



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

It has been an exciting and uplifting week at Notre Dame Academy! On Friday, our entire school community came together to share our common reader experience celebrating Henrietta Lacks Day. It was inspiring to be part of such a collaborative effort. Throughout the day, NDA students, faculty, staff and administration participated in activities, learning sessions and a panel discussion relating to our common reader, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. The level at which our community was engaged in this event was very impressive. Our panel of speakers had many kind words to say about our students and that should be a proud moment for all of us as parents and educators. At the end of the day, our students were truly inspired the story of Henrietta Lacks and I challenged them to connect her story to our mission. Special thanks to everyone who made our common reader experience so worthwhile! (See pictures of the NDA's Henrietta Lacks Day below.)

Eighteen NDA students, some current and some recently graduated, have been named AP Scholars and four have been named AP Scholars with Distinction. This is a testament to the ongoing dedication of our students and faculty and their commitment to excellence in education at Notre Dame Academy. You can read more about these students and the qualifications for the awards they received below. Congratulations to all of these students!

If you were anywhere near NDA last evening, you felt the spark of Panda energy flowing through our building! Our varsity volleyball team beat Mt. Notre Dame in 3 exciting sets. Our gym was exploding with Panda pride. Further down the hallway in Alumnae Hall, the first part of our NDA Speaker Series, *Empowered & Enlightened*, was taking place with a free self-defense class. Students, parents, alumnae, NDA staff and several Sisters of Notre Dame joined us to learn practical techniques to keep themselves safe. It was a very interactive class and our participants were definitely empowered by their new skills.

We are at our best when we see a spark of something in others and we are ignited by their fire for the greater glory of God. Let us all focus this year on seeing the light of Christ in others so that we may be inspired to live the His mission.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

### Life's 5th Quarter

This Saturday, August 29, the fifth Saturday of August, Bishop Foy of the Diocese of Covington will celebrate the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Name Catholic Church, 2422 Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati. Matt Cushing, Chaplain at Covington Catholic High School, will concelebrate the Mass. The Mass is part of a weekly "Prayer Vigil for Life" which includes a pro-life Mass, Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction, with a Rosary procession after Mass to Planned Parenthood on Auburn Avenue, just a few blocks from the Church. All are welcome to pray during those 2 hours.



## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Leadership Meeting

Today we welcomed club and activity leaders to the first general meeting of the year. Student leaders joined together to go over Club Orientation information and to discuss the importance of communication within their groups. Students should mark their calendars for Friday, September 18 – the day of Club Orientation. Here students will have the opportunity to learn about how they can be involved in NDA’s various clubs and activities.

### A Notre Dame Education

Friday morning during long homeroom, Sr. Rita, NDA’s Mission Integration Coordinator, will meet with the Freshmen in Alumnae Hall to introduce them to the bigger picture of Notre Dame Education. It will be an opportunity for the newest members of the NDA family to become acquainted with the rich tradition that has been around for over 150 years but comes alive each day as each of us “Lives our Story of God’s Goodness and Provident Care.”

## CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

This week Mrs. Price will be meeting with all Sophomore Religion Classes to review the details of the service requirements for the sophomore year. Students have the opportunity to ask questions and make sure that their service tracking website is working. Students will be bringing the requirement sheet home for parents to review and sign. These forms are due back to their religion teacher by September 2, 2015. These requirements are also linked to the Service page on NDA’s website.

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## NDA STUDENTS EARN AP SCHOLAR AWARDS ◀

Congratulations to our newly named AP Scholars and AP Scholars with Distinction! An AP Scholar Award is granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams. An AP Scholar with Distinction Award is granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

The AP Program recognizes high school students who have demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement through AP courses and exams with the AP Scholar Awards. Although there is no monetary award, each award-winning student receives a certificate, and the award is acknowledged on any AP score report that is sent to colleges after the award has been conferred. AP Scholar Awards are added to students’ online score reports in late August.

### AP Scholars (18)

Applemann, Haley  
Bezold, Mariah  
Gross, Carly,  
Hellmann, Hillary  
Heuker, Megan  
Hunt, Erin

Kloska, Katherine  
Maier, Alison  
Michels, Meleia  
Morgan, Lilly  
Richards, Kirsten  
Schutzman, Rachel

Shelton, Mia  
Sucher, Kelsey  
Suetholz, Marie  
Thaman, Lily  
VonHandorf, Alicia  
Walter, Emily

### AP Scholars with Distinction(4)

Kendall, Ellen  
Peavler, Rachel  
Peck, Jessica  
Ziegelmeier, Hannah



## PPC NEWS ◀

Thank you to everyone who participated in the PPC survey emailed to parents earlier this week. We had a very good response! We will let you know in an upcoming Panda Press Weekly when our monthly meetings will be held once we compile our data. If you didn’t have an opportunity to take the survey and would still like to, [CLICK HERE](#).



# Henrietta Lacks Day



My favorite family stories

- My grandmother's family must have had a real cast of characters: The Red Head, The Fat Head, and The Old Man.
- Stories of my parents' lives growing up.
- My grandparents' immigration stories.
- My dad's sister, Aunt Dell – the hat she gave to the missions.

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## NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

### Volleyball

Varsity volleyball beat Mt. Notre Dame in 3 sets last night. Volleyball looks to continue their win streak against SHA Thursday in Louisville.

### Soccer

Soccer takes on Cooper Wednesday at home after falling to Mason 0-2 Monday night. Come cheer them on! JV 5:00 | Varsity 6:30

### Golf

Jv golf won against Ryle 170 to 207 yesterday!

### Cross Country

Cross country has their first meet Saturday!

### LaCrosse

Lacrosse will be holding open fields starting on Thursday September 3rd, immediately after school at 3pm. The open fields will continue every Thursday through October. Please contact head Varsity coach Jimmy Marshall at [marshallj@ndapandas.org](mailto:marshallj@ndapandas.org) with questions.

### A Special Thanks...

Thank you to all of the Pandas who have been coming out to our athletics events to cheer our teams on!

PARENTS



You're invited to a  
**Gift Gathering Party**  
for The Autumn Gala  
Wednesday, September 9  
at 6:00 p.m. in Alumnae Hall

## GALA GIFT GATHERING PARTY ◀

Stop by the Autumn Gala Gift Gathering Party before Parent Mini Night to meet other parents and support NDA!

There will be a drawing for **2 FREE Gala tickets** to anyone who brings a gift to donate to the Gala! Here are some ideas for donations: themed baskets, wine or other spirits, gift cards, tickets to sporting events, theater or concerts.

The Panda Parent Club will provide refreshments for this "fundraiser." We hope to see you there!

## EVERYONE IS A PART OF OUR STORY ◀

Don't forget to drop a picture of your NDA Panda *Living her Story of God's Goodness* to our office. Pictures should be no larger than 8X10 but can be as small as 4X6. Thank you in advance for your help in helping us show everyone who enters NDA how we *Live our Story!*



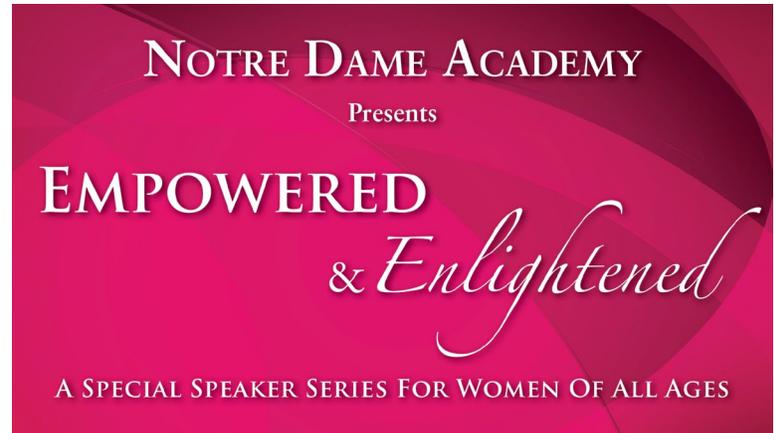
## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ◀

### NDA SPEAKER SERIES DATES:

Last night we hosted the first of our four-part speaker series at NDA, *Empowered and Enlightened*, with a FREE self-defense class. It was a very successful event reaching our limit of 60 participants.

Thanks to our self-defense expert, Shawnie Haskell, for giving us the tools we need to stay safe. Thanks also to all of our attendees. Your enthusiasm to learn the techniques made it a very enjoyable evening!

There are three more events that are all part of this speaker series. Please see the information on each of them below and mark your calendars so that you are available to attend.



### Eating from the Garden of Eden:

The Best Bible Foods and Herbs for Women  
Tuesday, November 17, 2015

### Introduction to Yoga

The physical, mental, and spiritual benefits  
Monday, January 25, 2016

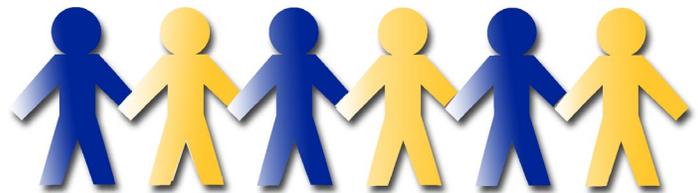
### Our Lady

Getting to Know our Patron  
Wednesday, May 4, 2016

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

### Health Career Explorers Program:

Attention any sophomore, junior or senior interested in a health care career. The Health Career Explorers Program is accepting registrations now. The program is a joint project with Gateway Community College, St. Elizabeth Healthcare and the North Central Kentucky Area Health Education Center. Students can go to the website [www.northcentralkyahec.org](http://www.northcentralkyahec.org) in order to register for the program this year. Please contact Mrs. Monohan with any questions.



### DIVORCE GROUP

Support groups will be forming for students whose parents are divorced or who have a non-traditional family and would like support. Divorce groups meet once a week for 5 weeks each semester, and are scheduled on a rotating basis so that no one misses a class more than once a semester. They are organized by grade level, and will begin in late September. If you think your daughter would benefit from participation in Divorce Group, please contact Mrs. Kathy Hildreth: [hildrethk@ndapadnas.org](mailto:hildrethk@ndapadnas.org) or 850.292.1825.

## 2016 WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

Do you know a Notre Dame Academy graduate who has made a difference? The nomination form for the 2016 Women Making A Difference is available online [HERE](#).

The Women Making A Difference Luncheon will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2016, at the Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Riverfront in Covington, Kentucky. Nominations are due November 2, 2015.





## 2015-16 College Rep Visits at NDA

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch mods (M/T/Th/F 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Wednesdays 11:12 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) Parents are welcome to come in to speak with the college reps. Below is a list of upcoming visits.

### September

8 University of Dayton  
15 Washington University St. Louis  
15 Bellarmine University  
22 Indiana University Bloomington

25 University of South Carolina

### October

7 Mount St. Joseph University  
30 Denison University

## CAFETERIA NEWS ◀

**Positions Available:** There are currently two positions in the NDA Cafeteria that need to be filled for the 2015-16 school year.

**Deli Specialist:** The deli specialist is responsible for preparation of ala Carte side items (fruit, salad, sandwiches, etc.). He/she will also be responsible for other miscellaneous duties.

**Dishwasher:** This person is responsible for the cleaning of pots & pans, and other items used during preparation and service on a daily basis. There could be other miscellaneous duties.

If you are interested or for further information about either of these positions, please contact NDA Cafeteria Manager Karen Brungs at 859.292.1865 or [brungsk@ndapandas.org](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org).

## Important dates:

September 1	Theatre Parent Meeting
September 2	Athletic Orientation for New Students/Parents
September 4	Picture Day
September 7	No School - Labor Day
September 9	6 p.m. Gala Gift Gathering Party 7-9 p.m. Parent Mini-Night
September 18	Club Orientation Junior Retreat
September 23	NDA & CCH ACT Parent Meeting
September 25	6th Grade Scavenger Hunt
September 26	The Autumn Gala - A Taste of NDA

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- NDEUC Open House - TONIGHT!
- Bishop Foys to Celebrate LIFE'S 5TH QUARTER Pro-Life Mass
- Chastity Project
- Street Smartz

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

