



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Last Friday, our entire student body saw the movie *Hidden Figures*. The movie tells the story of a team of African-American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the US space program. I think seeing the movie was very eye-opening experience for our students and reaffirmed for them the importance of our mission at Notre Dame Academy.

Following the movie, our students enjoyed some recreational time outside and a Prom Fashion Show. The day ended with the Junior/Senior prom which was a wonderful evening enjoyed by many. We are grateful to our students who planned our prom this year. Much gratitude to our faculty for all of their hard work leading up to this event. Our After Prom would not be possible without the support of our Panda Parent Club parents who made this fun and safe evening possible.

Congratulations to our National Silver Key winners and all of our students who qualified for the National History Day state competition. You can read more about their success below.

Don't miss NDA's spring musical this weekend, *Jane Eyre, A Musical Drama*. The performances will be held March 31 - April 2. You can find more information about the show and how to purchase tickets below.

Our Sophomore Ring Ceremony will be held on April 5. This evening marks a special moment for our sophomores as they receive their class rings - an important reminder of their years at NDA. Sophomores parents, if you have not already sent in your RSVP for this event, you can find a link to do so online below.

Notre Dame Academy students are fortunate to have the opportunity to apply for a variety of annual scholarships. If you are interested in applying for one of these scholarships for the 2017-18 school year, please check our website for application information [HERE](#). The application deadline is April 15.

As always, thank you for sending your daughters to Notre Dame Academy. We are blessed to have each and every one of them as part of our community!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Friday's Panda Rec

# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Orange and White Flag Football Game

Please join the NDA and St. Ursula communities at the Orange and White Flag Football Game taking place on Sunday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Ursula. This is a charity flag football game that we play against St. Ursula to help raise money and awareness for Leukemia Research. This will be our 3rd year participating in the game and this year hopefully we will have our first victory!

### Prom Princess and Prom Duchess

Congratulations to our 2017 Prom Princess, Kylie Moellering and our Prom Duchess, Saija Bedford!



## JOIN US ◀

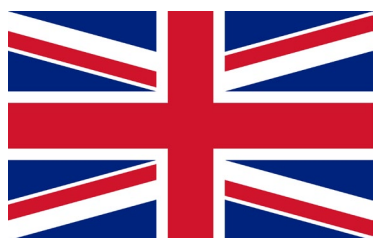
We will celebrate Mass Friday at 7:20 a.m. in our chapel. All are welcome!

## REPORT CARDS ◀

Report cards were sent last Wednesday, March 23 through the Alert Solutions messaging system inside of PowerSchool. If you did not receive one in your email as expected, please check your SPAM folder of your email application. Please note that third quarter report cards are distributed only in a digital form. If you need a hard copy of the report card for driver's license or insurance purposes, please contact either Jan Schmidt ([schmidtj@ndapandas.org](mailto:schmidtj@ndapandas.org)/292-1831 or Raymond Schlosser ([schlosserr@ndapandas.org](mailto:schlosserr@ndapandas.org)/292-1846).

## RING CEREMONY ◀

Our Sophomore Ring Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. All Sophomores are invited regardless of them ordering a class ring. There is a short reception following the ceremony. Please fill out the RSVP online [HERE](#), so that we have a general idea of attendees. If you have any questions please call the office at 859-261-4300



## SUMMER 2018 NDA TRIP ◀

There is a parent meeting on Thursday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Alumnae Hall for anyone interested in attending NDA's June 2018 trip to England and Ireland. This meeting is for parents and students. While there will be another meeting next fall, enrolling by 5/30 comes with a significant early bird discount (\$200 off) and ensures your spot on the trip (which is limited to 42 students).



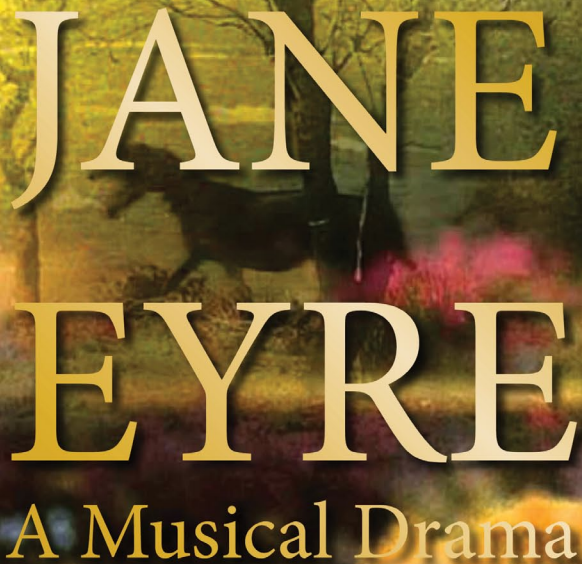
Mark Your Calendar!



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Spring Musical

March 31 - April 2



JANE  
EYRE  
A Musical Drama

Charlotte Bronte's great love story comes to life with music to lift your heart and set your spirit soaring. This beloved tale of secrets and the lies that secrets create, of unimaginable hope and unspoken passion, reminds us what it is to fall deeply, truly and completely in love. Jane's story begins in Gateshead, where she is in the unfortunate care of her cruel Aunt Sarah and cousin John, as per her uncle's dying wish. The miserable young orphan is finally rescued when she is sent away to attend Lowood School for Girls. After six years, Jane leaves Lowood and is shortly after hired as a governess at Thornfield Hall. Here she meets Mr. Edward Rochester, thus beginning her passionate and heart-wrenching journey of love, loss and the struggles of morality.

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE



**IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION** ◀

**The count down is on...There are only 3 weeks left to apply for financial aid,work study and scholarships.**

All financial aid applications must be completed with FACTS by April 15th. Please be sure to log into FACTS and get this taken care of right away. If your taxes are not complete yet you can come back and add those to FACTS once they are complete.

If you are interested in doing work study you must fill out the FACTS grants and aid application as well as the work study application. Also be sure to check out the scholarship opportunities on our website.

Financial aid and work study do not roll over from year to year, you must reapply.

You can access the Financial Assistance page of the website [HERE](#) and Scholarship Information [HERE](#).

**ALSO:**

Thank you to all who have taken care of their athletic fees and theatre fees through FACTS. If you are one of the few who still have an outstanding balance, please log in and take care of this right away. It is not automatically deducted like tuition.

Also please note the FACTS athletic fee is a separate fee from your team fees. Team fees are paid directly to NDA and are for specific team events such as meals, locker decorations etc. This sports fee (\$250 for the first sport and \$75 for the 2nd) helps offset the cost of equipment, facilities upkeep etc.

All sports fees and theatre fees have been posted for the year. **Please take care of this before spring break so we are all set for the 4th quarter.**

**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](#).



**NDA SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES** ◀

NDA has all sorts of Summer Enrichment Opportunities. Below is information on our Art Classes but you can find further information and registration forms online at <http://www.ndapandas.org/admissions/summer-enrichment-programs.aspx>

# ► CONGRATULATIONS

## NATIONAL SILVER KEY WINNERS ◀

Congratulations to Hypha Fries, Claire Morgan, and Lydia Watson! Each of three of these students won a National Silver Key award for the Scholastic writing awards!

## NDA STUDENTS HEADED TO NATIONAL HISTORY DAY STATE COMPETITION ◀

Many of our NDA students were successful at the National History Day regional contest at NKU on Saturday, March 25. Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the state finals in April:

Theresa Berling	Abby Dressman	Rachel Lukey	Katie Schuh
Gracie Bernhard	Onali Fernando	Delaney Lewis	Rosemary Schuh
Megan Bezold	Natalie Gerdes	Fallon McAllister	Macy Seiter
Lydia Bruns	Annie Gronotte	Ellie O'Hara	Sally Smith
Clare Butler	Megan Heeb	Olivia Ossege	Sydney Sparks
Isabel Coomes	Bella Howard	Nina Pauly	Morgan Spivey
Riley Crawford	Claire James	Anna Resing	Hanna Sweeney
Emma Donaghy	Angela Kyntchev	Caroline Schuh	

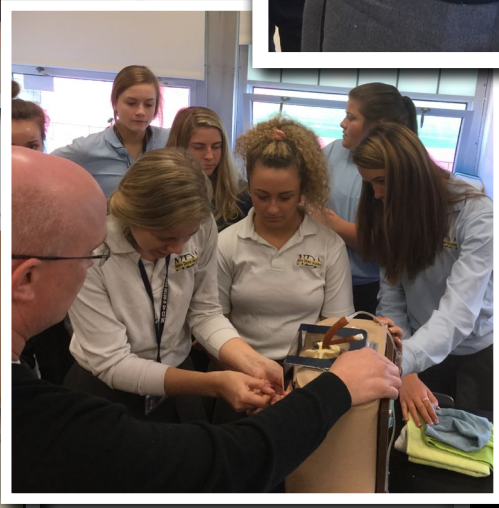
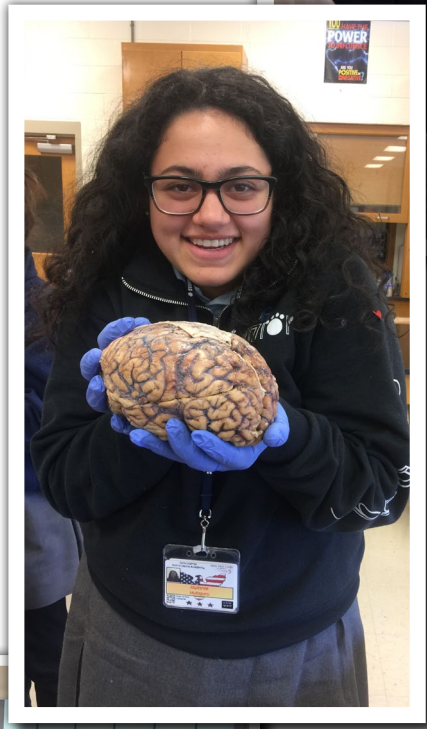


## NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE ◀

Sign-ups for the 2017 National Catholic Youth Conference begin this week. NCYC is a powerful, biennial, three-day experience of prayer, community, catechesis and empowerment for Catholic teenagers. Once again NDA will travel with the Diocese of Covington to Indianapolis, Indiana on November 16-19 and join with 25,000 of their peers and chaperones from across the United States. There will be an informational meeting this Thursday right after school in Mrs. Van Auken's room. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Van Auken at [vanaukent@ndapandas.org](mailto:vanaukent@ndapandas.org) and go to the following website <http://www.nfcym.org/> to learn more.

## HANDS-ON LEARNING AT NDA ◀

Students in Mrs. Ziegler's Anatomy and Physiology class have recently had some incredible hands-on learning! In an effort to share career pathways with her students, Mrs. Ziegler invites various speakers to her class throughout the school year. Recently, David Bracken, an emergency room doctor came in to speak to the students and brought a human brain and heart for the students to observe. Also, Clinical Director of NKU's Anesthesia Program, Jeff Arlinghaus, and Assistant Director of NKU's Anesthesia Program, Brett Kendon, came and taught the students how to administer spinals, epidurals and intubation of the trachea.



## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

### Updates for Senior Parents!

Senior Parents...please see these updates from Ms. Burgei about end of the year to-do's and events.

[Senior Parent Updates](#)



### College Fair

Xavier University will be hosting a college fair on Tuesday, April 4th from 6:30 - 8pm in the Cintas Center. For more information please see Xavier's webpage here: <http://www.xavier.edu/undergraduate-admission/collegefair/>

### Junior ACT Info

The junior class took the ACT in school on February 28. Many of the students have started to get their score reports back. These are mailed to their homes. ACT states that it can take up to 8 weeks from test date to get all scores mailed out to students. If a student registers for the June 10 test (deadline is May 5 without an extra late fee), she needs to make sure that she has her ACT ID number for the in school test if this is the first test taken. This can be found on the score report that is mailed to the student. If one does not have the score report, she can contact ACT. Click [here](#) for ACT contact info. Some students have still not paid the ACT test fee of \$42.50. Please submit this to NDA office if it has not been done already.

### Health Career Summer Camp

Area Health Education Centers is having another 5 day summer camp June 12-16 at Gateway Community College in Edgewood. There will be discussions, shadowing and hands on activities with St.Elizabeth Hospital. Please visit the website for more info. Registration is currently open. Website: <http://www.northcentralkyahec.org/gateway-camp.html>

### Drug Free Club of America: Scholarship Contest

All of our Drug Free Club Members are encouraged to participate in the annual scholarship essay contest sponsored by Drug Free Clubs of America. (Last year, NDA students won \$4,000 in scholarships!)

The essay question to be answered in a one-page typed, single spaced essay, is:

**HOW HAS BEING A MEMBER OF DRUG FREE CLUBS OF AMERICA HELPED OR CHANGED YOU, YOUR SCHOOL, YOUR FAMILY, AND/OR OTHERS YOU KNOW?**



**1st place wins a \$2000 scholarship!**  
**TWO Runners-Up will be awarded \$1000 each**  
**FOUR Finalists will receive \$500 each**

Contest Information and Applications were emailed on March 14 to DFCA members and their parents; please let Mrs. Hildreth or Mrs. Maggard if you did not receive this email or if you have questions.

**Completed essays and applications are due by APRIL 1, 2017 to Mrs. Hildreth or Mrs. Maggard.** Winners will be announced on or around May 1, 2017.

### Special Opportunity:

A counselor from Catholic Charities who specializes in adoption will speak to interested NDA students about unique issues, concerns, and challenges related to adoption that sometimes arise as students get older. This is a different opportunity to meet and talk with someone experienced in this area, to have questions answered, and to gain resources. We will meet on Wednesday April 26 at 8:00 a.m. (before school) in the NDA Chapel. Contact Mrs. Hildreth if interested.



### 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 **APRIL 10**. All are welcome!



**Join us at Skyline for NDA Benefit Night - April 6 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Ft. Wright!** That evening 20% of all sales will be donated to NDA Dances and Events! You can access your coupons [HERE](#).



*It's time to clear out our clearance items!*

For the remainder of the school year, all clearance items will be an additional **50% off** the already reduced price!



**Stop in and check it out!**

Mondays 10:30-12:30pm

Tuesdays 10:30-12:30pm

Wednesdays 11am-12:30pm

Thursdays 10:30am-12:30pm

Fridays 10:30am-12:30pm

**Closed** April 13-21, May 5, and May 12. Last day open for this school year is Friday, May 19.

No additional discounts will apply during this sale, including faculty/staff discounts.



## ► Important dates

March 29	Juniors at Cincinnati Shakespeare
March 30	Alumnae Dinner Theatre
March 30 & 31	National Spanish Exam
March 31-April 2	Spring Play
April 1-3	Investment Club trip to Chicago
April 4	Vocations Speaker World Languages Induction
April 5	Sophomore Ring Ceremony
April 9	Orange and White Flag Football Game
April 12	Holy Week Prayer Service Baby Day
April 13-23	Easter Break
April 13	Holy Thursday
April 14	Good Friday
April 16	Easter
April 24	Students return after Easter Break
April 25	Athletic Signing

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- National Catholic Youth Conference
- Notre Dame Urban Education Center Executive Director Search
- Work Study Opportunities for the Sisters of Notre Dame

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

