



*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 Ninth 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.

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





### Mixer Proceeds

The first mixer of the year was not only fun but raised almost \$1000 for Hurricane Relief efforts. Thanks to Student Council for hosting the mixer.



### Club Orientation

Club Orientation is this Friday, September 29! During this time, all Pandas will learn about the many clubs and activities available at Notre Dame Academy. Clubs and activities offer wonderful ways 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.

### Spirit Sweaters

Show your school spirit and showcase your accomplishments by ordering a Notre Dame Academy "Spirit Sweater"! View the order form for more details and contact Mrs. Grayson or Mrs. Webster if you have additional questions. A sizing opportunity will be available during the lunches on Wednesday, October 4 if you are interested in ordering a sweater. [ORDER FORM](#)

## CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

### NDA Community Celebrates Mass Together

On Thursday, September 21, over 40 students and faculty members gathered in room 102 for daily mass with Fr. Hennigen. At the end of mass a blessing was said for all volleyball players as they prepared for the Playing for a Purpose game the next evening.



### Catholic Social Teaching - Junior Religion

Each week our juniors gather to hear from local speakers about Social Justice issues in our area. Last week, Ms. Lisha Smith, volunteer coordinator at Redwood, shared her journey to working with persons with disabilities and how our students could choose this as their junior service work this year.

This week our Juniors heard from Dr. Ceil Dorger who volunteers through Catholic Charities visiting a local detention center. She shared her experiences upholding the dignity of the women in the detention center through prayer and visitation. Mrs. Alecia Webb-Edgington, President of the Life Learning Center in Covington, also spoke about the Center and how it helps their candidates to develop the 5 pillars of life. More information about the Life Learning Center can be found at [www.lifelearning-center.us](http://www.lifelearning-center.us).



## ATTENTION FRESHMEN PARENTS ◀

Freshmen parents need to submit a current KY immunization certificate to the school office by October 6.



### RNVTNS VOL.4, #1 Still Outside, Still Interesting ◀

Don't miss the latest installment of Sr. Dolores Giblin's Heritage Blog so you can read all about our recent renovations. You can access her blog [HERE](#).

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ◀

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

## 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](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org). The schedule is online and you can sign up [HERE](#).



## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



### Notice to Parents/Guardians:

The [Drug Free Clubs of America Chapter at Notre Dame Academy](#) is so successful that it is being used as a template for regional high schools in Northern Kentucky! If your daughter is not already one of the 70% majority of our students enrolled in this club, please consider giving her this gift - and soon!

Loads of helpful information, program description, and Applications for Membership are available online at [Parent Page: Drug Free Clubs](#), where you can also pay using an encrypted process. Cost to NDA students is \$25/year, due to NDA's subsidy of \$10 for each student membership. Freshman can pay for 3 years and have their Senior year membership at no cost! Applications will be accepted only through October 27.



**CLEP (College-Level Examination Program)** is a credit-by-examination program that allows students to earn college credit. Exams are accepted by 2,900 colleges and universities and are administered throughout the year in more than 1,800 test centers.

Although CLEP is sponsored by the College Board, only colleges and universities may grant college credit toward a degree. Not all colleges have the same CLEP policies—some colleges accept credit for a few exams, while others accept credit for all of them. Students can earn credit for what they already know with qualifying scores on any of the 34 Exams Available. Many of the CLEP tests satisfy various General Education requirements at colleges, and cost \$85/test. For more information visit the [CLEP Website](#) and contact individual prospective colleges, to learn their specific CLEP policies.



### **Governor's Scholars Program (GSP)**

GSP is a 5-week summer residential program for outstanding KY students after completion of their junior year of high school. Established in 1983, the program provides academic and personal growth through a strong liberal arts program balanced with a full co-curricular and residential life experience. Students must complete an application and compete with others from across the state. The Program's mission is to enhance Kentucky's next generation of civic and economic leaders. Those selected attend the program free of charge. Visit the [GSP website](#) for current information.

An Informational Meeting will be held on Thursday September 28 at 3:10 p.m. in Alumnae Hall for those interested in learning more. Applications are due November 17. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.



### **Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE)**

GSE exposes young aspiring entrepreneurs to the mindset, 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](#) or come to an Informational Meeting on Thursday, October 5 at 3:10 in Alumnae Hall.

[GSE 2018 Applications Open 11/1 to 12/20](#)

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

## FRUIT SALE

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 13th**
- **Fruit Sale Delivery to the school: December 1st**
- **Fruit Sale Pick Up for you to pick up and deliver your sold fruit boxes: December 2nd and 3rd**
- **All payment Due: December 7th**

## REGISTRATION

All Athletes (fall, winter and spring) **NEED TO REGISTER ONLINE BY OCTOBER 1 here:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IKMzc7S3bczqNvO\\_RCCaOT8PONuY1zh2sepiGGmaRK0/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IKMzc7S3bczqNvO_RCCaOT8PONuY1zh2sepiGGmaRK0/edit)

## SWIMMING AND DIVING NEWS

Swimming and Diving informational meeting will take place on **Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m.** at NDA in Alumnae Hall. This is when we will go over requirements, practice and meet schedules. Parents and Students encouraged to attend.

## BOWLING NEWS

Tryouts for varsity bowling October 2 and Oct. 3. Super Bowl Erlanger 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in participating in bowling and did not attend the meeting on 9/8, contact bowling coach Gary Wagner at [wagnerg@ndapandas.org](mailto:wagnerg@ndapandas.org).

## FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS

Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at OrthoCincy's Edgewood Location - 560 South Loop Road, Edgewood, KY 41017. All athletes need to bring a completed KHSAA sport physical form signed with a parent's signature



### 2017-18 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

28 UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI  
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

16 UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

18 OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY  
DE PAUL UNIVERSITY  
CENTRE COLLEGE

#### OCTOBER

2 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
BALDWIN WALLACE UNIVERSITY  
4 WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY  
5 XAVIER UNIVERSITY  
9 BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY  
10 UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA  
TUSCALOOSA

19 TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY  
ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY  
KY WESLEY COLLEGE  
23 COLLEGE OF WOOSTER  
25 BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY



## 2017 GALA INFORMATION ◀

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, Signature Cocktails, and enhanced Live and Silent Auction items. An open bar will be available throughout the evening.

Invitations to the Gala were mailed in early September. Reservations are limited and **we anticipate a sell-out crowd** so send yours in today or you can make your reservation online [HERE](#).

We are currently looking for additional volunteers to help with various committees, and we encourage your participation. It's a wonderful way to get involved with NDA's premier event of the year, as well as meet many more NDA parents, alumnae, and friends. **If you would like to help out**, please contact Nancy Goeke at [goeken@ndapandas.org](mailto:goeken@ndapandas.org).

### Gestures Payment System

This year we will be featuring electronic bidding for auction items. All bidding will be done through your cell phone, mobile device, or computer. You can

bid from anywhere, anytime, before the close of the auction, from your own device. You even get an update if you are outbid. If you don't have access to a Smartphone, DON'T WORRY! You can still bid on any item or make a donation via text messaging or through a Gesture Pro member at the event.

### EARLY BIDDING FOR REGISTERED GUESTS!

#### TO REGISTER:

**Before the event: Beginning on Monday, October 9, 2017**, and up to the night of the event, you can register your cell phone via a text prompt or computer at [nda17gala.gesture.com](http://nda17gala.gesture.com). You will be asked to enter your name, cell phone number and email address. After a few moments, you will receive a text message from Gesture. Confirm your participation in the Gesture Mobile Bidding system by replying "Y" to this text. You will receive a welcome text message including a blue link to the auction site.

**At the event:** If you have not registered your cell phone prior to the Auction, Gesture representatives will be on hand to assist you in registering your phone and will also be available throughout the evening for assistance, or to be your "personal shopper" to bid for you, should your phone be unavailable.

\*Free WiFi will be available at Summit Hills and a Gesture representative will be on staff to assist you.

#### TO BID:

**Smartphone Users:** Click on the BLUE link in your welcome text message to visit your personal bidding page. You can search by category at the top and bottom of the screen. Select any item to view its description and place a bid. The Gesture system prepopulates the minimum bid required. If you'd like to bid higher than the minimum bid, just enter a new amount and click BID. To have the Gesture system automatically bid for you, select AUTO, enter the amount you wish to bid up to, then select BID. The system will bid incrementally up to the designated amount each time someone bids against you. If no one bids against you, the minimum bid will remain.

**Via Text:** To see the current bid on an item, reply to any message from Gesture with the item's 3-digit item number. The Gesture system will notify you of the current bid, as well as the minimum bid required. Example: 102. If you wish to place a bid on the item, reply with the 3-digit number and the amount you would like to bid. (Do not include a dollar sign.) Example: 102 300.

#### TO DONATE:

Simply click the donate button "\$" on your Smartphone and enter an amount, or reply to any message from Gesture with the word GIVE and the amount. Example: GIVE 100



## HIITON DR. IS ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC! ◀

Notre Dame Academy presents a special performance by Elisabeth von Trapp, granddaughter of Maria von Trapp, whose story inspired *The Sound of Music*. This special event will be held on **Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 p.m.** at NDA. Admission is \$25 - Tickets will go on sale September 18 by calling the NDA Advancement Office at 859.292.7729. Seating is limited.

## ► Important dates

September 27	Donor/Scholarship Breakfast
September 28	Governor's Scholars Program meeting in Alumnae Hall 3:10 p.m. University of Kentucky Alumnae Reception 4-5:30 p.m.
September 29	Club Orientation
October 3	St. Pius X Shadow Day
October 4	Rho Kappa Induction Ceremony
October 5	St. Agnes and Prince of Peace Shadow Day Governor's School for Entrepreneurs Meeting in Alumnae Hall 3:10
October 6	Mid-quarter - NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
October 8	Golden Girls Alumnae Celebration
October 11	Super Wednesday (SR at the Mosque, JR/SO PSAT, FR Retreat)
October 13	Non-feeder School Shadow Day
October 14	Autumn Gala - Make your reservations ONLINE today!
October 20	Super Friday (SR College Planning/JR ACT/SO CERT/FR Holocaust Museum) Grandparents' Mass
October 20-22	Fall Play
October 23	Red Ribbon Week
October 24	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
October 29	Elisabeth vonTrapp Performance
November 3	Common Reader Day
November 5	OPEN HOUSE - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Panda Pumpkin Chuck - 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
November 9	Memorial Mass
November 22	College Welcome Back Night for Class of 2017

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Positions Available for Students
- Uninvited in Prayer
- HUSH - Film Showing
- Covington Classic Scholastic Chess Tournament
- Moms Club of Ft. Wright - OPEN HOUSE
- Aubrey Rose "Above and Beyond Doctor of the Year"
- National Catholic Youth Conference

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

