discussions and demonstrations are missed that cannot be repeated. For this reason, families are encouraged to take vacations when school is not in session - this allows students to stay current and engaged in the learning process.

If an absence due to travel cannot be avoided, students are expected to complete a Vacation Form. The form requires teachers' signatures and is a means in which students can gather information on missing classwork, etc. In order to earn credit for the missing work, it must be completed by the due date as indicated by the teacher. The completed Vacation Form is due to Mrs. Grayson upon the student's return to school. **Parents are still expected to notify the school office in the event of a student's absence.**

Student Council Elections

Any student who is interested in running for Student Council office for the 2015-2016 school year must attend a mandatory information meeting on Wednesday, March 18 at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Students in all grade levels can campaign for grade level co-president or homeroom representative. Rising seniors can also run for school officer positions including co-president, secretary and treasurer. Applications and pertinent due dates will be shared at the meeting on Wednesday.

Intramural Volleyball Tournament

Good luck to all the Pandas participating in this weekend's intramural volleyball tournament hosted by the Student Council. Games begin at 2:00 p.m. in NDA's gym.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Presents

FACING THE FACTS

the RISK of DRUG & ALCOHOL USE AMONG ADOLESCENTS

seems like too much to bear, or if you just need a listening ear, please know that you can reach out to any of our NDA Counseling Staff for understanding and help.

FACING THE FACTS FOLLOW-UP ◀

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our Facing the Facts presentation on Sunday evening and to our students for the good attention you gave to Ashel Kruetzkamp and Sergeant Knight at our Monday morning presentation. I know these were very difficult topics to contemplate and discuss, but so important. If you were unable to attend our presentation, you can watch it on Youtube [HERE](#).

If parents or students have any questions, concerns, or even suggestions for future presentations, please email me at hildrethk@ndapandas.org. If I don't know the answer to a question, I will find someone who does.

I'd like to echo Mrs. Grayson's concluding message to our students at Monday morning's presentation: *You are all gifted by Almighty God with truly amazing brains and bodies. If you are having a hard time with anything that*

Sincerely,
Mrs. Hildreth



STATIONS OF THE CROSS ◀

For Lent this year, Mrs. Wagner's sophomores made a video version of the Stations of the Cross with prayers, reflections, and images. This is a wonderful tool personal devotion throughout the Lenten season for individuals and families. You can find the video Stations of the Cross on NDA's Youtube channel [HERE](#).

POSITION AVAILABLE ◀

Notre Dame Academy is seeking a substitute teacher in our music program for the period of May 4 - May 29, 2015. This position includes teaching 2 courses per day and serving as the Chorus Director. Please submit resume and letter of interest to ndahr@ndapandas.org.



SUPPORT OUR TENNIS PANDAS AND A GREAT CAUSE ◀

Come out and support the NDA Tennis Pandas and Breast Cancer patients at the “**Serving Up Aces**” Charity tournament to benefit Chicks & Chucks Friday, March 20 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Five Seasons Country Club and on Saturday, March 21 at NDA and Beechwood. The mission of Chicks & Chucks is to be a resource for Breast Cancer patients who require products and services in their battle, and have little or no financial means to acquire what they need. There will be great tennis, raffles and a silent auction. We hope you will come out and support the cause and our tennis team!

CONGRATS PANDA ARCHERS! ◀

Congratulations to the Panda archers for their excellent shooting at the Beechwood Showdown Tournament. Erin Kirchner shot a very impressive 280 and came in 4th place. Julia Goins shot a career high 269 and qualified for Sunday’s Elimination Round. Lindsay Brossart placed 12th with a 266, nearly qualifying for the Elimination Round and also shot very well in the 3D tournament. Lauren Reinersman shot a 264 with her first perfect 50 in competition, scored well in 3D, and also tried out the long distance Clout shoot. Grace Michels shot a 226 scoring a majority of her arrows in the 8 and 9 rings. Our archers are getting ready to shoot for gold in the KHSAA Regionals at Pendleton County Saturday, March 14.



FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA ◀

Yesterday we competed at the Region 4 FBLA Conference. With only 13 members (compared to 500 at Ryle High School and over 100 at Campbell County High School – just to name a few of our competitors), we did extremely well! This is also only our 2nd year in existence, so we’re growing and improving each year.



The following students have placed in the top three of their respective events and will be moving on to the State Conference in Louisville in April:

- Abby Schuh (Junior) – 3rd in Client Services
- Hannah Hammond (Sophomore) – 3rd in Impromptu Speaking
- Taylor Berling (Senior) – 3rd in Job Interview
- Caroline Winstel (Senior) – 3rd in Networking Concepts
- Sarah Frisch & Kylie Nienaber (Seniors) – 2nd in Soc. Media Campaign
- Rachel Kreutzjans (Senior) – 1st in Personal Finance

And we would also like to express a congratulations to our members, Emma Nurre, Jamie Henn, Rachel Franzen, Maddie Vinson, Rachel Rosenthal and Emily Kreutzjans on a job well done in their events as well.

NDA SPEECH AND DRAMA ◀

Best of luck to the NDA speech and drama as they compete at the state tournament in Lexington this weekend. The following students will be competing on March 13 and 14 at the University of Kentucky. Also listed is the students’ top performance for the season:

Kelsey Macke	4th in Declamation	Kathleen Rice	Regional Qualifier in Improvisational Duo
Antigone McCarthy	5th in Broadcasting	Hannah Naberhaus	Regional Qualifier in Improvisational Duo
Alexandra Herrmann	4th in Humorous Interpretation	Maeve Beck	Regional Runner-up in Improvisational Duo
Emma Lange	6th in Poetry	Claire Morgan	5th in Declamation
	2nd in Improvisational Storytelling	Judy Ellis	6th in Duo Interpretation
	4th in Improvisational Duo	Morgan Zumbiel	Regional Champion in Declamation
Lauren Darpel	3rd in Poetry		1st in Prose
	Regional Runner-up in Improvisational Duo	Annie Lee	6th in Poetry
Lydia Watson	6th in Prose		6th in Prose
	4th in Duo Interpretation		
	4th in Improvisational Duo		



STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

March Student of the Month Madison Jones

Notre Dame's March Student of the Month is a strong model of a servant leader. As a sophomore, Madison Jones has dedicated 80 plus hours of her own time to service work. Madison believes that by serving others, she is providing them with the time they need to do something else.

Madison completes much of her service as a member of STP or St. Joe's Spare Time Parishioner group. In collaboration with other parishioners, Madison completes hands-on work by fixing up parish structures, specifically the elementary school. She also lends a helping hand at many pancake breakfasts throughout the year and the parish's annual canned food drive. Her servant leadership extends into the classroom where according to her Chemistry teacher, Mrs. Gold-

camp, Madison "is always willing to help her classmates when they need it."

Madison looks forward to this year's spring musical where she will play the role of puppeteer in Little Shop of Horrors. Theatre teacher and director, Ms. Stine, says "Madison was chosen for the role of a puppeteer because of her enthusiasm, excitement, and creative instincts. She's already brought in great visual research for the construction of her puppet, and I have no doubt will be crafting a wonderful puppet." In addition to theatre, Madison is a member of French Club, the Archery Team and NDA's Rox Program – a group whose mission is to empower young women.

This Lenten season when we are challenged to fast, pray and give alms, Madison provides a strong example of how we can give of our time in support of others. It is her kindness, selflessness and commitment to service that earns her the recognition of Student of the Month. Way to go, Madison!



NDA Parents, you are cordially invited to the

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL

Women Making A Difference

AWARD LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015

HONORING NOTRE DAME ACADEMY ALUMNAE FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS THEY
HAVE MADE TO THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND BEYOND.



Meghan Scherder Olson '91



Julia B. Meister '87



Wendy Vonderhaar '86

PLEASE JOIN US IN HONORING THESE DESERVING WOMEN.

TICKETS ARE \$55 AND CAN BE PURCHASED BY CALLING 859.292.7729.



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

Panda Preview Night

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

All 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls and their parents are invited to visit NDA's campus to see what it's like to be a Panda!

The program offers two hours of sessions where you can learn about admission and financial aid, student support services and the NDA academic experience.

NDA faculty, staff, and students will be available throughout the evening to talk with you and answer questions.

6:15 - 6:30 p.m.

Check-in, Main foyer, NDA

6:30 p.m.

Program begins with a welcome from Dr. Laura Koehl, NDA President.

7 - 8:10 p.m.

Attend breakout sessions on topics including campus ministry, academic counseling services, and the NDA academic experience.

8:15 - 8:30 p.m.

Learn about the Admissions and Financial Aid processes.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/WORK STUDY

In order to be eligible for Financial Assistance and the NDA Work/Study Program one must follow a 2-step process:

1. The family must apply online for the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by **April 1, 2015**. The application cost is \$30 per family and can be paid online after completing the application.
2. Families who are eligible for FACTS money must also apply for a school job by **April 15, 2015**. A job application form can be downloaded from NDA's website or a copy can be found at the school office. Jobs are assigned during the summer and families will be notified about their acceptance in the program toward the end of the vacation period.

Both the FACTS Application and the Work/Study Job Application can be found on the NDA website at:

<http://www.ndapandas.org/admissions/prospective-students/financial-assistance.aspx>

Limited need-based scholarships are available to students through the generosity of several benefactors. An application for these Tuition Assistance Scholarships can be found on the website [HERE](#). The deadline for all scholarship applications is **April 15, 2015**.

PLEASE NOTE: FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment is required on file in the school office before a student is considered for eligibility of a Tuition Assistance Scholarship. Families must apply online for the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by April 1, 2015.



at NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Whether you are **Artistic** **ATHLETIC** **Musical** **Dramatic**
or you are just looking for **Something Fun**
to do this summer, NOTRE DAME ACADEMY has all
sorts of opportunities for you! Check them out at:

www.ndapandas.org

► Important dates:

March 13	SNOW MAKE UP DAY
March 15	Student Council Volleyball Tournament
March 16	Third Quarter Ends
March 17	Senior Mission Retreat Junior ACT Testing
March 18	Winter Sports Award Program
March 19	Career Fair Women Making A Difference Luncheon
March 21	8th Grade Conferences
March 24	Panda Preveiw Night for 6th-8th Grade Girls 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
March 27	American Heart Association Assembly
April 1	Holy Week Prayer Service
April 2-8	Easter Break
April 9	School Resumes
April 16	Alumnae Dinner Theatre

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- St. Catherine of Siena Annual Arts & Crafts Bazaar
- St. Agnes Big Blue Bash
- Stem Camps now open
- St. Therese Mother's Club Annual Ladies Spring Social
- Sisters of Notre Dame Women's Weekend Retreat
- 2015 Hillenmeyer Lecture

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

