



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings parents!

This is a very special day at Notre Dame Academy as our community celebrated our annual May Crowning Mass. This afternoon we honored our patroness Mary and reflected on our educational mission as a school dedicated to Mary. Congratulations to Malea Rolfsen who was chosen to crown Mary, Annie Cheeseman who carried the crown in procession, and our honor guard: Julia Gerwe, Rachel Franzen and Emily Walter. Each of these students were chosen based on a reflection they wrote about their devotion to Mary. We hope that all of our students develop such a deep devotion to our Blessed Mother during their time at NDA.

Congratulations to our Class Co-Presidents for the 2016-2017 school year and all of the students who ran in this year's election. I am impressed with how many of our students are eager and willing to serve their classmates through our Student Council.

This school year under the direction of Ms. Stine, many of our students participated in a very interesting education initiative through the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company. I congratulate Ms. Stine and her students on the hard work they put into PROJECT 38. You can read all about the project as well as see some great pictures from their recent performance below.

I am happy to announce our common reader selection for the 2016-17 school year: *A Pearl in the Storm* by Tori Murden McClure. Our Student Services and Athletic Departments are heading up our Common Reader efforts and I think that our entire NDA community will find this to be a great summer read. Our Common Reader day will take place in August when we will fully engage in discussion about this thrilling true story.

Our community has much more good news shared below. Thank you for being part of the NDA community where young women come to find their passions, discover their purpose and understand the infinite amount of possibilities the future has to offer.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Important Message
For Parents

Thanks to all of our parents who have attended the *Excellence Without Boundaries* Information Sessions. We are holding two final sessions before the end of the school year on **Monday, May 9 at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.** in Alumnae Hall. To those who have not attended, we hope you can join us for one of these opportunities to learn more about NDA's plans to educate women leaders for the 21st century. Please click [HERE](#) to sign up for the session that best fits your schedule. This information is relevant for all parents as it relates to the ongoing tradition of excellence in Catholic education at NDA. We all have a stake in this. We look forward to seeing you then!

Laura Koehl and Jack VonHandorf

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Senior Send Off

On Tuesday, May 17 we will be sending off the Class of 2016! Seniors will not have classes on this day but are expected to report to school by 9:15 a.m. for a special prayer service. Following the prayer service, Seniors will attend the Alumnae Luncheon hosted by our Advancement Office, and then they will join the rest of the school community for the Send Off in the Auditorium.

Attire for the seniors on this special day is dressy, classy and modest (short skirts/dresses are not permitted and shoulders must be covered). NDA's dress code will apply, and any senior violating our dress code policy will need to change clothes in order to participate in the Senior Send Off. You See Photography will also be at NDA on this day to take the class picture.

Freshman through juniors will have all classes on this day, but the schedule will be adjusted.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view other graduation activities.

Student Council Class Co-Presidents

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as Class Co-Presidents for the 2016-2017 school year:

Rising Seniors: Olivia Cooney and Kylie Moellering

Rising Juniors: Jessica Bierl and Meghan Greenwell

Rising Sophomores: Julia Hughes and Fallon McAllister

PROJECT 38 STUDENTS TAKE THE STAGE ◀

This school year several NDA students participated in the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company's Education Initiative - PROJECT 38. Under the direction of Ms. Caroline Stine, the students have been working on PROJECT 38 since October. The learning benefits from this project are incredible. Rather than just reading the script and hearing a lecture, students actively create, perform, make, act, write, think, solve problems, map out a plan AND learn more about the genius of Shakespeare. Our students recently presented an excerpt from "Cymbeline" at the PROJECT 38 festival. Congratulations to Ms. Stine and the following students on their hard work and commitment to the project:

Emma Duerstock
Kylie Moellering
Kelsey Schwarber
Kendall Crawford
Sarah Draud

Grace Michels
Elizabeth Urban
Claire Morgan
Madison Jones
Fiona Blackburn

Ellie O'Hara
Anne Simendinger
Emily Rice





INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

Real World Application for Computer Graphics Class

NDA's computer graphics class teamed up with the admissions office to design

icons using Adobe Illustrator software for the upcoming 7th Grade Olympic Day. Our client, Mrs. Caccavari provided a list of events and chose which of the submitted icons she wanted to represent each event. These icons were printed on 1-inch stickers for the 7th grade participants to collect after they complete each of the Olympic challenges. Abby Gruner, Alecia Radford, Maire Shannon Malloy, and Megan Klosterman each had winning designs.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH A SPIRIT OF GIVING ◀



Senior Francie Case recently received special recognition at the Magnified Giving Awards Ceremony for exemplifying a philanthropic spirit through her volunteer work at The Point/Arc of Northern Kentucky. Francie received the Roger Grein Spirit of Philanthropy award along with eleven other Northern Kentucky students. Roger Grein is the founder of the Magnified Giving organization. Francie was also asked to speak at the event about her experiences with The Point. Congratulations Francie!



PANDA PENTATHLETES ◀

The Latin Club held the 1st annual Team Pentathlon Food Drive on Thursday, April 28. Participants competed in charitable giving as well as the field events to earn points. Juniors Molly Hehman, Evonne Vandenberg, Anna Marksberry, Julia Folzenlogen, Jenna Burns, and Julia Mathew came in first, donating over 60 cans and placing first in wrestling and discus. Freshmen Morgan Breide, Ann Gronotte, Megan Bezold, Julia Hughes, and Emily Thaman came in second bringing in over 50 cans and placing first in javelin, and third in wrestling and running. Third place went to freshmen Riley Smith, Anna Resing, Oli Marita, Landrie Barnes, and Alaina Brauer who donated nearly 50 cans and took third place in the long jump.

In total the Latin Club donated over 250 food items to the St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank. Optime, discipulae!

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT ◀

Congratulations to NDA Intervention Specialist Jen Ericson! Jen has been officially accepted into NKU's Education Specialist Program with a concentration in Teaching and Leading as well as English as a Second Language. This program will lead to Jen receiving her doctorate in Special Education.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

SOFTBALL

Softball recently defeated Conner 2-1.

LACROSSE

Lacrosse got a 9-5 win over Mercy Academy Monday night.

ORANGE AND WHITE WRAP UP ◀

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Orange & White Game on Sunday, April 24. This is the first time the event has been held at Notre Dame and it was a huge success. It was a close game, and although we did not manage to beat Ursula we are certainly helping to beat cancer! The event raised over \$8,200! All proceeds will be going to Children's Hospital for their Leukemia research program. Thank you again to everyone who was a part of this wonderful day!



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](#).

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Governor's Scholars Program

Sophomores interested in applying to the **Governor's Scholars Program** next fall as Juniors should seriously consider taking the ACT on June 11. Registration for the June 11 ACT is May 6. Contact Mrs. Kathy Hildreth with questions.



An Informational Meeting for **Sophomores** who are interested in applying to the **KY Governors' Scholars Program** next fall as Juniors will be held on Monday May 9 in the library after school.

DRUG FREE CLUB "MAKING GOOD CHOICES!"

A big thank you to St. Elizabeth Healthcare who provided all of NDA's Drug Free Club Members with a stylish, free, dri-fit t-shirt, and NDA's Marketing Department who had our Notre Dame Academy seal and the slogan "Making Good Choices!" put on the back of the shirt! Drug Free Club's current Co-Presidents, Grace Lubbe and Lauren Lawler are seen modeling the shirt

All members of Drug Free Club happily enjoyed a slice of pizza on Friday afternoon, another reward from Drug Free Club for choosing to be drug free!

On Wednesday afternoon a Google Form was sent to current Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior students who may be **interested in applying for Officer and Representative Positions** with next year's Drug Free Club! Students who want to lead this exciting club can apply by completing and submitting this Form by end of day on Monday May 16. 2016-2017 Drug Free Club Officers and Representatives will be announced on Friday May 20! Contact Mrs. Hildreth or Mrs. Maggard with any questions!



Congratulations to ALL of our NDA students who are part of the Kentucky Governors Scholars Programs this year!



Back Row (L-R): Emma Wainscott, Paige Montfort, Kendall Crawford, Sarah Draud, Andria Burden Jackie Noll, Courtney, Ziegelmeier
Middle Row (L-R): Fiona Blackburn, Meg Whelen, Johanna Armstrong, Izzy Pope, Emma Duerstock
Front Row (L-R): Abbie Guard, Anne Simendinger, Paige Brunson, Olivia Marita, Lauren Reinersman
Not pictured: Laura Dinn, Annie Lee

Governor's Scholars Program

Sarah Draud
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Jackie Noll
Lauren Reinersman
Meg Whelen

Governor's School for the Arts:

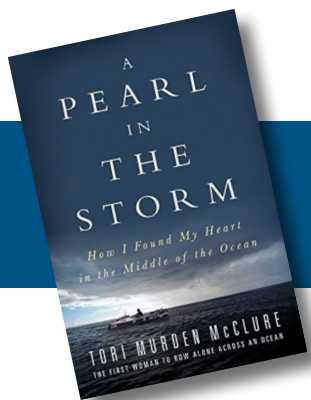
Emma Wainscott
Fiona Blackburn
Abbie Guard
Courtney Ziegelmeier
Johanna Armstrong
Paige Brunson
Izzy Pope

GSA Alternates:

Annie Lee
Andria Burden
Kendall Crawford
Laura Dinn
Anne Simendinger

Governor's School for Entrepreneurs

Olivia Marita



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Our Lady

GETTING TO KNOW
OUR PATRON

TONIGHT
MAY 4, 2016

7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

AT
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S
ALUMNAE HALL

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Important
Cafeteria
News

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.


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!

PPC NEWS ◀

PPC Meeting - Don't miss the last PPC meeting of the school year - **May 10, 2016**. We hope to see you there!



NDA SUMMER CLASSES ◀



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>

BAMBOOTIQUE OFFERS NEW ITEMS! ◀

Have you been to NDA's Bambootique lately? There are many new items that our Pandas are going crazy for! You can check out a few of the new items on our website [HERE](#) OR stop in the Bambootique and see them all first-hand!



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](#).



2016 Autumn Gala

Saturday, September 24

Parents, how would you like to win 2 free tickets to next year's Gala? Your name will be entered in a drawing for 2 free tickets if you make your donation before May 20! We are in need of hundreds of gift items, certificates, timeshares, condos, tickets, and unique experiences for our Live and Silent Auctions. Donations or contributions may be mailed or brought to school. Thank you in advance for your support!

IMPORTANT DATES:

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
May 8	Band Concert
May 11	Academic Signing
May 12	Academic Awards
May 13	Spring Sports Pep Rally
	Choral Concert
May 17	Senior Send Off
May 18-20	Senior Exams
May 23-25	Exams
May 26	Cleaning Day
	Baccalaureate Mass
May 27	Senior Awards Breakfast
	Graduation

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Our Lady's Blue Army
- DCCH Center for Children and Families - FREE Positive Parenting Series
- CareNet Banquet
- Cross the Bridge for Life
- Regional Pro-Life Mass
- Faces of Pro-Life Awards
- Serra Club Florence Freedom Doubleheader
- 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](#).

