



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

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I hope you have had an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful autumn weather that God has blessed us with!

This has been an exciting week at Notre Dame Academy! I think we are all still feeling the thrill of last week's **Playing for a Purpose** volleyball game. This celebrated NDA tradition afforded us the opportunity to witness a team in the truest sense of the word. I'm not only talking about our amazing Varsity volleyball team, although they exemplify teamwork, I'm also referring to our NDA team. Last week we saw our students set aside their personal agendas and share their gifts and talents for the good of others. They held daily bake sales, arranged an out-of-uniform fundraiser and organized an inspiring pep rally. At the rally, nine of our students and NDA Athletic Director Myanna Webster, cut their hair and donated it to be used for wigs for women who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment. Our Pandas later took Thomas More College by storm with a blanket of pink. The selflessness of our students revealed their true character and resulted in tremendous success. Not only did our volleyball players emerge victorious, so did our student body, as they worked together in support of a common goal. I have honestly never seen such a remarkable example of sisterhood and I'm very proud to be a part of the NDA team!

We have more good news this week at NDA. Our golf team, led by Coach Karen Henderson, placed fourth at State this past weekend. Congratulations to our Panda golfers! You can read more about their efforts and find additional athletic news below.

Our fall play, **The Tempest**, by William Shakespeare, is next weekend, October 23-25. Our students and Theatre Director Caroline Stine have been working very hard to make this an outstanding and entertaining show. You can find out how to purchase tickets below.

Our Open House is coming up on November 8. Please encourage your daughters to lend a hand in welcoming prospective Pandas on that day. Also, I would appreciate your help in spreading the word about the excellent Catholic education offered at Notre Dame Academy.

I continue to be heartened, inspired and impressed by your daughters each day. Thank you for your commitment to Catholic education and Notre Dame Academy!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Follow NDA on Twitter!

NDA co-presidents Abby Schuh and Kirsten Richards are working hard to keep the NDA community informed about all things Panda! They are managing our NDA Twitter account and doing a great job! Follow Notre Dame Academy on Twitter [@NotreDameAcadem](https://twitter.com/NotreDameAcadem).



## IMPORTANT NOTE FOR SENIORS ◀

Seniors: If you haven't had your senior drape photos taken or made an appointment for a sitting, please contact Prestige Portraits this week at 859-578-0110. Prestige is currently scheduling sessions for late October, so don't delay in getting yours lined up!



## NDA and CCH Present THE TEMPEST BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE ◀

Don't miss one of Shakespeare's most magical plays, *The Tempest*, performed by NDA and CCH. *The Tempest* is set on a remote island, where Prospero, the former Duke of Milan, plots to restore his daughter Miranda to her rightful as ruler using illusion and skillful manipulation. He conjures up a storm to lure his usurping brother Antonio and the complicit King Alonso of Naples to the island. There, his machinations bring about the revelation of Antonio's lowly nature, the redemption of the King, and the marriage of Miranda to Alonso's son, Ferdinand.

**Showtimes:** Friday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 p.m.

Adults: \$10 | Students \$5

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE [HERE](#).



## PPC NEWS ◀

**Mother Daughter Dance 2015.** This year's event will be on Friday, November 13, 2015. 7-11 p.m. at Receptions in Erlanger. The theme is **Freaky Friday!** Costumes are optional but strongly encouraged! Any questions, please email Mimi Bradley at [mimicbradley@gmail.com](mailto:mimicbradley@gmail.com).

## NDA WELCOMES THE CLASS OF 2020! ◀

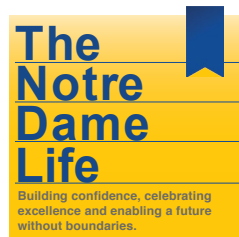
### OPEN HOUSE

Open House yard signs will be ready soon and if any Panda families have a business or an ideal spot for a yard sign, please contact Admission Director Katie Caccavari at 859.292.1829 or [caccavarik@ndapandas.org](mailto:caccavarik@ndapandas.org).

### SHADOW DAYS

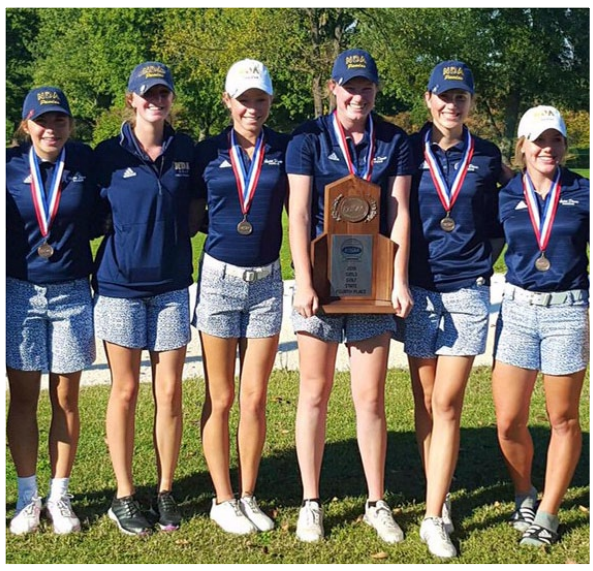
This week NDA welcomed many 8th grade students for Shadow Days from several area schools including: St. Pius X, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Joseph - Cold Springs, St. Paul, Gray, Camp Ernst, Summitview, Conner Middle, Turkeyfoot, St. Augustine, St. Thomas, Ockerman, and Woodland.

We have a couple of additional Shadow Days planned in the coming weeks. We look forward to welcoming 8th graders from schools in our area and letting them see first hand the many opportunities offered at NDA. If you know a young lady who would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please have her contact Katie Caccavari in the Admissions Office at 859.292.1829.



**FALL OPEN HOUSE**  
Sunday, November 8  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

[ndapandas.org](http://ndapandas.org)



## FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

### GOLF

Congratulations to the NDA Golf Team on their 4th Place finish at State this year with +79! This is their best finish since 2005. Erin Durstock finished tied for 9th and Lauren Bracken tied for 23rd overall individually.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to our Cross Country Pandas! They finished 3rd at the conference meet yesterday and Natalie Kleier had a 7th place finish!

### SOCCER

Soccer starts Districts today at 5:00 p.m. at NDA. Come out and cheer on our Pandas at 5:00 p.m.!

### VOLLEYBALL

The Varsity Pandas prevailed at Ohio volleyball power Ursuline Academy, defeating the Lions 3-2, 25-22, 22-25, 25-23, 21-25, 15-9. Ursuline swept the JV Pandas 2-0, and the Freshmen lost 2-1.

Don't miss this! Tomorrow Assumption travels to Park Hills for a showdown of nationally ranked teams. This is the final home match for our NDA Seniors (7:30 p.m.), and Senior night festivities!

### BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Here is the schedule for NDA Basketball tryouts:

#### 10/15:

Anyone Interested: 3 - 4:30 p.m. Optional open practice

#### 10/19:

Freshman: 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Sophomores - Seniors: 4:30 - 6 p.m.

#### 10/20:

Freshman 4-6 p.m.

Sophomores-Seniors: 6-8 p.m.

\*If you have an athlete that cannot make these tryout times but is interested in trying out please email Wyatt Foust at [foustw@ndapandas.org](mailto:foustw@ndapandas.org).

### SEEKING BOWLERS!

The NDA varsity bowling team still has spots that need to be filled. If you are interested please email the coach Michelle Wagner at [wagnerm@ndapandas.org](mailto:wagnerm@ndapandas.org)



Pandas Sweep  
2015  
PLAYING FOR A  
PURPOSE!



## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts online [GSA Application](#) will be open to high school Sophomores and Juniors on October 14. Check out their new [GSA 2016 e-Brochure](#).



Interested students can apply for one-day ArtShops beginning October 1, or obtain more information via [Governor's School for the Arts](#). Arts instruction is offered in nine areas:

**Architecture+Design**  
**Drama**  
**New Media**

**Creative Writing**  
**Instrumental Music**  
**Visual Art**

**Dance**  
**Musical Theatre**  
**Vocal Music**



The Kentucky Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE) is open to current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. GSE is a (free) three-week summer residential program where students working in teams on the campus of Georgetown College take an idea for a product or service and utilize STEM, art, and business skills to design a product and build a business model for it. The GSE Application will be available online from October 19- December 21. For more information, visit [Governor's School for Entrepreneurs](#) or [GSE Flier](#), or contact Mrs. Kathy Hildreth at [hildrethk@ndapandas.org](mailto:hildrethk@ndapandas.org).

## REMINDER ◀

Volunteers are needed daily to help in the dish room in the NDA cafeteria. Shifts are from 11:00 to 12:30. You can sign up at Volunteer Spot [HERE](#).

## TEAM SHANNANIGANS IS BACK! ◀

NDA 2015 graduate Shannon Wilson is reuniting the Shannanigans for the UC Walk Ahead for a Brain Tumor Cure. This year, Team Shannanigans may be a bit smaller, but Shannon would love any Panda support. The walk is on Sunday, October 25 at 8:00 a.m. at Sawyer Point again and is a 5K. Proceeds go to tumor research and patient education programs. If you are interested in signing up for Shannon's team, go to <http://www.walkahead.org> and click 'Join a Team' and from there you will choose Shannanigans. There is a \$40 registration fee. Shannon sends a big "hello" and "thanks for the support!"



### 2015-16 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.

#### October

15 Brescia University	10:45-12:15
15 Eastern Kentucky University	10:45-12:15
15 University of Louisville	10:45-12:15
15 Western Kentucky University	10:45-12:15
15 Southern Methodist University	10:45-12:15
19 Otterbein University	10:45-12:15
21 Northern KY University	8:00-9:00
21 University of Kentucky	8:00-9:00

21 Ohio Northern University	11:10-12:30
29 Bellarmine University	11:30-12:15
30 Denison University	10:45-11:30

#### NOVEMBER

9 Hanover College	10:45-12:15
9 DePauw University	10:45-12:15
9 University of Cincinnati	10:45-12:15
9 University of Alabama	10:45-12:15

## Important dates:

October 14	Seniors at Mosque
	Sophomore/Junior PSAT Testing
	Freshman Retreat
October 16	NO SCHOOL
October 16-18	Senior Retreat
October 21	Informational Coffee
October 22	National Honor Society Induction
October 23-25	Fall Play
October 27	Blessed Sacrament Shadow Day
October 30	Archery Tournament
November 3	Picture retake day
November 5	St. Agnes and Prince of Peace Shadow Day
November 6	Remembrance Mass
November 8	NDA Fall Open House
November 10	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 12	Juniors attend play
November 13	Naturalization Ceremony at NDA
	Mother/Daughter Dance
November 14	HSPT Test Workshop
November 18	Freshmen Retreat
	Fall Sports Award Program

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Life's 5th Quarter
- Dine to Donate
- Double D Give Back Bash
- Conservatives Concerned About the Death Penalty
- Street Smartz

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

