



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Our students and faculty have returned from the Labor Day break re-energized and ready to continue *Embracing Dignity in Self, Others and Community!* I hope you enjoyed the long weekend and are feeling refreshed as well.

This Tuesday, September 13, we will have our Parent Mini-Night at 7:00 p.m. I hope you will attend this special event to learn more about your daughter's classes and teachers. I would like to invite our freshmen parents to attend a "meet and greet" reception at 6:00 p.m. prior to Mini-Night. This a wonderful opportunity for you to see a brief presentation about NDA today and our plans for the future. I look forward to seeing you there.

Congratulations to NDA's September Student of the Month - Julia Flesch. Please read the article below to learn more about our very deserving first honoree of the 2016-17 school year.

This week Notre Dame Academy welcomes the SND National Education Office Advisory Council to our campus for their annual meeting. The SND National Education Office provides direction and support for SND schools in advancing the educational mission and vision of the Sisters of Notre Dame. We are blessed to be a school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame and we appreciate their dedication to education.

As the principal of NDA, I spend a great deal of time observing our students and faculty both in and out of the classroom. In doing so, I am reminded of how blessed we all are to be part of the NDA community. While I am often impressed with the work ethic of our students in the classroom, this past week I also saw the grit our students show on the golf course. I had the opportunity to see their team spirit and the support they offer one another at a cross country meet. At lunch on Friday, I watched our students laughing and having a great time with each other as their favorite music blared loudly through the cafeteria. In each of these circumstances, I witnessed our young NDA women learning, growing, serving others and becoming women who will make a difference in the world. I find my job very rewarding!

I thank you, our parents, for providing such wonderful young women with whom we work; thank you for your continued support and commitment to the mission of Notre Dame Academy.

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

PARENT MINI-NIGHT | Tuesday, September 13, 2016

- Mini-Night begins at 7:00 p.m.
- Students will provide parents with a copy (electronic or paper) of their schedule which will guide them throughout the evening.

ATTENTION FRESHMEN PARENTS:

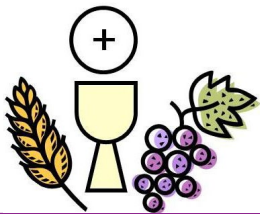
A special “meet and greet” reception will be held for freshmen parents on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Alumnae Hall before Mini-Night begins. A reception with refreshments will be held until 6:30 p.m., followed by a brief presentation about NDA today and our plans for the future. We look forward to seeing you and hope to answer any questions you may have about the NDA experience. Parents will go directly to the Mini Night at approximately 6:50 p.m.

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Club Orientation

Club Orientation is this Friday, September 9! During this time, all Pandas will learn about the 30+ clubs and activities available at Notre Dame Academy. Clubs and activities are wonderful opportunities for all Pandas to develop their interests, give back to the community, make new friends and have fun. All students are encouraged to take part in the fun by joining at least one club or activity this year.



JOIN US FOR MASS ◀

Please join us for Mass this Friday, September 9, at 7:15 a.m. in our Chapel. We will be praying for victims of terrorism around the world. Fr. Michael Hennigen will be here to celebrate with us.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

September - Julia Flesch

Congratulations to our September Student of the Month - Julia Flesch. Julia is a sophomore at NDA and she is a member of NDA's Drug Free Club and Photography Club. Her teachers describe Julia as “positive, hardworking and respectful.”

Read more about our September Student of the Month - Julia Flesch [HERE](#).

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

Production Lab

Our students are always hard at work in the NDA Production Lab. Take a look!



GRANDPARENTS DAY AT NDA! ◀

Grandparent's Day will be held on Friday, September 16. All grandparents/grandfriends are invited to join us for Mass at 1:15 p.m. in the gym. Grandparents are asked to arrive by 1:00 p.m. so that we can get them seated before we bring the students down to find them. No RSVP is necessary. Students who normally park on our lot are asked to park in the lower parking lot of The Garden's of Park Hills that day so as to leave room on our lot for our guests. It is also recommended that you carpool as much as possible that day as well.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE AS A GRADE LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE? ◀

We need one parent from each grade level to help us keep our parents informed. To volunteer to serve as a representative for your daughter's grade level, [CLICK HERE](#). You can also volunteer at this link for various events/committees this school year including our upcoming Autumn Gala.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Cincinnati NACAC National College Fair

SUNDAY, September 11, 2016 | 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Duke Energy Convention Center – Downtown

525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

All Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are invited to attend this Free National College Fair coming to your area! Hundreds of schools from all over the nation will be in attendance.



For more info, to view list of Colleges Attending, and Pre-Register: www.gotomyncf.com



Drug Free Club

Drug Free Clubs of America applications returned on or before **September 21** to NDA will automatically be entered in an early-bird drawing for a special prize! We have already set a new record for school membership in this club, and more applications are being turned in each day! Be sure to get your application turned in to reap our rewards for living a drug free life!

Mentor Center

NDA will start offering homework assistance to students after school in the library on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:50-3:40 p.m.** There will be a few staff members there as well as peers to help other students. This service is offered throughout the school year.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

Attention Swimmers and Divers!

Are you interested in being a part of the Aqua Pandas?

If so, please come (with a parent) to the informational meeting on Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

If you have any questions, email Courtney Sorrell at sorrellc@ndapandas.org.

Bowling

Don't miss out on the fun! Now is your chance to represent NDA in the growing sport of bowling. It's time to start the team building process and "hit the lanes"! While this is a competitive Varsity bowling team, it's really a lot of fun. It's a great way to learn a sport, meet new people and there are opportunities to earn scholarships for college! If you are interested in finding out more about joining the NDA Bowling Pandas. There will be an information meeting held on September 12 right after school.

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ◀

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

DON'T FORGET TO RSVP BEFORE SEPTEMBER 13! ◀

Don't miss out on the **Gala Early Bird Drawing** that will be held on Parent Mini-Night on September 13. Anyone who has sent in their Gala RSVP before Parent Mini Night will be entered in the drawing. The winner will be picked at Mini Night and will receive **\$100 in Gala credit** to spend during the evening so send in your RSVP today! Also, if you send in your RSVP before Parent Mini Night, you will receive your Galal catalogue that evening.

The Autumn Gala is a very important fundraiser for NDA. In addition to providing an evening of celebration and fun for supporters of NDA, the Gala proceeds help cover expenses for our school so that we can keep tuition at an affordable

rate. In particular the majority of our annual fundraising, such as the Gala, helps to fund our tuition assistance program, helping approximately 33% of our students.

Don't miss this great opportunity to get together with your NDA friends! The 2016 Autumn Gala will be held on **Saturday, September 24** at Notre Dame Academy. 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.



2016-17 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.) Below is a list of upcoming visits.

SEPTEMBER

8 Hanover College 

University of Kentucky 

12 Baldwin Wallace University 

13 Washington University St Louis 

20 University of Alabama Tuscaloosa 

21 Western Kentucky University 

22 Otterbein University 

27 Miami University Oxford 

29 Mount St Joseph University 

Northern Kentucky University 

30 Bellarmine University 

OCTOBER

3 University of Southern California 

13 Vanderbilt University 

University of Dayton 

INFORMATIONAL COFFEE for PROSPECTIVE PANDA PARENTS ◀



Do you know a future Panda parent? Parents are invited for a “sneak peek” at NDA: Who we are, what we value, and how we will prepare your daughter to make a difference in the world.

Dates and Times:

Wednesday, September 21, 8 - 9 a.m.

Wednesday, October 19, 8 - 9 a.m.*

Friday, November 4, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.*

*Reservations are required for these events. Please RSVP to Katie Caccavari, Director of Admissions, caccavarik@ndapandas.org, 859-292-1829 at least 24 hours prior to the date you wish to attend.

▶ Important dates

September 7	Future PaNDA Fun Night - Grade School Soccer Night games at 5 & 6:30 p.m.
September 9	Mid-Quarter 7:15 a.m. in Chapel - Mass for Victims of Terrorism in chapel Club Orientation
September 13	Parent Mini-Night
September 14	Donor Breakfast Freshmen Play Attendance
September 15	TMC field trip - Health Careers (Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors) Future PaNDA Fun Night - Grade School Volleyball Night
September 16	Grandparents' Day Mass 6th Grade Scavenger Hunt
September 23	Fall Sports Pep Rally Playing for a Purpose
September 24	Gala
October 5	Life Mass
October 7	No School Youth 2000 Begins at NDA
October 11	LIFE Club Blood Drive
October 14	First Quarter Ends Junior Retreat

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Smiles and Miles
- Rocktoberfest
- Part-time job opportunity for moms and students
- Now hiring at Chick-fil-A in Fort Wright
- National League of Junior Cottillions

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

