



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings Parents,

Thank you to all our parents who attended our Mini Night this evening. I hope you enjoyed your time with your daughter's teachers and feel better informed about her classes at NDA this year.

Today our seniors attended the annual Diocesan Senior Mass at the Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Roger Foys. Several of our students participated in the ministry of the Mass. Bishop Foys congratulated all the students on being seniors. He spoke to them about being focused on the future but always mindful of the present and especially in gratitude for the gifts God has given to each of them. Bishop Foys challenged them to use the present not only to prepare for their post high school plans, but also for the eternal glory that God promises each of us. And as is his tradition – Bishop Foys also gave them a day off school. This will be taken this Friday, September 12.

Some of the teachers may have shared information with you this evening via the Canvas platform. As we announced earlier this year, we are excited to be launching this new Learning Management System (LMS). This allows students to access all of the course information from one common site. Faculty members have been busy creating homepages, listing assignments and communicating with students. Parents can access Canvas to view their daughter's course information by setting up an observer account. The following link ([Parent Enrollment LINK](#)) will guide you through the setup process. Check the NDA website in the weeks to come for a direct link to the campus portal.

I am pleased to announce our National Merit Semifinalist this year! Congratulations to Senior Hannah Ziegelmeyer. Hannah was selected for this honor based on her scores on the PSAT she took as a Junior. She is part of a group of 16,000 students in the nation to receive this honor. She will go on to compete for the National Merit Finalist awards. Congratulations to Hannah for this great accomplishment. Hannah shows great dedication to her studies and represents our school community well.

Congratulations also to our September Student of the month junior Kelsey Sucher. Kelsey has strong commitment to academic excellence and service to others. Please see more news about Kelsey in the Student of the Month section below.

Last night we held the first PTO meeting for the year and it was great to welcome so many parents. Please remember PTO meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and all are welcome. This is a very important organization at NDA providing a great service to our school. Through time, talent and treasure, these parents plan several activities for our school and provide volunteer support for our programs.

Speaking of supporting our school, please watch for invitations to our annual gala event now titled the extravapaNDAz to be held on November 1 at the Double Tree Airport Hotel. We hope to see you there for a special evening of festivities with many friends and parents of NDA. We do appreciate your support!

Please remember that tomorrow (Thursday) is a 9:00 a.m. start.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

Let us always go on sowing the good seed; then live in the peace of God.

St. Julie Billiart

PARENT ALERT!

We have had several parents come into the office to pick up their daughter without following the protocol set for in the handbook regarding leaving early. It is vitally important that a note be sent with the student and given to the office BEFORE school so that leave early slip may be issued. This is to prevent calling interrupting class time. Your daughter also needs to follow the protocol for contacting her parent when she is ill. The student MUST come to the school office if she is ill. She may NOT contact her parent via email, text, instant message or phone call.

Thank you for your support in upholding the protocol outlined in the NDA Handbook.

CONGRATULATIONS!

HANNAH ZIEGELMEYER NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALIST ◀



Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation named NDA senior Hannah Ziegelmeier a semifinalist in its 2015 competition. In earning the distinction of National Merit Semifinalist, Hannah is among the 16,000 semifinalists named in the National Merit Scholarship Program's 60th competition recognizing each state's top students. A total of 1.4 million high school juniors entered the program by taking the 2013 PSAT test.

To become finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program, Hannah must now submit a scholarship application that includes information about her academic records, co-curricular activities, leadership abilities, honors, awards and employment. By doing so, she will have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$33 million that will be offered next spring.

"We are very proud of Hannah's accomplishment," said Dr. Laura Koehl, President of Notre Dame Academy. "Hannah's selection as a National Merit Semifinalist is quite an accomplishment and evidence of her hard work and dedication to her education at Notre Dame Academy. We congratulate Hannah and her family as we celebrate this honor."

Congratulations!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀



September Student of the Month Kelsey Sucher

September's Student of the Month admits Notre Dame Academy offers a challenging curriculum, but she appreciates the opportunity to attend a school of such caliber. After reading *I Am Malala*, Junior Kelsey Sucher "realizes how lucky we are to be able to come to school everyday." Kelsey does not want to take this opportunity for granted and embraces learning opportunities every chance she gets.

Since freshmen year, Kelsey has maintained First Honors and participated in a variety of extracurricular activities including, Science Research, Academic Team, JETS, Physics Club and Drug Free Club. Kelsey's involvement allows her to develop her interests and explore her passions, and she encourages others to do the same. "Things can get stressful, but as long as you're doing what you love with people who love you, everything will turn out alright," says Kelsey who clearly celebrates in the long-standing tradition of sisterhood at NDA.

Kelsey's former Chemistry Honors teacher, Mrs. Goldcamp says, "Kelsey is a quiet student who is always willing to work with others to solve problems." It is in helping others learn where Kelsey finds joy, and each week, since the beginning of her sophomore year, she educates others at the Notre Dame Urban Education Center. Her volunteer work has impacted her greatly as it allows her to teach and learn from young people who she describes as happy and full of life. Kelsey receives recognition this month for her commitment to academic excellence and service to others. Congratulations on your many accomplishments, Kelsey!



STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Club Orientation

Club Orientation is next Friday, September 19! 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.

If you are a freshman and would like to serve as a Student Council Homeroom Representative, you must attend the information meeting on Wednesday, September 24. The meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. in Room 307, and interested students will receive an application for Homeroom Representative. The application must be completed before a student is able to run for office. Looking to develop your leadership skills, guide your homeroom and help facilitate schoolwide activities? Then this is the position for you!

ALICE Training

Notre Dame Academy has adopted the A.L.I.C.E. program, which trains individuals to respond in violent shooter situations. The A.L.I.C.E. program is one component of our school's comprehensive crisis plan.

Violent shooter situations, such as the tragedy that occurred at Sandy Hook Elementary almost two years ago, remind us that school preparation is essential in maintaining a safe environment. While the likelihood is low that such a tragedy would occur at Notre Dame Academy, our safety and survival in these situations depend on our awareness of the response options available. The A.L.I.C.E. program defines these response options and mentally prepares our school community to respond in ways that will increase chances of survival in violent shooter situations.

The A.L.I.C.E. program, consistent with guidelines recommended by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as well as the Department of Education, looks beyond the traditional lockdown procedure that consists of locking classroom doors, maintaining silence and hiding from the intruder until an "all clear" has been determined by law enforcement officials. A.L.I.C.E. is an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. The philosophy behind the A.L.I.C.E. program is that technology and information can help staff and students make informed decisions in a crisis, remove as many people as possible from the danger zone and provide realistic training, so the chances of surviving violent shooter situations increases.

This Friday during long homeroom, all Freshmen will begin their A.L.I.C.E. training and be introduced to the lockdown procedure. During Friday's session, which is the first of many to be conducted throughout the year, the freshmen will revisit the importance of preparing for lockdown situations and learn the solutions and options available as identified by the A.L.I.C.E. program.

Senior Grad Activities

Please note that the Senior Baccalaureate Mass is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. and not Friday, May 22 as indicated in previous paperwork. For a list of senior activities, click [HERE](#).

Hey Pandas!
Join the

shannanagins

at the

University of Cincinnati Walk Ahead for a Brain Tumor Cure

Sunday, October 26 at 8:00 a.m.

at Sawyer Point

Cost: \$35 (100% of the cost is donated to the UC Brain Tumor Center)

Registration Deadline to receive free t-shirt: September 30

For more information and to read a letter from the head Shannanagin [CLICK HERE](#)



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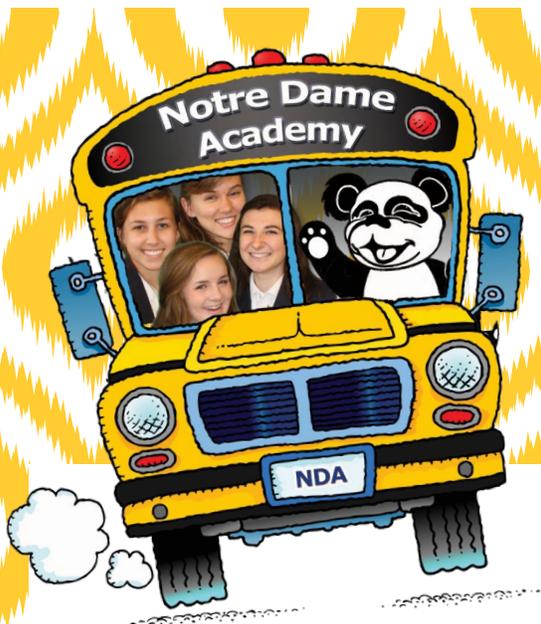
BY INSTRUCTURE

ALL UNDER ONE ROOF ◀

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REMINDER ◀

Don't forget to turn in your Parent Volunteer Forms to the front office! There are several events (like our ExtravaPANDAz fall fundraiser!) and areas where we need your support and help! Please turn these forms in as soon as possible. Thank you!



the new event.

extravaPANDAz

celebrate the sisterhood



Raise Your Panda Paw!

Each year parents, grandparents and friends raise their Panda Paws in support of Notre Dame Academy. This year, our goal is to raise \$20,000 to be used towards the purchase of NDA's first shuttle bus which will be able transport 20-25 students to academic, athletic and extracurricular activities throughout the school year.

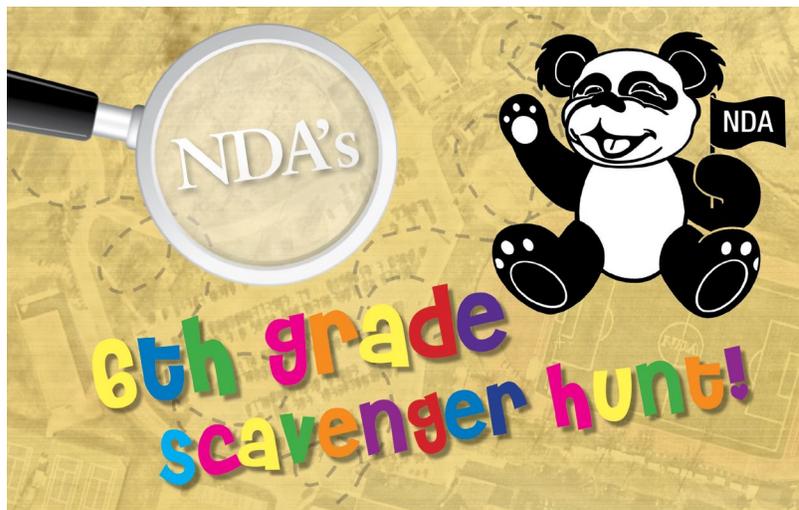
Get on board and pledge to "Raise Your Panda Paw" at our extravaPANDAz event on November 1, 2014. If you didn't have the chance to sign the poster at NDA's Mini Night, you can sign it anytime before Tuesday, September 16 and your name will be entered in a drawing for \$100 in Panda Bucks. The Panda Bucks can be used at this year's extravaPANDAz event or at the Bambootique (note: it may not be used as your donation to Panda Paws). It's that simple! The winner of the \$100 in Panda Bucks will be announced in the September 17 Panda Press!

[CLICK HERE to see why you should GET ON THE BUS!](#)

SUPPORT OUR MORNING GIFT GATHERING ◀

Committee members from NDA's extravaPANDAz event will be in the Marian Circle from 7-8 a.m. during drop off the week of September 15-19 accepting donations for the ExtravaPANDAz event. Any parent - or student! - who brings a gift card or other silent auction item will receive breakfast on NDA!





NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

invites all 6th Grade Girls to the annual
6th Grade Scavenger Hunt

Friday, September 19, 2014

3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Don't miss this afternoon of
FUN. FRIENDS. and FOOD!

The event is **free!**

A donation of 2 canned goods will be accepted to
benefit Be-Concerned.

A reservation form with a parent's signature is required.
The form is available online at ndapandas.org.



SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST ◀

The Annual NDA Scholarship Appreciation Breakfast will be held on September 17 at 8:00 a.m. in NDA's auditorium. This breakfast is a celebration where we as a school thank our scholarship donors for their generosity. This breakfast is mandatory for students who have received an email about this event.

Parents will not be attending the breakfast due to limited capacity in the auditorium. If you have any questions, please call or email Jan Gilliam, Advancement Associate, at 859-292-1850, gilliamj@ndapandas.org.

PARKING PASSES UPDATE: ◀

Parking passes will be sold before school next week. Passes will be sold from 7:30-7:55 a.m. Seniors will be able to buy passes on Monday, Juniors on Tuesday and all others on Wednesday.

Passes are sold by lottery. You pick a pass out of a box and that is your spot for the year. Seniors are in the front few rows. All others are in the last rows. You may download the forms from the website [HERE](#) and there are also a few copies on the window outside the office. Please read the rules carefully regarding parking on the NDA lot.



CALLING ALL TRAVELERS! ◀

During our Italy trip June 6-14, 2015, we will be visiting Rome, Florence, Venice and Assisi. If your daughter is interested in the Italy trip but you were unable to attend the parent meeting tonight after Parent Mini-Night, please contact Mrs. Wagner at wagnerk@ndapandas.org.





2014-15 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

- 10 St. Louis University
- 12 Washington University St. Louis
- 12 University of Kentucky
- 12 University of South Carolina
- 15 Northern KY University
- 16 Vanderbilt University
- 16 Maryville University
- 17 Centre College
- 17 University of Chicago
- 22 DePauw University
- 22 Indiana Tech
- 24 Indiana University

October

- 2 Western Kentucky University
- 2 University of Cincinnati
- 6 Miami University Oxford
- 6 Transylvania University
- 8 Mount St. Joseph University
- 14 University of Alabama
- 20 Otterbein University
- 21 St Louis University
- 28 University of Dayton

November

- 3 Dennison University

▶ Important dates:

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| September 10 | Senior Diocesan Mass
Parent Mini-Night 7:00-9:00 p.m. |
| September 12 | Seniors - No School
Junior Retreat |
| September 17 | Donor Breakfast |
| September 19 | Club Orientation
6th Grade Scavenger Hunt 3:30-5:30 p.m. |
| September 23 | PLAN Test |
| September 26 | Grandparent's Day Mass |
| September 28 | Golden Girls Brunch |
| September 30 | Sophomore see Sherlock Holmes |
| October 8 | Panda Sneak Peek Coffee for Prospective Parents |
| October 9 | Playing for a Purpose Volleyball Game |
| October 10 | No School |

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- St. Charles Lodge Open House
- St. Thomas 8th Grade Class Yard Sale
- Reveal Your Dignity
- New Beginnings
- Pure Fashion
- Streetsmartz

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