



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I hope you are having an enjoyable and relaxing summer. It has been an exciting summer at NDA watching the progress of our *Excellence Without Boundaries* campaign renovations. We are anxiously awaiting the return of our students and see their reaction to all of the changes within our school building.

Our students have been very busy this summer with several different activities. Many of our students participated in our Leadership Summit last week led by NDA alumna Sue Wehrman '81. We look forward to our students incorporating what they learned into their leadership roles at school and we are excited about the leadership that the class of 2018 will be providing our student body. Our Peer Ministry Team spent time planning for the upcoming year and will be providing our community with some new ideas and activities. Incoming freshman attended iPad orientation sessions so they are ready to hit the ground running on their orientation day on August 28. Finally, NDA fall athletes have started practices on campus as well.

I hope your daughters are enjoying our common reader - *The Distance Between Us* by Reyna Grande. The Common Reader Committee, led by our World Languages Team, is busy planning for this year's Common Reader Day. Thanks to all the faculty and students who will be helping with this special day.

Please note a few business items that follow, most importantly, the **Parent Information Meetings**. These meetings will be held on **Tuesday, August 29** (Freshmen and Sophomores) and **Wednesday, August 30** (Juniors and Seniors). The meetings will begin at **6:30 p.m.** in the NDA Theatre and last approximately one hour. The meeting agenda will include information on academics, student life, campus ministry, counseling, instructional technology, our Panda Parent Club and student schedules will be handed out. Grade level specific information will be included each night. **It is very important that each family is represented at these meetings.** Please note that on both back to school parent meeting nights, we will have a reception with light appetizers starting at 5:30 p.m. Also at this time, Joseph Beth Booksellers will be selling the required English novels for the school year at discounted prices.

The calendar for the 2017-18 school year can be found on our website [HERE](#). Also, please see the important list of dates regarding the beginning of school in the list below.

I look forward to welcoming our students and families for the 2017-18 school year when we will focus on the third educational principal of the Sisters of Notre Dame: *The Notre Dame Educator as a Gospel witness*. This school year, we will celebrate Mary, the woman of hope, who made visible the glad tidings of the Gospel. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer with family and friends and I will see you in a few weeks for the Parent Information Meetings.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Notre Dame Academy
is built on the
Four Educational Principles
of the Sisters of Notre Dame:



- The centrality of a good and provident God
- The human dignity of each person as an image of God
- The Notre Dame educator as a Gospel witness
- An integrated education for transformation



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR INCOMING AND RETURNING FAMILIES:

Freshman/Sophomore Parents - Tuesday, August 29, 6:30 p.m. in the theatre

Junior/Senior Parents - Wednesday, August 30, 6:30 p.m. in the theatre

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FALL CLASS SCHEDULES:

Fall class schedules will be available online on August 21.

2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR:

The calendar for the 2017-18 school year can be found at our website [HERE](#). Also, please see the important list of dates regarding the beginning of school in the list below.

FAMILY DIRECTORIES:

Each year we provide a directory of contact information for our families. This will be made available at the beginning of the school year. Please watch for an email regarding this directory and permission to publish your information.

SUMMER READING:

You can find all of NDA's summer reading assignments [HERE](#).

REMINDERS FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN & TRANSFER STUDENTS

- All incoming freshmen need to turn in their **immunization forms** by Friday, September 1.
- **FRESHMAN/NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION** is an important part of the transition process for students. This year's Freshman/New Student Orientation will be held on **Monday, August 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for incoming freshmen and from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for transfer students.** Lunch will be provided. The orientation program will include information about the daily schedule, course requirements, opportunities for co-curricular involvement and the use of the iPad. Your daughter will have the opportunity to meet current and new students and start to develop some important relationships. Students will be expected to bring their iPads to the Freshman/New Student Orientation. Students are not required to wear uniforms for orientation. Dress is casual.
- If you are the parent of an incoming freshman or a sophomore transferring to NDA, please plan to attend the **Parent Information Meeting** on **Tuesday, August 29** at **6:30 p.m.** in the theater. If you are the parent of a junior or senior transferring to NDA, please plan to attend the **Parent Information Meeting** on **Wednesday, August 30** at **6:30 p.m.** in the theater. At the parent meeting you will receive important information about the school year and how we will help your daughter in making the transition to NDA. Student schedules will be distributed at this meeting as well as information about accessing Power School (online grading and records) accounts.
- **NDA BRIDGE PROGRAM (For Incoming Freshmen)**
This program assists freshmen in gaining some Math, English and study skills before the start of the school year. It will be held at Notre Dame Academy from Monday, August 21 - Friday, August 25, 2017. It begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m. To register or for more information email: Mrs. Christine Monohan • NDA Academic Counselor • monohanc@ndapan-das.org.

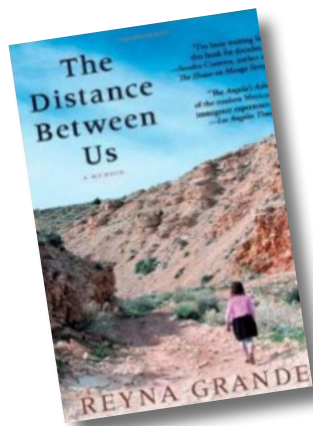
2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

CALENDAR ◀

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, this 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.
- **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.



SUMMER READING ◀

Don't forget about your daughter's 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.

Students are encouraged to join us for the first Common Reader Committee meeting on Wednesday, August 9 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Alumnae Hall. If interested in planning for our Common Reader Day on Friday, November 3, this is a meeting you won't want to miss!

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



July 17 - August 11

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Beginning August 14

7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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.

UNIFORM POLICY ◀

All students at Notre Dame Academy are required to wear a school uniform, which emphasizes our traditional dress code. This code is intended to: encourage cleanliness, neatness and pride in one's appearance; foster respect for the way in which one presents herself to others; create a semiformal atmosphere needed for a disciplined learning environment; provide a uniform manner of dressing which minimizes social differences that may exist among students. By choosing to be a student at Notre Dame Academy, this code becomes the student's responsibility, and it is her responsibility to know the spirit of NDA's dress code and to be in compliance with that dress code while on school property. The cleanliness, length and neatness of the uniform skirt and uniform top reflect this pride. Students should rarely be out of uniform during the school day. Any exception requires a note from the parents and a permit from the school office to be presented to each teacher. Below is an updated listing of the NDA Uniform Policy for the 2017-18 school year.

Notre Dame Academy has a school uniform that consists of:

- a gray uniform skirt OR uniform slacks (the skirt and/or slacks must fit properly, be zipped and buttoned, hemmed appropriately and free of stains, rips, and/or holes). Students are encouraged to purchase a new skirt or slacks if it no longer zips, has tears, holes, or stains
- a white or light blue NDA banded shirt for freshmen through seniors
- solid white, gray, black or navy blue socks
- appropriate shoes that have a back to them
- nametag/lanyard



Optional items that may be purchased and worn with the uniform include:

- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy pullover sweater
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy sweatshirt
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy fleece
- a navy blue blazer with NDA's emblem for special occasions such as Mass, award ceremonies, etc.
- gray, black, or navy blue leggings
- black dress slacks and a white blouse for designated events

Students are expected to be in uniform throughout the school day and to wear the uniform skirt zipped and buttoned. It may not be rolled at the waist and may be no more than three inches above the knee. NDA encourages parents to check how the uniform fits at the beginning of each school year and to purchase a new one if necessary.

No colored undergarments or undergarments with visible writing that detracts from the uniform may be worn under the uniform blouse. If a student chooses to wear a T-shirt under the uniform shirt, it must be a plain white V-neck and may not be visible. No slacks may be worn under the uniform during the school day. Students may wear the uniform sweater or sweatshirt during the school day. No other sweaters or sweatshirts are acceptable.

Each Friday students are encouraged to wear NDA spiritwear with their gray skirt or slacks. A variety of NDA spiritwear items are available at the NDA Bambootique.

Schoolbelles is NDA's official uniform provider. NDA's number is S1935.



TAKE A SNEAK PEEK AT ALL OF THE CHANGES AT NDA! ◀

A great way to keep up on all that is happening with our renovations at NDA is to check out Sr. Mary Dolores Giblin's blog. As our archivist, Sr. Mary Dolores has been documenting our progress online and she's included some very interesting photos.

You can read all about our renovations on the NDA Heritage Blog [HERE](#).



WE NEED YOUR HELP ◀

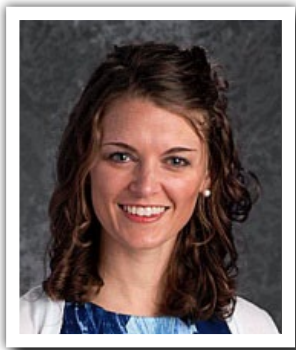
As you know, we have been under construction this summer with our *Excellence Without Boundaries* campaign renovations. We have accomplished quite a bit over the summer months but as with all construction, we have a great deal of clean-up to do to get ready for the students to return to the classrooms in September.

If you and/or your daughter would be willing to help us out with the clean-up, we would really appreciate it! You can sign up online to help out [HERE](#).



NDA OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS ◀

Congratulations to Stacey Bill, Lynn Dickman and Matt Eckerle! These NDA faculty members have been recognized as OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS in Cincy Magazine's Best Schools issue! Winners are chosen from public and private schools in both Ohio and Kentucky. The committee commented that they "picked teachers who went above and beyond expectations". We congratulate Ms. Bill, Ms. Dickman and Mr. Eckerle on this achievement and we thank them and all of our NDA educators for their commitment and dedication to our students!



Stacey Bill



Lynn Dickman



Matt Eckerle



SUMMER HOUSEKEEPING for your iPad ◀

Mrs. Mullee suggests that all students do a bit of summer housekeeping on their iPads before returning to school. She has created a slides presentation on Google for iPad cleanup. You can access it [HERE](#).

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀ 2017 NDA Leadership Summit

Last week, 19 Pandas completed Notre Dame Academy's third annual Leadership Summit hosted by 1981 graduate, Sue Wehrman who currently serves as the Global Leadership Strategist at General Electric Power and Water Division.

Ms. Wehrman engaged many other community members in an effort to support our young, female leaders. NDA thanks the following individuals for their help in making this year's Summit a success:

- Laura Koehl ('76): Women in the Workforce
- Deborah Chudzik ('86): Leadership as Trust
- Dan Joyner: The Six Conversations
- Lauren Tubesing and Malissa Gallini (General Electric): Women in the Workforce
- Team at GE: Leadership
- Amber Grayson and Colleen Haws (Grandview Tavern): Business Meal Etiquette

Ms. Wehrman and the above facilitators challenged the students to grow as reflective, goal oriented, communicative and confident leaders who can successfully lead motivate and influence their teams, committees and clubs. Students who attended the Summit enjoyed connecting with other NDA students and finished the week feeling confident, inspired and empowered to be leaders at school, in their families and within the community. Thanks to Sue, and the many other outstanding leaders who were a part of the Summit, the students gained valuable insight into effective leadership and how they can use their gifts to make a difference.

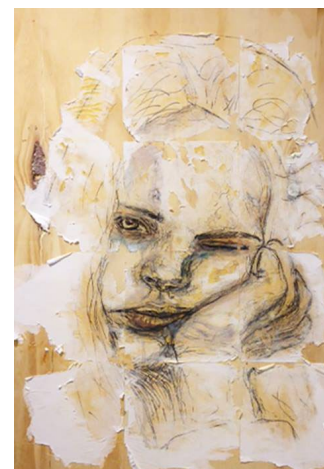
Congratulations to the following students who successfully completed the 2017 Leadership Summit:

Angela Kyntchev	11	Molly Kleier	10
Claire James	11	Oli Marita	11
Ellie O'Hara	11	Onali Fernando	11
Elly Piatt	11	Rachael Lukey	11
Gabbe Tate	11	Rosemary Schuh	11
Grace Woodcock	10	Sarah Klear	10
Kaylee Moore	11	Selena Mann	10
Libby Smith	11	Sophia Ghazala	10
Maddie McCauley	11	Stephanie Meyer	12
Maria Danneman	12		



NDA STUDENT PRESENTS ARTWORK IN NEW YORK ◀

Congratulations to 2017 Graduate Paige Brunson whose artwork earned multiple Gold Key awards in the Scholastics Art and Writing Competition. Her work was selected to show in the National Scholastics Show at the prestigious Pratt Institute in New York City. Around 140 pieces were selected to show in this particular exhibition and Paige's work was among them. Paige's hard work and talent leads to artwork as original, creative, and sincere as the artist herself. Congratulations Paige and thank you for representing Notre Dame's Fine Arts Department. Paige will continue working on Art next year as a student in UC's DAAP program.



AUDITIONS FOR ANTIGONE ◀

Auditions for ANTIGONE will be held **August 21 and 22 | 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

Actors should prepare one dramatic monologue, one minute or less. Please email Ms. Stine for details at stinec@ndapandas.org!

COME AUDITION FOR DANCE PANDAS! ◀

Dance Pandas allows dancers to strengthen their skills across a variety of dance styles and perform at school and community events. Those interested do not require formal dance training— it's not all flips, tricks, and turns, although we love those things too!

Members of Dance Pandas perform in the NDA Showcase and choir concerts, as well as at NDA basketball games and Covington Catholic football games. Styles of dance included in our 2017-2018 season will include Pom, Jazz, Lyrical and Tumbling among others, but dancers don't need to be proficient in all styles to participate. Rehearsals will be held after school, (A full schedule is available here.) but dancers only need to come to rehearsals for the dances they'll be performing in.

[Sign up for the audition clinic here!](#) Please have your schedule in front of you before you begin.

Monday, August 14, 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. Learning Clinic in the Theatre

Come learn everything you need to audition for Dance Pandas and sign up for your August 5 audition slot. Meet current members of the team and practice routines. Those interested in auditioning must attend the clinic for consideration, or contact Ms. Stark to set up a virtual audition if attending the clinic is not possible.

Wednesday, August 16, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Auditions in the Theatre

Small groups perform their audition combinations in 15 minute time slots in the theatre. Dancers should arrive warmed up and ready to go.

We look forward to seeing you there! Questions? Contact Ms. Stark at starkk@ndapandas.org.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀



2017 NDA GOLF OUTING

Despite the rain, everyone had a great time at NDA's Golf Outing last Friday at Twin Oaks. Proceeds from the outing will benefit ALL of the NDA Athletic teams. Thanks to everyone who attended, our sponsors and all those who worked so hard to plan this fun event!



ATTENTION ALL ATHLETES:

Each student athlete must participate in the fruit sale by selling 12 boxes of fruit each school year that she participates in athletics at NDA or paying \$20/box for unsold boxes. Each student and parent must work a 2 hour shift the weekend of the fruit sale and deliver all boxes that they sell. All proceeds from the fruit sale insure the operation of the athletic department.

Begin Selling Fruit: October 13

Fruit Sale Delivery to the school: December 1

Fruit Sale Pick Up for you to pick up and deliver your sold fruit boxes: December 2nd and 3rd

All payments Due: December 7



NDA
AUTUMN *Gala*
GIFT GATHERING PARTY

Freshman Moms - You're Invited!

Please join fellow NDA Freshmen moms For an NDA Autumn Gala Gift Gathering Reception Hosted by Kimberly Carlisle

When: Wednesday, August 16 6:30-9:00 P.M.

***Where: The Home of Kimberly and Bryan Carlisle
10751 Omaha Trace Union, KY 41091***

The evening will be a wonderful opportunity for NDA Freshmen moms to come together meet and greet as your daughter becomes an official PANDA. It will also help to support the upcoming NDA Autumn Gala. Light refreshments will be served.

Suggestions items to donate include:

Cash (to be used to purchase major gifts) (no amount is too small)

Gift certificates of all kinds (no amount is too small)

Household items

Wine Baskets

Liquor

Any creative goods or services

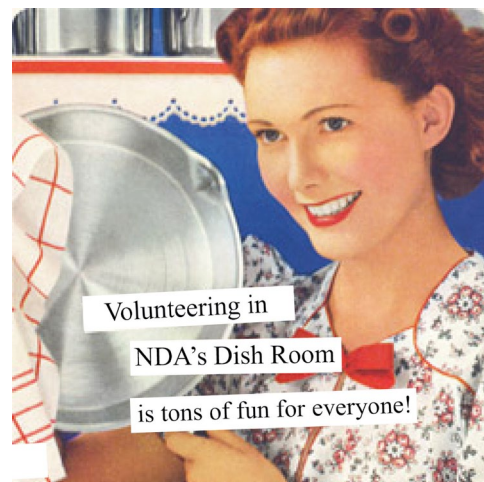
Timeshares

Please RSVP via the evite no later than Friday, August 11.

***Questions can be directed to Nancy Goeke at 859.292.1851
or Katie Caccavari at 859.292.1829***

CAN YOU LEND A HELPING HAND? ◀

Do you have just one day a month to volunteer for two hours in the NDA cafeteria? Helping out is neither difficult nor time-consuming and our current volunteers have fun visiting the school and seeing their daughters, granddaughters and friends. Volunteers are also welcome to stick around after their two-hour shift for lunch with “the crew”. Grandparents in particular seem to love this job, so please consider asking your daughter’s grandparents if they would like to help out. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karen Brungs at 859.292.1856 or brungsk@ndapandas.org. The schedule is online and you can sign up [HERE](#).



Save the Date!

The 2017 Autumn Gala will be held on **Saturday, October 14 at Summit Hills Country Club**. It will feature cocktails, a gourmet sit-down dinner, specialty raffles, a Bourbon Tasting Bar, Keepsake Photos, Signature Cocktail, and enhanced Live and Silent Auction items. An open bar will be available throughout the evening.

We are confident that the 2017 Autumn Gala will again provide an exciting evening of friendship and fellowship for the parents, alumnae, and supporters of Notre Dame Academy. We’re hoping we can count on your attendance and support this year. Questions regarding the Gala can be directed to Nancy Goeken 859.292.1851 goeken@ndapandas.org or Taffy Hebbeler 859.250.5020 taffheb@fuse.net.



LOOKING FOR SUMMER SERVICE HOURS? ◀

If you are looking for summer service hours - be a part of the River Cities Relay! It is an evening race and the proceeds of the race go to five non-profit agencies. It is a very fun event! Sign up to volunteer for everything on and off the course [HERE](#).

▶ Important dates

August 21-25	NDA Bridge Program
August 28	Freshman/New Student Orientation 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
August 29	Freshmen/Sophomore Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Welcome reception 5:30 p.m.)
August 30	Junior/Senior Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Welcome reception 5:30 p.m.)
September 5	First Day of 2017-18 School Year



COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Request for Concussion Research Study Participants
- Kelsey Ann Sorrell Memorial Golf Outing and Social - Saturday August 5
- National Catholic Youth Conference
- River Cities Relay - **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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