



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

This is our final newsletter of the school year. I appreciate you taking the time to read the information that has been presented each week. Communication is a very important component of our partnership in your daughter's education.

I would like to congratulate Meg Whelan on receiving the 2017 NDA Distinguished Graduate Award from the Sisters of Notre Dame. This is a well deserved honor as Meg is certainly an outstanding witness to a Notre Dame Academy education.

Our spring athletes have had a great season and they are to be commended for their successful competitions and hard work. The Spring Awards Banquet for the student athletes and their parents will be held next Tuesday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m.

As announced earlier this year, we are once again requiring a common reading assignment for the coming school year. The book we will read is *The Distance Between Us* by Reyna Grande. Students are required to read this book prior to their return for the new school year in September. We will have activities and discussion groups as part of our Common Reader Day in the fall. The date for our Common Reader Day is yet to be determined however, students will receive supplemental reading materials for the book via email this summer. There is a link to all other summer reading assignments below.

We have had an amazing school year at NDA *Embracing Dignity in Self, Others and Community!* As we begin our summer break, we give thanks for the many ways in which God's Goodness and Provident Care have blessed our school this year. I wish our graduates the very best as they continue to *Embrace Dignity in Self, Others and Community* and go make their difference in the world!

I am grateful to our faculty, staff, students and parents for all they have done to make the 2016-17 school year such a success. I am amazed how willing you, our parents, are to help and contribute to NDA. Your generosity of time, talent and treasure is often reflected by the actions of your daughters. These lessons begin at home. I receive many compliments about our students throughout the school year. Whether they are at school, on a field trip, or at an extra curricular event, I receive comments that our students are well behaved, polite and appropriately dressed. These observations solidify for me that we have set very high expectations for our students and it is important that we continue to do so. There is pride in being a Panda. You get what you expect.

When people I meet find out that I am the principal at NDA, I often get one particular question - "How do you deal with all of those girls?" My response to that question is always the same - "I would take them any day!" People have a difficult time understanding that the drama young women experience in a coed atmosphere is very different than it is at NDA. As much as we talk about the advantages of single gender education for young women, we often overlook this fact. It is refreshing to hear our graduating seniors confirming for us each year that they experience substantially less drama at NDA than they did in their co-ed experiences prior to coming to NDA.

I find that I am ending the school year much like I began it - truly impressed with our students and their enthusiasm for education. It is clear to me and I hope to each of you, that at NDA, we are part of a tradition larger than any one of us, a strong academic tradition of empowering young women to make a difference in the world. Thank you for partnering with us. I look forward to seeing our students in September and I wish you and your family a blessed and safe summer.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





# Panda Pomp & Circumstance...



*Congratulations!*



*Go Make a Difference!*



*Celebrating Sisterhood!*



*Class of 2017!*



*Good Luck!*





# 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

## IMPORTANT DATES ◀

September 5	First Day of School
November 1	All Saints (No School)
November 3	End of First Quarter
November 22-24	Thanksgiving Break (No School)
December 8	Immaculate Conception (No School)
December 21-January 3	Christmas Break (No School)
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No School)
January 17-19	Exams
January 19	End of First Semester
February 19	Presidents' Day (No School)
March 16	End of Third Quarter
March 29 – April 6	Easter (No School)
May 21, 22, 23	Exams
May 24	Cleaning Day/Last Day of School
May 25	Graduation

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ◀

- As you can see from the dates above, due to Capital Campaign renovations at NDA, our school year will begin **after Labor Day** and end **before Memorial Day**.
- Due to the shortened number of days in the school year, next year we will be **adding 33 minutes to each school day**.
- Each school day will **begin at 7:45 a.m.** and **end at 3:03 p.m.**
- All classes will last **52 minutes** with **4 minutes** in between for changing classes.
- **Semesters will be an even number of days** with mid-term exams held in January.
- The athletic **“Dead Period”** will run from **June 23 - July 13** this summer.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please remember that although our school year does not begin until September 5, other area schools will begin in early or mid August, therefore fall athletic schedules will remain the same as in past years. Many games and matches will be held prior to the beginning of our school year.



**Our Capital Campaign renovations  
have already begun!**

## 2017 Notre Dame Academy Distinguished Graduate ◀

### Meg Whelan

Congratulations to NDA senior Meg Whelan who received the Distinguished Graduate Award from the Sisters of Notre Dame at this year's Senior Awards Luncheon. The Sisters of Notre Dame Distinguished Graduate Award recognizes graduates in schools sponsored by or affiliated with the Sisters of Notre Dame National Education Partnership, as being outstanding witnesses to Notre Dame education. The names of the award recipients are recorded each year in a book kept in the Motherhouse (international headquarters) of the Sisters in Rome, Italy. It is placed on the altar dedicated to Sr. Maria Aloysia, the founder of the Coesfeld SNDs and an outstanding educator.



## THANK YOU DR. MARTIN! ◀

A HUGE Thank you to Dr. Dan Martin from the members of the NDA Religion Department and from the students, faculty and staff, for all you have done for us over the last seven years! There are so many qualities about you that we will miss but none of them are equal to this: A man of integrity and deep faith whose heart is as wide as the sky! Dan, from the Godzilla hall passes to the numerous memories we have made together, you will always be a member of the paNDA Family.

While you may be returning to your Alma Mater, St. X in Louisville, KY, you have a second home right here at NDA. There are no words to adequately express our gratitude for all you have meant to us, and so we want you to know that we will keep you in our prayers as you and your beautiful family move to Louisville at the end of July. Instead of goodbye we say, "welcome to a future filled with God's choicest blessings!"



May 30 - June 2	7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
June 5 - June 22	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
June 23 - July 14	CLOSED (Dead Period)
July 17 - August 11	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Beginning August 14	7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

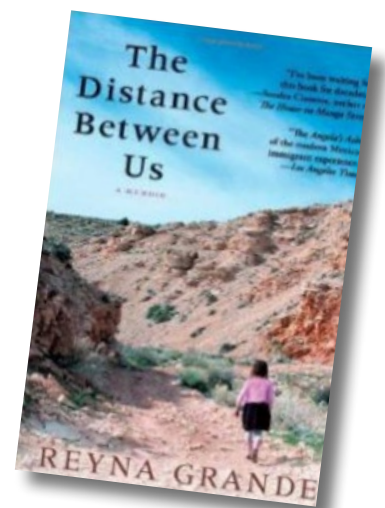
## SUMMER READING ◀

Don't forget about your summer reading assignments! Our Common Reader for the 2017-18 school year is *The Distance Between Us* by Reyna Grande. This is a story of independence, culture, and the important role family plays in one's life. It is an eye-opening memoir about migration from Mexico to the United States. *The Distance Between Us* has the power to change minds and hearts.

Please note: we will not be using the young audience edition but the edition you see in the picture to the right.

Students will be receiving supplemental materials via email this summer in preparation for the assessment. Assessment on our common reader has typically occurred on our common reader day. This year's Common Reader date is yet to be determined.

Other summer reading assignments can be found on our website [HERE](#).



## Important Reminder For Parents:

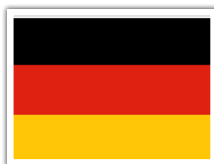
Please check your daughter's cafeteria account balance as there are many overdue account balances. You can check PayPams for your balance.

**ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS:** 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](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org). **Thank you!**



## NDA GOLF OUTING ◀

**NDA Golf Outing:** Friday July 28, 2017 at The Plantation at Twin Oaks. Registration begins at 9:45 am. 11:00 am "Shot Gun" start. Registration: \$100/person, \$400/foursome. Includes: gift, cart, green fees, unlimited refreshments, lunch on course and fabulous buffet dinner (\$35 for dinner only). Priority game package \$25/golfer. To register go to [ndapandas.org](http://ndapandas.org). Search Athletics. Golf Outing.



## 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](mailto: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.



## 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 <https://www.ndapandas.org/admissions/summer-enrichment-programs.aspx>

## NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

**The Spring Sports Awards Night** will be Tuesday, **June 6** at 7:00 pm in the Theatre. All Spring Athletes and their families are invited to attend.

### Need a Sports Physical for Next Year?

Commonwealth Orthopaedic Centers is offering Sports Physicals at NO CHARGE on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at their Edgewood locaiton. Please bring the completed KHSAA Physical form signed with a parent's signature. You can download the form [HERE](#).

### Athletic Camps

Reminder to all that NDA is offering many Summer Sports Camps. Go to our website under [Athletics/Summer Camps](#) to register today. The Tennis Camp is the first camp of the summer - it begins on June 5.

### SOFTBALL

NDA softball rallies to knock off Boone County in the bottom of the 7th inning. Pandas were down 3-2 with one out. Three freshman Serena Paterno, Maddie Prospero and Olivia Meier all hit singles to load the bases. Cori Ladanyi hits a line drive to right center for a walk off single that scores two runs to end the game. NDA will take on Dixie in the Region finals Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Go Pandas!!!



## SHARE YOUR SUMMER NEWS! ◀

Our Pandas are participating in many incredible academic and co-curricular activities this summer and we would love to share that news with our NDA community. If your Panda is making a difference this summer, share her story and pictures with us and we will publish them on our website and social media. You can submit your pictures and news to: [ndasocialmedia@ndapandas.org](mailto:ndasocialmedia@ndapandas.org).





SAVE THE DATE:  
OCTOBER 14, 2017  
AT SUMMIT HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

## ► Important dates

June 5	iPad Orientation for incoming freshmen 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alumnae Hall
June 6	iPad Orientation for incoming freshmen 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alumnae Hall  Spring Sports Awards Ceremony
June 7	iPad Orientation for incoming freshmen 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alumnae Hall
June 8	Panda Newbie Game Night
June 10	ACT at NDA
June 15	iPad Orientation for incoming freshmen 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alumnae Hall
June 16	iPad Orientation for incoming freshmen 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alumnae Hall

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- NKY Hates Heroin Craig Underwood Memorial 5K
- Work Study Opportunities for the Sisters of Notre Dame
- SND Jubilee
- SND Pilgrimage Walk
- SND 4th of July Festival
- Stretch Your Heart: New Orleans
- NDUEC In Need of Summer Volunteers
- Serra Club for Vocations, Florence Freedom Fundraiser
- National Catholic Youth Conference



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