



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

“Virtue must animate us to do everything well for the greater glory of the good God.” These are the words of St. Julie Billiart, spiritual mother of the Sisters of Notre Dame. As our school year comes to a close, it is fitting that we reflect on her words and what she is calling us to do. At this time of year we celebrate the many accomplishments of our students and especially those getting ready to graduate from NDA - our class of 2018. It has been my pleasure this school year to witness our seniors discovering and sharing their gifts and talents “for the greater glory of the good God.”

In the midst of preparing for exams, we took time today as a community to celebrate our seniors, the class of 2018. They began the day with the annual Alumnae Luncheon where they were inducted into the NDA Alumnae Association and a prayer service thanking God for all that He has blessed them with over the past four years. Next the student body came together for our annual Senior Send-Off. It was a very meaningful day for our class of 2018 and I would like to thank everyone who helped in making it so special for our seniors.

Today we also took time to say thank you and goodbye to Ms. Lynn Dickman who will be leaving NDA at the end of this school year. Ms. Dickman has made a difference in the lives of so many throughout her 26 years of teaching at NDA. We thank Ms. Dickman for the tremendous contribution she has made to Catholic education at Notre Dame Academy and wish her well as she follows her dreams in the next phase of her life.

Tomorrow evening we will gather for our Academic Awards ceremony. We applaud the leadership skills and achievements of our students but we must not ignore the tremendous pressure young women are under in today’s world. While many appear to be outstanding and successful, a number of young women these days are anxious and overwhelmed. It is our job to help them to become resilient adults with healthy, happy and fulfilling lives. Our Student Services team at NDA recently read the book *Enough As She Is* by Rachel Simmons and I highly recommend that you add this to your summer reading list. As the principal of 575 young women, I found this to be a very valuable read and I think that as parents of daughters, you will too. Together I think we can teach the students of NDA that they are enough.

As we are wrapping up our year of *Living the Gospel Empowered by Mary’s Witness*, I would like to share another reflection with you this week written by one of the Sisters of Notre Dame. The reflection is called [Memorial of the Lady of the Rosary](#) and it was written by Sister Mary Sharron Goller, SND. I’m sure you will enjoy it as much as I did!

Please note that senior exams will take place tomorrow (5/17), Friday (5/18) and Monday (5/21) and exams for freshmen, sophomores and juniors will take place next Monday (5/21) through Wednesday (5/23). I encourage you to discuss the exam schedule with your daughter. This can be a stressful time and we encourage students to support one another and make healthy choices to reduce stress.

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



## IMPORTANT CAFETERIA INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS ◀

**PLEASE REMEMBER - THE CAFETERIA IS CLOSED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.**

Only snacks and drinks will be available for purchase from that time on.

### ALSO...

SENIOR PARENTS: Please check your daughter's account balance and let Cafeteria Manager Karen Brungs (brungsk@ndapandas.org) know if you would like a refund or transfer your balance. Thank you!



## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Student Council Homeroom Representative Elections

Good luck to our Rising Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors who will be running for Student Council Homeroom Representative on Friday!

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS ◀

Information regarding graduation activities can be found on the NDA website [HERE](#). Please remember - the deadline for Senior Breakfast reservations is May 18. Thanks!

## YEARBOOK SALES ◀

Buy a yearbook! Buy an ad for your senior to put in it! Yearbooks are still on sale through May 25 by following [this link](#) or visiting [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com).

**Senior parents:** You can purchase a recognition ad for your daughter in the 2018 yearbook. They're easy and fun to design, and prices start at just \$45. Use this link to get started! Deadline is June 15.



## NDA SUMMER ART CLASSES AND LEARNING BAND ◀

NDA has all sorts of Summer Enrichment Opportunities. You can find information about our 2018 Summer Art Classes online [HERE](#).

Summer Learning Band BEGINS June 5 from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. This is the perfect opportunity for any student who has ever had a desire to learn to play an instrument. It is an awesome endeavor to learn a wind instrument and play with the NDA/CCH Band! Students learning a second instrument are also welcome to attend. We have a number of instruments on which students can learn to play. For further information email Greg Cerimele at [cerimeleg@ndapandas.org](mailto:cerimeleg@ndapandas.org).



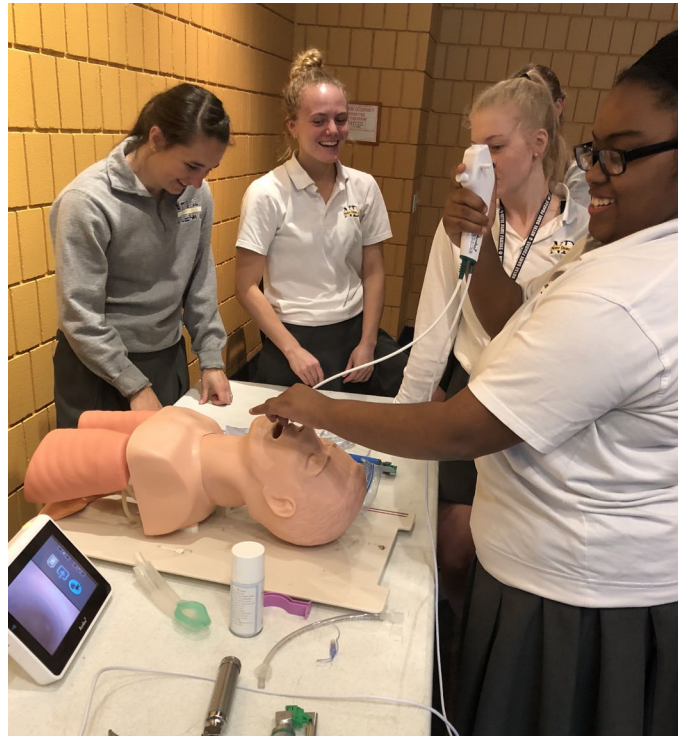
## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR GERMAN STUDENTS FOR FALL 2018 ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2018 enrollment. We are again working with our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta). Notre Dame Academy has become such a great experience for the girls from Vechta that we have been asked to increase from 2 to 3 German exchange students 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 host families.

## 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, Jeff Arlinghaus, a nurse-anesthetist with St.E's and the NKU's Anesthetist Program, (also father of Jenna Arlinghaus '17 and NDA Bass Fishing Coach) came and taught the students how to administer spinals, epidurals and intubation of the trachea.

NDA alumna Jill Weidner '05, a second year Nurse Anesthesia Resident, came to help Mr. Arlinghaus with the spinal and epidural anesthesia simulation at NDA. Jill is one of 16 students picked for the program out of about 60 applicants.



## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



### Exam Schedules

The current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will have exams on May 21, 22 and 23. The students were all emailed their schedules for exams several weeks ago. [Click here](#) for a link to the exam schedule. You need your daughter to share her current class schedule with you in order to see what exams she has at certain times.

Students that do not have an exam last may leave early and those that do not have one first may come in at homeroom. There may be a few students that do not have an exam on a day, and she may not come to school but will need to have a parent call the office to let them know she is out. Please note that most students will be finished by 12:30 p.m. on Monday and 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. If a student has to miss an exam, there is a fee to re-schedule the exam. Please see the [handbook](#) for information about our exam policy.

Senior exams will happen on May 17, 18 and 21. Seniors all have exam schedules and will know if one has to take an exam or may be exempt due to her current grade and attendance. Seniors do not need to report to school on days or times that they do not have an exam. Here is the link to the senior exam schedule: [Senior exams](#)

### Health Career Summer Camp

Gateway and Area Health Education Center in NKY will be hosting a health career camp for freshmen, sophomores and juniors on June 11-13. The registration deadline is May 23. Please visit their website for more information:

[www.northcentralkyahec.org](http://www.northcentralkyahec.org)

### Summer Opportunities

For more summer opportunities visit our website:

<https://www.ndapandas.org/academics/counseling-and-student-services/summer-enrichment-programs.aspx>

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

### BALL DROP

Please help the golf outing fundraiser by selling some ball drop tickets! Ball Drop tickets are \$10 for a chance to win \$1000 or second place of \$500 if we sell more than 500 tickets. The ball drop is at the golf outing on July 27th.

Students turn in your tickets with money to the front office or the athletic office. We will also have gift card drawings on 4/27, and 5/4. Whomever sells the most ball drop tickets will receive a mutually agreed upon prize! See Mrs. Webster for details. Reminder, make sure your name is on the ticket as a seller!

### SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

**Registration is now open for the 2018 - Summer Sports Camps Hosted at Notre Dame Academy.** NDA is hosting several youth sports camps this summer.

Please note: Tennis Camp was added and will be held 7/16-7/19 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

You can view more detailed information on the NDA website under the tab for [Athletics / Summer Camps](#).



## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ◀

Parents, did you know that NDA's daily announcements are posted each day on our website? You can find them [HERE](#).



## ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE ◀

We are excited to announce that we are less than \$10,000 away from reaching our 2017-18 Annual Appeal goal of \$285,000. As of this week only 10% of current parents have given to our campaign. Help us reach our goal and increase our current parent participation by donating [HERE!](#) For any questions, contact our Director of Development Denise Bowman at 859-292-1849 or [bowmand@ndapandas.org](mailto:bowmand@ndapandas.org).



## SAVE THE DATE ◀

Mark your calendars for this year's NDA Gala! Last year's Gala was a sellout crowd and a full evening of entertainment! Save the date for Saturday, October 13, 2018 for this wonderful event which will once again be held at Summit Hills Country Club. Invitations will be mailed in early September. We hope to see you there!

## ▶ Important dates

May 16	Senior Alumnae Luncheon/Send Off
May 17, 18, 21	Senior Exams
May 17	Academic Awards
May 18	Theatre Exam Shows
May 19	Theatre Banquet
May 21-23	Exams
May 24	4th Quarter Ends
	Cleaning Day
May 25	Graduation at NKYCC
May 28	NDA Marching Band and Dance Team Park Hills Memorial Day Parade

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Catechist Day of Reflection
- FC Youth Night Game
- Travel the World Without Leaving Home This Summer
- School Cafeteria Manager Needed
- Positions Available for Students
- World Meeting of Families

You can find a complete list of community news [HERE](#).

