



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Today we celebrated our Holy Week Prayer Service remembering Jesus and His love for us in the breaking of bread and the washing of feet. The Service Program at NDA is one of the ways we break bread and share our lives and wash feet by being of service to others. Many of our students shared their service experiences with our community at our prayer service. It was inspirational to hear how our students are *Embracing Dignity in Self, Others and Community* this school year and impressive to learn the number of places where NDA provides service. It was also a great opportunity to reflect on the value of service in a community of faith and to prepare for the Easter Season of hope.

It is with much excitement that I announce the valedictorian and salutatorian of the class of 2017. Congratulations to Paige Montfort who is the class Valedictorian and Jacqueline Noll who is the Salutatorian. These young women have excelled in their high school careers and this recognition is a sign of their ongoing commitment to academic excellence.

Congratulations to our Student Council and faculty moderator Kimberly Wagner on receiving the 2017 National Gold Council of Excellence Award! This is the highest honor awarded by the National Association of Student Councils. Congratulations also to our juniors who were recently elected to NDA's Student Council Executive Council. I truly appreciate the work our Student Council and Mrs. Wagner do throughout the school year acting as a liaison between the student body and the administration and faculty. These young women are very committed to organizing activities for the entire school, giving our students a more enriching experience at NDA.

Congratulations to our April Student of the Month - Kylie Moellering. You can read more about what makes Kylie such an exceptional student below. Also below, you can see some of the amazing artwork and the latest successes of our student artists.

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

Today marks the beginning of our Easter break and as we enter into this time away from NDA, I hope you will encourage your daughter to take some time to reflect and reconnect. The third quarter of this school year has been very busy. As I think back on the many activities and events at NDA over the past three months, I think about the importance of balance. Our students are active and involved in so much, however, it is also important for them to take time for themselves and for reflection. We all need to look at our lives and strive to achieve balance. I hope you are able to take some time as a family over this break to be together.

Please be assured of our prayers for you and your family during this holy season of Easter. On behalf of our faculty and staff, I wish you a safe and happy Easter and may the peace and joy of the resurrection fill your heart.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

To symbolize our service, we concluded our prayer this morning by calling to the stage representatives of each grade level and staff, to wash their hands.



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Orange & White

Thank you to everyone who came to the Orange & White Game at St. Ursula last Sunday! It was a beautiful day and there was a great turn out. Unfortunately the Pandas lost the game 21-7, but we were able to raise a lot of money for Leukemia Research at Children's Hospital!



Student Council Award

Notre Dame's Student Council works very hard throughout the year to make sure that the Panda experience is the best that it can be. They do projects, host activities, and make sure the voice of the Student Body is being heard. We are so excited that the work of our Student Council is being recognized on a national level! Our Student Council has been awarded the **2017 National Gold Council of Excellence Award!** This is the highest honor that you can receive from the National Association of Student Councils. Congratulations to our Student Council Pandas!



Student Council Election Results

Last Friday we held our elections for our School Officers for Student Council next year. We are happy to announce the winners of those elections...

School Co-Presidents - Jessica Beirl and Meghan Greenwell

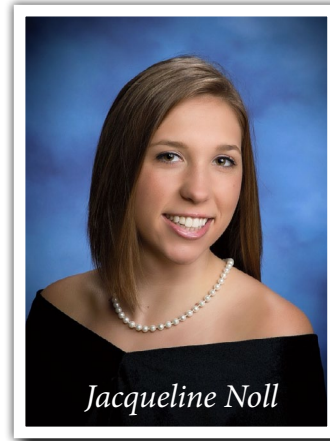
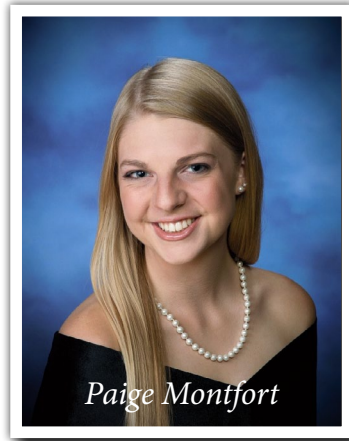
School Secretary - Maria Danneman

School Treasurer - Audrey Muck

▶ CONGRATULATIONS

VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN ANNOUNCED ◀

Congratulations to Paige Montfort and Jacqueline Noll - the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the Class of 2017!



Important Message For Parents

NDA will be closed from Holy Thursday through Easter Monday. The office will be open Tuesday (4/18) - Friday (4/21) from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

The count down is on...There are only 3 days 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.**

Important Cafeteria News

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.

ATTENTION SENIORS: If you would like a refund of your cafeteria balance or to transfer your balance to a younger sister, please email Karen Brungs at brungsk@ndapandas.org. Thank you!



KYLIE MOELLERING

APRIL STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Notre Dame Academy Senior, Kylie Moellering, who has been selected as April's Student of the Month. Kylie is described as, "warm, fun, and good natured" by some of her teachers. In the classroom, Mr. Strickley says Kylie is, "driven to find the right answers and to understand why they are right". Ms. Dickman adds, "Kylie makes rich and insightful contributions to class discussions and has a refreshing capacity for thinking outside the box". Great Job Kylie and we echo Mr. Strickley's sentiments when he says you embody everything a Panda should be!

SOMETHING ABOUT KYLIE

Kylie has been involved in numerous activities here at NDA throughout her 4 years including Student Council, National Honor Society, Math Club, Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society), JETS, and Tennis. JETS moderator, Mrs. Goldcamp, was impressed with Kylie's leadership from start to finish with their service project at the Notre Dame Urban Education Center.



Kylie has enjoyed her time here at NDA and says she will miss, "the fun atmosphere and friends" next year because it is not often you get to experience an all girl environment. Her advice for underclassmen is to, "appreciate everyone who is around you because time goes by quickly, and also your teachers are your friends!" Congrats Kylie and good luck at the university of Dayton next year!



NDA HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR GERMAN STUDENTS FOR FALL 2017 ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2017 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@ndapandas.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.



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>

ATTENTION JUNIORS ◀

Lifetouch will be having a meeting with all Juniors in the theatre on Wednesday, April 26 at 8:30 a.m.

YEARBOOK SALES ◀

Parents, order your daughter's 2017 yearbook and take advantage of the best price available! Yearbooks are \$60 through April 28, then the price goes up. They can be ordered by clicking [this link](#) or visiting jostens.com.

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE ◀

Sign-ups for the 2017 National Catholic Youth Conference begin this week. NCCY 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. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Van Auken at vanaukent@ndapandas.org and go to the following website <http://www.nfcym.org/> to learn more.



PANDAS GET DOWN TO BUSINESS ◀

Today three of our NDA seniors, Sophia Daniel, Molly Hehman and Ellie Kathman, attended the Lieutenant Governor's Entrepreneurship Challenge in Berea, Kentucky with their teacher, Pat Brennan. The Lieutenant Governor's Entrepreneurship Challenge (LGEC) is a tiered business pitch competition for all Kentucky high school students grades 9-12. It is intended to introduce students to a realistic competitive business environment, as well as promote business ownership and lifelong learning.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

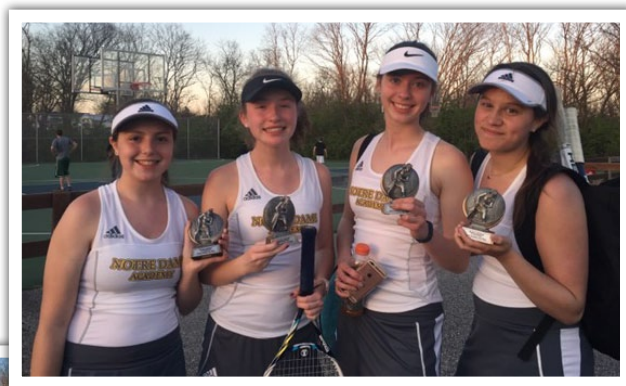
Athletic Signing for Senior Athletes

NDA will be hosting a Senior signing for all senior athletes who have committed to play a sport in college. This event will take place on Tuesday, April 25 at 4:30 pm in the Auditorium. Any family, friends and coaches of these senior athletes who would like to show their support are welcome to attend this event.

Tennis

Congratulations to all of our Tennis Pandas who participated in the JV Regional Tournament last weekend! Our Pandas had a great presence on and off the court with impressive results. The following players received trophies for their placement:

- Angela Kyntchev - Singles Finalist
- Emily Ernst - Singles 3rd Place
- Molly Kleier - Singles 4th Place
- Haley Hensley - Singles Consolation Champion
- Lily Flesch/Grace Woodcock - Doubles 3rd Place
- Caroline Barlage/Olivia Allender - Doubles Consolation Champions
- Gracie Bernhard/Sally Smith - Doubles Consolation Finalists



ROWING

This past weekend several NDA students participated the CJRC Cincinnati High School Invitational at East Fork Lake. Over 21 teams competed from high schools and clubs across Ohio as well as high schools from as far away as Pittsburgh, Chicago, Nashville and Dallas. The NDA girls had a successful regatta as they participated in all CJRC varsity boats that won gold medals.

Gold Medalists:

- Girls Varsity 8 - Marie Shannon Malloy and Emily Schutzman
- Girls 2nd Varsity 8 - Ashley Wright, Gabby Hacker, Briana Baker, and Olivia Vonderhaar
- Girls Lightweight 8 - Ashley Wright, Ryan Cleves and Olivia Vonderhaar
- Girls 2nd Varsity 4 – Grand Final - Briana Baker and Gabby Hacker
- Girls 2nd Varsity 4 – Petite Final - Ryan Cleves

NDA STUDENTS HEADED TO NATIONAL HISTORY DAY STATE COMPETITION ◀

Good luck to our students who qualified to compete at the National History Day State competition later this month!

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

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Updates for Senior Parents!

Please remind your senior to turn in copies of her acceptance and scholarship letters. See full list of updates from Ms. Burgei for Senior Parents here: [Senior Parent Updates](#)



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>

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.

ART STUDENT TO SHOW WORK IN NEW YORK ◀

Congratulations Paige Brunson for earning a Silver Medal with Distinction in this year's Scholastics Art and Writing Awards. Because of her efforts, Paige's piece 'A-Lee' has been selected to show in New York City and will be on display at the prestigious Pratt Institute. Congratulations Paige and thanks for representing Notre Dame's Visual Arts program on a national level.



- 'A-Lee'

ART STUDENTS COMPETE IN NATIONAL VANS COMPETITION ◀

Each year, the shoe company Vans sponsors a national student competition. When we sign up, we get four pairs of Vans as well as four categories (Action Sports, Visual Arts, Music, and Local Flavor). Our mission is to take each pair of shoe, match it with one of the categories, and create a visual representation of each category, on the shoes. This is an extra project that a few art students took on this year and the results are pretty impressive. Thanks for all of the creativity and hard work and GOOD LUCK!!!



Action Sports (led by Izzy Pope)



Art (led by Mo Herbe)



Local Flavor (led by Paige Brunson)



Music (led by Riley Shelton)

ART 2 STUDENTS CONNECT WITH FAMOUS STREET ARTIST JOE IURATO ◀



- 'Guppies' by Joe Iurato

Each year the Art 2 students create a project based off of the style of internationally known street artist Joe Iurato whose style blends his ability to create works using spray paint and stencils, with his eye for photography. Joe spray paints figures onto planks of wood, then cuts them out, places them in a public setting, and takes photos of his figurines as they interact with everyday life. VERY interesting work. Students are given the task to create a figurine

and take it in public and take pictures of it interacting with everyday life. When the project is complete, the students donate one of their images to send to Joe Iurato and when he receives the work, Joe ALWAYS lets everyone know his appreciation for what the students are doing by posting his new gift on some form of social media. Below is an example of Joe's work as well as his kind words and images of what he presented on social media. This is always a fun project and a great experience to work with the talented and gracious Joe Iurato. (if you're not familiar with his work...you should seriously check it out).

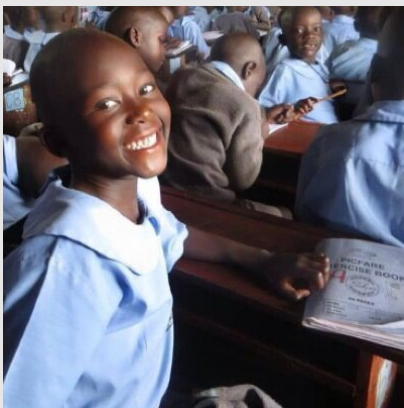


joeiurato Every year, Matt Eckerle, an art teacher in Kentucky, does a project with his students that's inspired by my woodcutouts. They create small scale artworks, take them out into various environments and stage their stories to be captured in photographs. And every year I look forward to receiving a package containing photos of all their finished pieces. I just received a new batch over the weekend, and they're all so amazing! Thank you

GO 4 GULU 5K



Unified
for
Uganda



MAY 6, 2017

Runners begin at 8:30

Walkers begin at 8:45

Onsite registration begins at 7:30

Register online by April 23rd to receive a free t-shirt

To register go to:

schumacherj9.wixsite.com/uganda-pandas

Cost is \$25

HOSTED AT NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

All proceeds go to the education of four students through NDA's chapter of Unified for Uganda. With this sponsorship they receive their uniform, housing, tuition for school, and meals. If you or a company you know of would like to sponsor the race visit our website or contact schumacherj@ndapandas.org or cooneyo@ndapandas.org.

BAMBOOTIQUE CLEARANCE SALE ◀

It is 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 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Thursdays 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Fridays 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

April 12	Holy Week Prayer Service 9:15 a.m. 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
April 26	Junior Prestige Portrait Session
May 1	AP Exams begin
May 1	Diocese Teacher Recognition Luncheon
May 10	Academic Signing 4:00 p.m.

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](#).

