



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings parents!

I hope you and your family enjoyed a blessed and joyous Easter break. It was a wonderful opportunity to take time to reflect, think and pray. I am grateful to be part of the Notre Dame Academy community providing our students with and NDA education that both challenges the mind and shapes the soul.

Congratulations to our Uganda Pandas club on their successful 5K held this past weekend. Special thanks to our students and the club's moderators, Sr. Rita Geoppinger and Mrs. Amber Grayson, who organized the event which benefits students that NDA sponsors from Northern Uganda. The proceeds will go towards funding these students' education, health needs, and other basic necessities. You can read more about the 5K event below.

Our students have some wonderful scholarships opportunities at NDA each year. If your daughter is interested in applying for any of the scholarships offered at NDA for the 2016-17 school year, please check our website [HERE](#) for application information. The application deadline is April 15.

Finally, you were recently invited to our *Excellence Without Boundaries: Empowering 21st Century Women* Parent Information Sessions. There are four different sessions to enable every parent an opportunity to attend. If you have not already signed up for one of the sessions, please do so [HERE](#). I highly encourage you to take time out of your busy schedule to come and see our exciting plans for the future of NDA.

As always, I thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's education.

In Notre Dame,

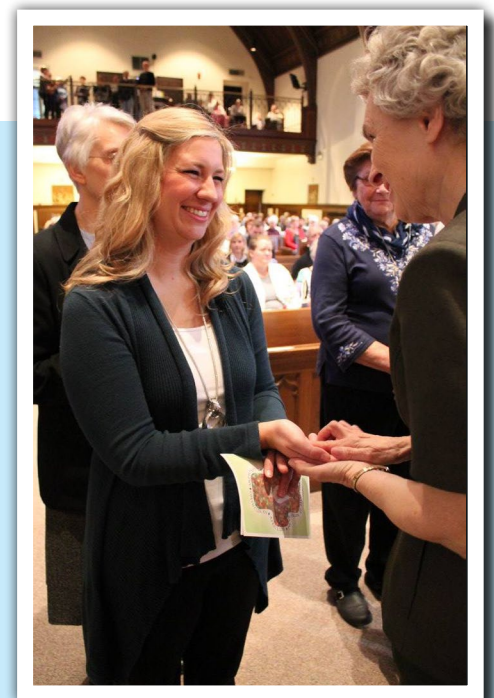
Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Congratulations!

We would like to share some exciting news about one of our NDA faculty members. On behalf of the entire Notre Dame Academy community, we would like to congratulate NDA Religion teacher Theresa Van Auken on becoming an SND Associate this past Sunday. This is a wonderful accomplishment and goes to the overall advancement of our mission and ongoing partnership with the Sisters of Notre Dame. May Theresa experience God's goodness and provident care in this newfound relationship with the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Sincerely,

Dr. Laura Koehl and Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Uganda Pandas 5K: Go for Gula!

Last Sunday's 5K was a huge success! Congratulations to these top 10 finishers:

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| 1. | Jerry Bricking | 6. | Robby Case |
| 2. | Jack Dunham | 7. | Kyle Kosco |
| 3. | Owen Piatt | 8. | Chris Fagin |
| 4. | Jeff Eilers | 9. | Jared Becraft |
| 5. | Kerrie Eilers | 10. | Natalie Gerdes |

The biggest winners after Sunday's race are the 11 young people from Uganda who are sponsored by NDA's Uganda Pandas group. Proceeds raised at the 5K total \$4,120.00 which will help pay for their healthcare and educational costs.

A huge thank you to all members of the Uganda Pandas group especially Executive Council members Claire Dunlevy, Arden Cleves, Francie Case, Katie Stratman, Shannon Saelinger and Christa Saelinger for hosting such a great event. In addition, the following sponsors contributed greatly to the 5K's success: Fort Wright Skyline Chili, RoadID, Trophy Awards, Republic Bank, Squire Hill Properties, The Dunlevy Family, The Cleves Family, LeRoy Johnson Trucking, The Schuh Family, Building Crafts, Inc., Fort Mitchell Veterinary Clinic, The Shumacher Family, Walt Dunlevy and Tri-State Running.



Prom and After Prom

Prom is scheduled for Friday, April 22 and will take place at the Hilton Netherland Hotel in downtown Cincinnati. Check-in begins at 8:00pm and dinner will be served at 8:30 p.m. Prom concludes at 12:00 with After Prom following at Five Seasons on the campus of Thomas More College. Prom tickets are \$50 per student and are now being sold before and after school.

Safe Environment Training

The Diocese of Covington is committed to creating and building safe environments in its schools and parishes. Next Wednesday, all Notre Dame Academy students will attend a safety presentation facilitated by former law enforcement James Stephens. Mr. Stephens will focus on students' situational awareness and how they can avoid situations that could be unsafe and how to respond effectively in such situations.

All students will participate in this program unless Notre Dame Academy receives written notification from a parent or guardian indicating that permission is not granted for his or her daughter to participate. To opt out of the Safe Environment Training, please provide written notification by Friday, April 8 to the attention of Mrs. Amber Grayson, Assistant Principal.



Time is Running Out!

Financial Aid
Work Study &
Scholarships

DEADLINE:
April 15

If you are planning to applying for Financial Aid, Work Study, or NDA Scholarships, do it today. Time is running out!

The Financial Aid applications are only open until April 15. If you are in need of financial assistance OR are looking to do Work Study the application with FACTS must be completed. Financial assistance requests increase each year. **We cannot stress enough the importance of getting your applications completed as soon as possible.**

For more information about Financial Assistance at NDA click [HERE](#).

Did you realize that NDA offers a number of endowed and academic scholarships for which students can apply? The deadline for each of these scholarships is April 15. For more information on these scholarships click [HERE](#).



NDA & CCH PRESENT *Seussical The Musical* ◀

Don't miss this year's spring play, *Seussical The Musical* by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman. Showtimes are Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m., as well as Sunday, April 17 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#).

NDA THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL STUDENTS ◀

Congratulations to all of our Honor Roll students for the third quarter. To see the complete list [CLICK HERE](#).

ATTENTION NDA SOPHOMORES ◀

The NDA ring ceremony will be held on April 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the theatre and will be followed by a reception in Alumnae Hall. All students are welcome - it is not necessary to purchase a ring to participate in this event. Please join us in a celebration of sisterhood at Notre Dame Academy as the sophomore class unites to receive their class rings. The event is for sophomores, and families and friends are welcome to attend but we do ask for this RSVP to help us as we order refreshments. Please RSVP [HERE](#).



JOIN US FOR MASS ◀

Please join us for Mass this Friday morning at 7:15 a.m. in our Chapel. This is a wonderful opportunity for our NDA community to celebrate the Mass together. We welcome students, faculty, staff and visitors from our community!

BUY YOUR YEARBOOK BEFORE THE PRICE GOES UP ◀

Pandas and parents, NDA yearbooks for this school year are still on sale at Jostens.com. Follow this link (http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2016-Yearbook/2015082404185244052/CATALOG_SHOP/) to reserve your copy for \$60 before the price goes up April 15!



PPC NEWS ◀

The **After Prom Committee** is asking for your help to ensure that After Prom is a fun and memorable event for all. We are looking for volunteers to help us on Friday, April 22 as well as for donations of prizes, desserts, and snacks.



After Prom PRIZES

All of the girls are eligible to win prizes just by attending After Prom! Last year, some of the prizes that were won were TVs, an iPad, designer purses, and Reds tickets. Cash donations will be used to purchase additional items. All donations can be dropped off at the school office or contact Jackie Klosterman at jackie.klosterman@gmail.com or 859-468-6747.

After Prom VOLUNTEERS & FOOD DONATIONS

We are using VolunteerSpot to organize our sign-ups. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our After Prom invitation page on Volunteer Spot: <http://vols.pt/4xyhSK>
2. Enter your email address – you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password
3. Sign up! – VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.

NOTE: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Julie Darpel at julixdarpel@gmail.com or 859-240-6366 and she can sign you up manually.

PPC Meetings

Please note, the Panda Parent Club will not meet in April. The last PPC meeting of the school year will be held on May 10, 2016. We hope to see you there!



IMPORTANT REMINDER! ◀

Reminder to replenish your student's meal account:
Please check your daughter's cafeteria account balance as many currently have insufficient funds. You can check PayPams for your balance. Thank you!

EMPOWERING OUR FRESHMEN ◀

This week all of our freshmen received self-defense training from Shawnie Haskell of NKY Self Defense. It was a great opportunity to empower our students! NDA will once again host a FREE Self-Defense class open to the public in early August as part of our Empowering Women Speaker Series. This would be a great chance to teach some valuable skills to students getting ready to leave for college. Further information will follow in upcoming issues of the Panda Press Weekly.



NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

Archery

The Panda archers competed in Regionals this past weekend and shot a respectable 3109 which earned us 6th place. Our point leaders were Erin Kirchner and Jenna Wigger with a 272, Lily Gamel was right behind them with a 271. Lauren Reinersman, Kayla Torres, Hannah Rovito, and Grace Schmidt all turned in strong scores in the 260's. Jenna Wigger, Lily Gamel, Anissa Dickerson, and Sophia Daniel all shot their personal best scores of the season. Good work, Pandas!



Bass Fishing, Lacrosse, Tennis, Track and Softball are all under way with Softball finishing runner up in their tournament this past weekend.

There will be an Athletic Signing on April 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium to honor the student athletes that will be pursuing their athletic endeavours at the collegiate level.

2016 NDA GOLF OUTING ◀

NDA's Golf outing will be held on July 29 at Twin Oaks. It will be an 11 a.m. shot gun start. All proceeds benefit ALL of the NDA Athletic teams. Sign up at today [HERE](#). Sponsorship opportunities available [HERE](#).

SND 4th OF JULY FESTIVAL ◀

The Sisters of Notre Dame need some reliable and hardworking volunteers at for their 4th of July Festival. You can find a volunteer form on our website [HERE](#). You can also find more information about the festival [HERE](#).



STUDY IN GERMANY IN SUMMER 2016! ◀

During the 2015 Fall Semester, NDA hosted two German students from our sister school in Germany, Liebfrauenschule Vechta. Jacky and Jana were a wonderful addition to our NDA community. Liebfrauenschule Vechta has invited NDA students to take part in an exchange program in Germany during summer 2016 from around May 28 to June 25/26. If you would like more information about this opportunity, please see Mrs. Caccavari in her office. A limited number of spots are available.

NDA HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR GERMAN STUDENTS FOR FALL 2016 ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2016 enrollment. We are again working with our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta) to arrange for 2 German exchange students to study at NDA for the fall semester. At this time we are seeking families who would consider hosting these students. Please email Mrs. Katie Caccavari at caccavarik@nda-pandas.org, if you would be interested in more information about this opportunity. Your reply is not a commitment, but would help us to know which families would consider supporting our international student enrollment by serving as a host family. Thank you for your interest.

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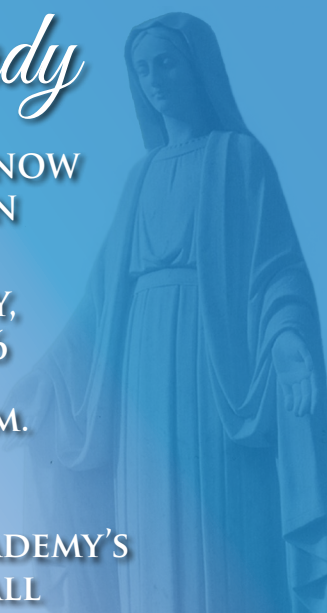
Our Lady

GETTING TO KNOW
OUR PATRON

WEDNESDAY,
MAY 4, 2016

7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

AT
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S
ALUMNAE HALL



IMPORTANT DATES:

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| April 7 | Dress Down to benefit SND July 4th Festival |
| | Language Honor Society Induction in Chapel 6:30 p.m. |
| April 8 | Mass in Chapel 7:15 a.m. |
| April 14 | Alumnae Dinner Theatre |
| April 15-17 | Spring Musical - <i>Seussical the Musical</i> |
| April 16 | Incoming Freshman Math and Language Placement Tests |
| April 20 | Sophomore Ring Ceremony |
| April 22 | No School - Prom |
| April 24 | Orange and White Flag Football Game |
| May 2-13 | AP Exams |
| May 4 | May Crowning |
| | NDA Speaker Series: Our Lady Getting to Know Our Patron 7:00 p.m. |
| May 6 | 7th Grade Olympic Day |

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Sisters of Notre Dame July 4th Festival
- Work Study Positions Available with the Sisters of Notre Dame
- Part-time Job Opportunities for Students and Moms

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

