



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

This morning we invited NDA Scholarship Program benefactors to our Tenth Annual Scholarship/Grant Breakfast along with the students who received these scholarships/grants. This was a wonderful opportunity for our NDA community to come together to celebrate the generosity of our scholarship families and to acknowledge all that our student recipients accomplish!

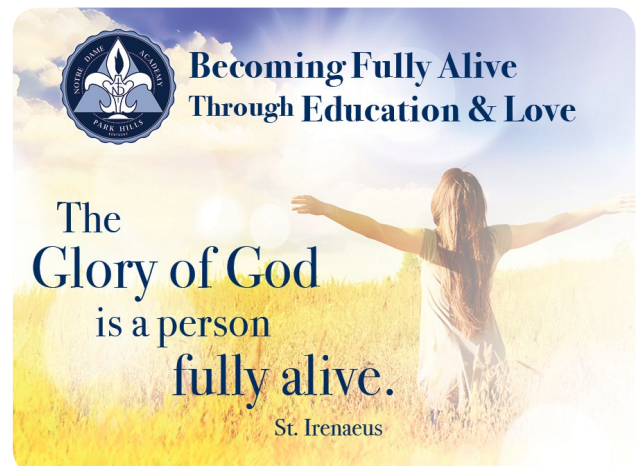
In the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame, Notre Dame Academy is committed to working with any family whose daughter could benefit from a Notre Dame education. For over a century, NDA has provided a premiere Catholic education to the young women of our community at an affordable price. As much as we strive to keep tuition and expenses to a minimum without sacrificing quality education, it is still difficult at times for some of our families to afford a Catholic education. Our benefactors provide essential student tuition assistance through academic and need-based scholarships at NDA. We thank them for making a difference in the lives of our students through their generous support of Catholic education at Notre Dame Academy.

Please note the “Important Cafeteria Information” below. As you read in an email from Dr. Koehl earlier today, we are asking for your patience as we complete our kitchen renovations. Unfortunately, the inspection process for this new space was unable to be scheduled as early or quickly as we had hoped, therefore, the opening of the new kitchen has been postponed. We think this process will take another 2-3 weeks so students will need to continue to pack their lunches for now. We will let you know the date of the new kitchen’s opening as soon as we have it scheduled. We certainly appreciate our students packing their lunches while kitchen renovations reach completion at NDA. Please note the list of items available for purchase in the cafeteria in the cafeteria article below.

As always, there is a great deal going on at NDA. Please take the time to read about all that is happening below. Thank you for the sacrifices you make to send your daughter to Notre Dame Academy. We are privileged to partner with you in her Catholic education!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀



Hawaiian Mixer

The first Mixer, hosted by Student Council, will take place at NDA on Friday, September 28 from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. All students are welcome to attend and will be permitted to enter until 9:30 p.m. Friday evening. Admission is \$5 with the proceeds benefiting I Make a Wish Foundation. The dance is a drug and alcohol free activity, and preliminary breathalyzer tests will be administered randomly as students enter.

SAY CHEESE



Picture Day

Picture Day is next Friday, and students are invited to dress out of uniform on this day. Order forms will be handed out to all freshmen through juniors in homeroom tomorrow and are due to LifeTouch on Picture Day. Seniors do not order pictures on this day but are expected to take pictures for transcript purposes. **Clothing on Picture Day is expected to be tidy and appropriate and that of which provides proper coverage.**

IMPORTANT CAFETERIA NEWS ◀

We certainly appreciate our students packing their lunches while kitchen renovations reach completion at NDA. We understand how anxious they are to purchase a meal in the new cafeteria and not be concerned with packing a lunch each day.

Unfortunately, the inspection process for this new space was unable to be scheduled as early or quickly as we had hoped, therefore, the opening of the new kitchen has been postponed a bit longer. We think this process will take another 2-3 weeks so students will need to continue to pack their lunches for now. We will let you know the date of the new kitchen's opening as soon as we have it scheduled.

We thank you very much for your patience in this matter. In the meantime, please note that the following items are available for purchase in the cafeteria:

- Drinks
- Assorted fresh fruits
- Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches
- Turkey sandwiches
- Ham sandwiches
- Bagels
- Yogurt
- Individual snacks

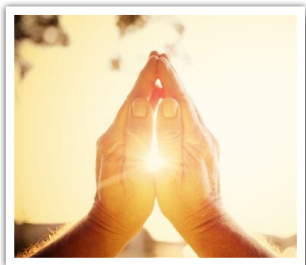
Parents should go to PAYPAMS to check their daughter's balance in order that students have money in their accounts to purchase these items.

JUNIOR RETREAT - PARENT HELP NEEDED! ◀

We are in need of parents to provide and help serve dinner for the Junior Retreat on Thursday, October 11.

-Parents bringing a pasta meal should bring it to NDA by 4:45 p.m. ready to be served (we do not have the capacity to heat the food).

-Parents volunteering to set up, serve and clean should arrive by 4:40 p.m. and we will be finished by 6:15 p.m.



Thanks in advance for your assistance! If you have questions - please contact Mrs. Bridget Price at priceb@ndapandas.org. To sign up please use the following link tsu.me/2shhrh.



NDA FACULTY MEMBER WINS

"I'M RIGHT HERE" AWARD ◀

St. Elizabeth Healthcare awarded NDA Intervention Specialist Jen Ericson with the first ever "I'm Right Here" award at Friday's Playing for a Purpose game. Here's why....

As the full-time Intervention Specialist at Notre Dame Academy, Jenifer Ericson is always "right there" for many students at NDA. Her incredible commitment to those students who struggle academically in various areas of their high school experience is unparalleled.

Ms. Ericson works hard to minimize students' barriers to learning and her enthusiastic and encouraging approach goes a long way when offering support to her students. Fellow NDA faculty member Leslie Litmer says, "Jen's everyday's are spent making sure her students are learning in the most appropriate and effective way possible. This ranges from performing one-on-one instruction with them

during class to putting together study guides or graphic organizers to help them review, practice and retain information."

Ms. Ericson collaborates with many NDA faculty members offering them tremendous support. Mrs. Litmer greatly appreciates that support commenting, "Jen offers not only academic support for many of my students, but also for myself. She is full of resources and advice that help me better accommodate my learners, and she sacrifices much of her time to better prepare my lessons and help students with questions or misunderstandings."

Ms. Ericson is conscientious in addressing the unique needs of each of her students. Tasked with helping students who deal with a variety of personal and academic obstacles, she has made it her mission to ensure all of her students succeed both in and out of the classroom. "Ms. Ericson offers help to me by always checking up on me, even out of school hours," says one of her students. She goes on to say, "I see her quite often throughout the day and she always asks me how I am. When I am struggling, she always reminds me to take a deep breath and reminds me that everything will work out. She ALWAYS makes sure we are not procrastinating and gives us time to breathe. She has helped me through everything and anything. I know that Ms. Ericson will always be there to check up on my personal life and school life."

Ms. Ericson certainly understand the transformative potential of education and love. When asked to describe Ms. Ericson's class, one student writes, "As soon as you walk into her classroom, she has a big smile on her face and is ready to motivate us to do anything. I would describe her class as an atmosphere of love and kindness. You will never feel alone when you're in that class and can go to her for anything. She has helped me through not only being a better student, but being a better person in all aspects."

Ms. Jenifer Ericson is a woman making a difference by living the mission of Notre Dame Academy each and every day. As Ms. Litmer puts it, "Jen's role may be an Intervention Specialist, but Jen is truly a life specialist. Her genuine and unwavering care for others are the reason many of our students have, and will continue to, walk across the stage and accept their diploma each May, and she is the reason that I, as well as the rest of our faculty and staff, can reach our students in the most effective manner possible."

Notre Dame Academy Principal Mr. Jack Vonhandorf adds, "We congratulate Ms. Ericson on receiving the 'I'm Right Here' award from St. Elizabeth Healthcare. We are grateful for the wonderful work Ms. Ericson does and we appreciate her being 'right there' for our NDA students."

IS YOUR DAUGHTER LOOKING FOR SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES? ◀

We have many service opportunities coming up that really need our help. Students can find more details about the following events and how to sign up on their Unified Classroom Service Information Class Pages. We can make a difference for these agencies! Many sign up deadlines are fast approaching!

- 1) Bean Bash - Sept. 29 - benefitting BAWAC
- 2) CareNet 5K - Oct. 6 - Benefitting CareNet Pregnancy Center
- 3) Walk to End Alzheimer's - Oct 6 - Benefitting Alzheimer's Association
- 4) Autumn Gala - Oct. 12 - Benefitting Notre Dame Academy
- 5) Cripple Creek Music Festival - Oct. 20 - benefitting Winning with ALS
- 6) Spooky Sunday - Oct. 21 - City of Edgewood
- 7) The Dent Schoolhouse - Oct. - Nov. 3 - Benefitting Audrey Rose Foundation



DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO PURCHASE YOUR GALA TICKETS AT THE EARLY BIRD PRICE! ◀

There is still time to purchase Early Bird tickets for the 2018 Autumn Gala! Reservations made on or before October 1 will receive the Early Bird price of \$75. Reservations received after October 1 will be \$100 per guest.

The 2018 Autumn Gala will be held on **Saturday, October 13 at Summit Hills Country Club**. It will feature cocktails, a gourmet sit-down dinner, specialty raffles, Signature Cocktails, and enhanced Live and Silent Auction items. An open bar will be available throughout the evening.

The 2017 Gala was a sell-out crowd, so don't miss the opportunity to attend this year. Reservations will be limited, and we anticipate a record crowd again. Click [HERE](#) to make your online reservation.

This year we are excited to offer a new game, **The Golden Ticket**. The Golden Ticket offers a chance for you and a friend to win a trip to New York City (**airfare included**) in early December to see **Hamilton** on Broadway!

EXPERT ADVICE! ◀

Recently Mrs. Brennan's Personal Finance Class welcomed guest speaker Gregg Vonderhaar Vonderhaar. Mr. Vonderhaar is Senior Vice President and Senior Resident Director with Merrill Lynch in Ft. Mitchell, KY and father of senior Olivia Vonderhaar and alumna Madeleine Vonderhaar '16 and husband of Wendy Kohlhepp Vonderhaar '86! Thanks for joining us Mr. Vonderhaar!



2018-19 College Rep Visits at NDA

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch periods. Below is a list of upcoming visits.

SEPTEMBER

26 HANOVER COLLEGE



MIAMI UNIVERSITY OXFORD



UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA HUNTSVILLE



27 UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE



NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY



OCTOBER

1 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



3 BALDWIN WALLACE UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI



11 UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON



15 PENNSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY



THOMAS MORE COLLEGE



ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY



26 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME



(10:49-11:25)

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



Juniors Explore Career Paths

Last week the juniors spent some time, in Naviance, completing the Career Interest Profiler, which is an assessment based on the Holland interest codes. Once completed, the girls were provided with their top Holland Code matches. Using their code, they are able to explore different careers which match with their interests. Please ask your junior daughter what her top Holland Code matches are and if she found any exciting careers!

Next ACT: Oct. 27, 2018

The next ACT is on Saturday, October 27. Seniors...This is the last ACT that many colleges will take. Juniors...this might be a good ACT for you to take if you are available on this Saturday. Deadline to register without a fee: Sept. 28. To Register: www.actstudent.org. Questions: Contact our [NDA Academic Counselors](#).

Case Western Reserve University - Fall Open Houses

October 8 and November 12

For more information and to RSVP: case.edu/admission



Governor's School for the Arts (GSA)

GSA is a free arts-intensive three-week residential summer program held on the campus of Centre College in Danville, KY for Kentucky student artists who are in 10th and 11th grades at the time of application. GSA offers instruction and immersion in nine different art forms: Architecture, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Instrumental Music, Musical Theater, New Media, Visual Art, and Vocal Music.

Information Session: Thursday, September 27 in Alumnae Hall

GSA 2019 Application Launch: October 3 - Application deadline: January 11 - For current information visit the [GSA Website](#) Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.



Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE)

GSE exposes young aspiring entrepreneurs to the mind-set, culture, innovative thinking and skills necessary to start a company. This free 3-week summer residential program gives Kentucky high school students (in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades at the time of application) a hands-on opportunity to turn their ideas into business opportunities.

Visit the [GSE Website](#) for more information. **There will be an Informational Meeting on Thursday October 4 at 3:15 in Alumnae Hall.** The 2019 GSE Application will launch on November 1, 2018. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions. Application deadline: January 11



FINALLY! A true PREVENTION PLAN for teens to rely on to remain drug free and GET REWARDED for it!

Submit your application before **September 28** and be entered in an Early Bird Drawing for a nice prize!

- Students become DFCA members after passing a simple, confidential drug test.
- Members can rely on testing as an "out" for drug related situations by saying, "I can't, I might get tested".
- Although the test is done at school, only parents receive test results.
- Parents are notified through email of perfect club moments to talk about drugs.
- Members receive a full color photo ID card that unlocks positive reinforcement of their good choices, and show their cards to local merchants for "rewards" to recognize their drug free lifestyle.
- Retesting of random members is determined by a DFCA computer program and continues throughout the school year.
- As long as members remain drug free, the rewards continue and...

...Saying "I can't" stops peer pressure in its tracks!

If you never start using drugs, you never have to stop!

Cost is only \$25/year...

but, if you join as a Freshman and pay for 3 years, your 4th/Senior year is Free!!

Applications for Notre Dame Academy's Drug Free Club are available on the [Drug Free Clubs website](#), through a link on the NDA [Back to School page](#), and in the Main school office and the Counselor's Quad.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

Attention Aqua Pandas!

There will be an informational meeting for Swimming/ Diving **TONIGHT** - Wednesday, September 26. The meeting will take place at 7:00 in the cafeteria. Those who are interested in swimming or diving on this year's team need to attend the meeting.

NDA Athletic Hall of Fame

NDA will host an NDA Athletic Hall of Fame induction next spring. You can nominate a deserving athlete here:

<https://www.ndapandas.org/athletics/hall-of-fame.aspx>

Playing a Winter or Spring Sport?

Any students planning to participate in a Winter or a Spring Sport must complete the Athlete Registration. The link can be found on our website under - Athletics / Information and Forms. Or you can register using this link: [2018-19 Athletic Registration](#)

Bowling Tryouts

For anyone interested in trying out for the NDA Bowling Team, bowling tryouts will be next Monday, October 1 and Tuesday, October 2. Tryouts are from 3:15 - 5:15 p.m. at Super Bowl in Erlanger. Any question please email: wagnerg@ndapandas.org

Playing for a Purpose

Thanks to everyone in the NDA community who took part in this year's Playing for a Purpose game vs. St. Henry on Friday night. Our Pandas were awesome both on and off the court! A total of 30 of our Pandas donated their hair to make wigs for cancer patients that day! Way to make a difference NDA!




THE CLC IS ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE! ◀

This morning Mr. Richmond brought his sophomore classes down to the Collaborative Learning Center to work on their presentations. The students thoroughly enjoyed working in this wonderful new environment and Mr. Richmond was able to do formative assessment as the students were working on their projects by viewing them on the monitors.





WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

Applications are currently being accepted for 2019 Women Making A Difference honorees. The deadline to submit a nomination is October 1. The nomination form can be found on the web [HERE](#).



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
ALUMNAE EVENT



CRAFTS & VINES
WINE BAR AND TAP ROOM

OCTOBER 24, 2018
6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

ALUMNAE PANDA PERK ◀

Attention NDA Alumnae - our next Panda Perk Event is at Crafts and Vines in Covington on October 24, 2018. Go between 6-8:00 p.m. to get \$2 off of all wine & beer on tap and 10% off of food purchases and all retail wine.

► Important dates

September 26	Scholarship Donor Breakfast
September 28	Mid-quarter Naturalization Ceremony in Theatre - 1:00 p.m. Hawaiian Mixer
September 29	Alumnae Day
October 1	Foundations Day
October 2	St. Pius X Shadow Day
October 3	Rho Kappa Induction
October 5	Picture Day
October 7	Golden Girls
October 8	Non-Feeder Shadow Day
October 10	Informational Coffee Super Wednesday
October 11	Shadow Day - St. Agnes and Prince of Peace JR Retreat
October 12	No School: PD (Youth 2000 begins)
October 13	Autumn Gala
October 19	JR ACT/SO CERT Testing Grandparents' Day Mass
October 19-22	Fall Play
October 25	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 27	ACT at NDA CCH Halloween Dance

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Cafeteria Manager Needed
- Rosary Coast to Coast Sunday October 7 at IHM Burlington
- Women's Health and the Catholic Church - November 10

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

