



*An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy*

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings parents,

The end of the first quarter is right around the corner - Friday, October 17. Students are preparing for tests and project due dates over the next several days. Remember you can access grades on Power School to see how your daughter is doing. This Friday, October 10 is a free day with no school. This offers an excellent opportunity for students to catch up on their school work as needed.

The month of October is Respect Life Month - providing a special call to pray and reflect on the gift of life that God has given each of us. We are called to respect the sanctity of life from conception to natural death and demonstrate this in our choices and actions. Our LIFE (Life is For Everyone) Club is planning events to celebrate life and advocate for those who are vulnerable, especially unborn babies. Planning includes a pro-life speaker, a fundraiser to support Madonna House of Northern Kentucky, as well as our school's participation in the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. Please watch for further details.

Congratulations to sophomore Julia Folzenlogen - our October Student of the Month. Through her positive attitude and kindness to others, Julia is a testament to our NDA sisterhood. Please read more about Julia below.

Our Panda golfers are having a big week as they compete at the State Tournament. They placed in the top 12 teams in the state and are in the final rounds today.

Our PTO meets next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Please join our parents who are planning some great events for our community and who offer their time and talent to support our teachers and students!

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

**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

# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### FRESHMEN ELECTIONS

There will be freshmen homeroom elections on Friday, October 24 during Long Homeroom. The applications to run for office were already due.

### PSAT

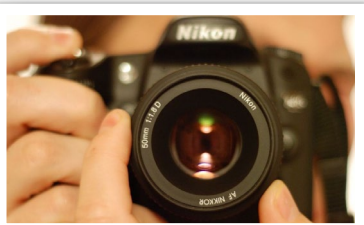
The sophomores and juniors will be taking the PSAT next Wednesday, October 15. They will start at 9 a.m. so it is recommended they arrive by 8:45 to their homerooms. The test will last until lunch time and then they will have their 5th, 6th and 7th period classes. The PSAT is a practice test for the SAT but for the juniors it is also the National Merit Qualifying Test. [Click here](#) for more info about the test.

### PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE

Tomorrow - Thursday, October 9 is the annual Playing for a Purpose volleyball game at Thomas More College. Get excited for some great volleyball and the opportunity to support breast cancer awareness. On this day, all NDA students will be encouraged to wear pink socks and their Playing for a Purpose t-shirt with the uniform skirt.

### MOTHER DAUGHTER EVENT ◀

Please mark your calendars! This exciting tradition continues. Enjoy a great meal, great dance music and a costume parade complete with prizes for the top best costumes in each grade! Please join us Friday, November 14, 2014 at Receptions in Erlanger. More information, including theme and RSVP form in next weeks Panda Press!



### PICTURE RETAKE DAY ◀

Picture retake day will be Thursday, October 30. If your daughter would like her picture retaken she will need to bring the entire picture packet back that day and give it back to the photographer before her picture can be retaken.

### SHOE & PURSE/BAG DRIVE ◀

Shoe & purse/bag Drive will be held from Oct. 1-10 at NDA. Any and all shoes of any condition (or just one missing its mate) are accepted. Purses and bags are accepted as well (no wheels or metal parts to the bags). These items will be shipped to a company in St. Louis that will buy the items (based on weight) and then reuse the items for projects if they are no longer usable as shoes/bags. The money made from this sale will go to the Ugandan Water Project sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame. Questions?? - email Mrs. Price at [priceb@ndapandas.org](mailto:priceb@ndapandas.org).



### CALLING ALL TRAVELERS! ◀

If you are planning to join us for our Italy trip June 6-14, 2015, registration forms, including a valid passport and the \$500 deposit are due on Thursday, October 30. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wagner at [wagnerk@ndapandas.org](mailto:wagnerk@ndapandas.org).



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

### OCTOBER - JULIA FOLZENLOGEN

In her sophomore year at Notre Dame Academy, Julia Folzenlogen has been named October's Student of the Month. Julia is a great combination of hard-working and fun! She is involved in many ways at NDA but she is most credited with helping to create a very positive atmosphere in the classroom.

"Julia's personality is contagious, putting a smile on everyone's face," says Julia's Geometry teacher Ms. Schellhaas. "She challenges her classmates to think beyond the physicality of the subject matter, establishing a strong learning environment."

Julia shows to have a strong work ethic and study skills while also demonstrating higher level thinking in the classroom. She works well with others, offering help when needed, and approaches challenges with a positive attitude.

Julia's classmates credit her with being a great friend and claim that it's impossible to be around her without a smile on your face. Way to go Julia!

Have you  
sent in  
your  
R.S.V.P.?

2014

the new event.

extrava**PANDA**z  
*celebrate the sisterhood*

Join us for an evening of dinner, drinks, auction, music and fun celebrating Notre Dame Academy! If you haven't already sent in your R.S.V.P. for NDA's upcoming extravaPANDAz event - you can do so online at <http://www.biddingforgood.com/nda/extravapandaz>

**Check out some of the amazing packages available at the extravaPANDAz Live Auction...**

- A St. Maarten trip
- Dinner for 14 at Oriental Wok
- A Puppy
- Front Row Seats to Graduation
- 2 tickets to the General Manager's Suite at Kentucky Speedway for a NASCAR Race
- A Trip to the Sanctuary resort in Arizona
- A Week in a Cabin in the Cherokee National Forest in Tennessee

## Thank You

To all of our Sponsors and Panda Paw Participants!  
See the list of our extravaPANDAz supporters [HERE](#).

## NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

### GO PANDA GOLFERS!

NDA Panda golfers finished 10th as a team in yesterday's round so they advanced to today with a tee time at 9:21 a.m. Scores from yesterday and today will be combined for final finishes today. Good luck the rest of the way Golf Pandas!



### 2014 FRUIT SALE

NDA's annual Fruit Sale will kicked off on October 3! Everything you need to know about this year's fruit sale in on the NDA website [HERE](#).

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



**Mt. Saint Joseph University** will be hosting an informational program for the college planning process for students that have a diagnosed learning disability or ADHD. This will be held on Tuesday, October 28 from 7-9 p.m. in the Seton Center. Visit the website for more info: [www.msj.edu/excel](http://www.msj.edu/excel)

### Career Fair:

The students will participate in a Career Fair on March 19, 2015. It is the same day as The Women Making a Difference Luncheon and will be a half day of school. We need parent volunteers to talk about various careers. Please contact Mrs. Chrissy Monohan at [monohanc@ndapandas.org](mailto:monohanc@ndapandas.org) if you are interested in sharing your career at the Career Fair.

### Xavier University Summer Credit Program:

Xavier will be having their Jump Start Program this summer for students interested in a career in Medicine or Criminal Justice. The Program is for sophomores and juniors who have completed their school year. Students get 3 credit hours for the 2 week residential program. [Click here](#) for more info.

### Groups:

**NDA support groups for students who may be experiencing difficulties due to divorce or grief will be starting soon.** Notre Dame Academy Grief Group and Divorce Groups are completely voluntary, and gather five times per semester. Meeting times rotate so that no more than one class is missed in any subject per semester. Our groups are open, and members may join at any time. If this is something you think your student would benefit from, or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kathy Hildreth: [hildrethk@ndapandas.org](mailto:hildrethk@ndapandas.org) or (859) 292-1825.

### ILP:

**Senior Parents: All NDA Seniors have opened, received recent instruction, and utilized their Individual Learning Plans (ILP).** They also completed the Matchmaker Assessment, which many of them found very helpful. Seniors are now able to easily send extracurricular, service, work activities to others who may be writing recommendation letters. They can also search for school and majors, compare schools, and search for scholarships. Please ask your daughter to show you all of the above, so you can appreciate and encourage the benefits of this free online program!

We will be phasing in usage of the ILP for the other grades over the next few months. Contact Mrs. Kathy Hildreth if you have any questions: [hildrethk@ndapandas.org](mailto:hildrethk@ndapandas.org) or (859) 292-1825.



## 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.

### October

- 14 University of Alabama
- 16 Thomas More College
- 17 Good Samaritan College
- 20 Otterbein University
- 21 St. Louis University
- 28 University of Dayton

### November

- 3 Dennison University
- 14 Brescia University

## ▶ Important dates:

- October 9 8th Grade Shadow Day - St. Joseph School, Crescent Springs  
Playing for a Purpose Volleyball Game
- October 10 No School
- October 13 8th Grade Shadow Day - Non-District Schools
- October 14 7:00 p.m. PTO Meeting
- October 15 Freshman Retreat  
Sophomore and Junior - PSAT Testing  
Seniors - Mosque Trip
- October 16 8th Grade Shadow Day - Blessed Sacrament School
- October 17 First Quarter Ends
- October 21 8th Grade Shadow Day - St. Agnes and Prince of Peace
- October 23 8th Grade Shadow Day - St. Pius X
- October 24-26 Fall Play - *Almost, Maine*
- October 27 Red Ribbon Week Begins
- October 29 Christmas Play Auditions Begin
- November 1 extravaPANDAz
- November 9 NDA Fall Open House

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- St. Agnes Open House
- HORRIBLE HARVEST -4th Annual Haunted Cellar in support of  
Diocesan Catholic Children's Home
- Pure Fashion
- Streetsmartz



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