



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving break with family and friends. Last Wednesday, the NDA community came together in prayer with gratitude for all that God has given us. During our prayer service, Abby Couch gave witness to the merits of service to others by speaking about her mission trip in Atlanta this past summer. After the prayer service, Student Council members presented the results of the CAndamonium food drive to the student body.

I would like to express my gratitude for your support and generosity this past month to our annual food drive. I continue to be amazed by the spirit in which your daughters take ownership of this annual event. Our students are very generous in sharing their gifts and talents with others. They find great joy when partaking in the service work that is so much a part of NDA. I am very proud to be the principal of such an amazing and spirited group of young women committed to making not just a difference, but a tremendous difference in the world!

I would also like to thank our parents who joined us yesterday in our #GivingTuesday efforts. Our parents made up 25% of our total donor base on this global day of giving. I truly appreciate your support. Your gifts to the Annual Appeal help us to do the following:

- Bridge the gap between tuition and the true cost of educating your daughter
- Continue to provide a premier education to all young women based on their ability to succeed, not their families' economic circumstances
- Demonstrate a symbol of pride for your daughter's NDA experience

If you have not already made a gift to our 2017-18 Annual Appeal, I ask that you give prayerful consideration to doing so.

Also, parents of athletes, please don't forget to sign up to work the Fruit Sale and to pick up your fruit this weekend!

If you are planning a family trip for the holidays, I would like to stress the importance of your daughter's attendance at school each and every day. Our teachers will be teaching and our students will be learning right up until Christmas break begins and on the first day back. Absences at any time of year, including the holidays, can affect a student's opportunity for academic success. Please give your daughter the best chance to do well in her studies and make her attendance at school a priority, especially during this holiday season.

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Living
the Gospel
Empowered by
Mary's Witness



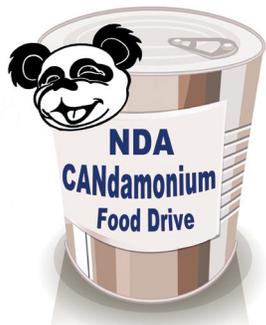
STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Handbook Highlight

Notes from parents requesting that students be permitted to leave school early should be brought to the school office before school, so an Office Permission Slip can be issued. It is important that the student take care of this when she arrives at school

for attendance purposes. Whatever class the student is in at the time of dismissal, she is to present the slip to the teacher at the start and may leave five minutes prior to the time stated on the slip. All students must be signed out of the building in the school office before they leave. A student can sign herself out if she is driving. If the student returns to school she must report to the school office, so she can be readmitted to classes.



CANDamonium

Notre Dame Academy wrapped up this year's CANDamonium food drive just before the Thanksgiving break. NDA's Student Council reports that over 6,000 cans were collected this year! Ms. Barb Hahn's Homeroom 110 collected the most canned food items and received the Golden Can Award after our Thanksgiving prayer service last week. Great work, Pandas!



NDA JOINS GLOBAL DAY OF GIVING ◀

Yesterday Notre Dame Academy joined more than 10,000 organizations worldwide in a day dedicated to giving back - Giving Tuesday. Thank you to all of our parents who chose to be part of this global day of giving by making a donation to our Annual Appeal during this special event.

Thank you also to our Board of Directors who generously offered a \$10,000 match. We were able to reach the \$10,000 match and raised a total of \$21,245 for our Annual Appeal!

The Annual Appeal supports our mission by helping to keep tuition at an affordable level and allowing us to continue to work with any young woman who could benefit from an NDA education.

11.28.2017



Thank You!
#GIVING TUESDAY

#MakeADifference@NDA



ARE YOU PART OF THE MARCH FOR LIFE MOVEMENT? ◀

If you would like to be part of the March for Life movement, sign-ups for the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. will begin this week here at NDA. The March will take place on January 19, 2018 and the cost is approximately \$130.00 a person. Buses will leave Thursday evening and return Saturday morning. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Theresa Van Auken at vanaukent@ndapandas.org. Parent chaperones who are virtue trained are needed so please let Mrs. Van Auken know if you are able to join us.



PANDAS ATTEND NCYC ◀

The weekend of November 16-18, several of our NDA students along with teachers Theresa Van Auken and Corrie Ziegler attended the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. The NCYC invited participants to encounter Christ, experience church and be empowered for discipleship!

You can check out the video that junior Annie Gronotte produced after the conference [HERE](#).

NDA STUDENTS - PARTNER WITH ST. ELIZABETH HOSPICE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE ◀

For over 20 years, St. Elizabeth Hospice volunteers have been delivering a special holiday remembrance, a white china dove, to caregivers who have lost a loved one in the past year. Notre Dame Academy has been helping Hospice with their Dove project for several years by packaging the doves and getting them ready for delivery. This year the students prepared 1,500 doves ready for delivery!



SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER! ◀

A few of our Pandas took time out of their busy schedules over the Thanksgiving break to bring some cheer to the Covington Fire Department. They did a great job painting the windows in preparation for the holidays and the firefighters really appreciated it!



US GOVERNMENT CLASS WELCOMES GUEST SPEAKER ◀

Officer Kevin Schwartz of the Boone County Police Department, recently talked to Mrs. Stratman's US Government class. Officer Schwartz covered topics such as search and seizure, probable cause and the role of the police in today's society. Officer Schwartz is currently a school resource officer at R.A. Jones middle school and Collins elementary school on Boone County.

ALUMNAE SHARE COLLEGE EXPERIENCES ◀

Last Monday, two NDA alumnae, Brooke Barker and Taylor Berling, class of 2015, came to NDA to share their experiences and talk about transitioning from high school to college. Both are finance/accounting majors at UK and shared tips on business classes, learning communities, and scholarship applications. Taylor and Brooke spoke to the Personal Finance and Entrepreneurship classes. Both spoke highly of the excellent educational foundation they received at NDA and how it eased the transition into college classes. They are pictured with the Entrepreneurship class of Mrs. Brennan.





INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

NDA STUDENTS - LEADERS IN TECHNOLOGY

Notre Dame Academy students won both first and second place at the 13th annual Women in Information Technology (WIT) Conference Friday, November 17, at Xavier University's Cintas Center.

The all-day conference offers more than

600 female high school students from the Greater Cincinnati area an opportunity to solve "real life" Information Technology, Informatics, Data Analytics and Computer Science challenges with women working in the field using the latest technology and design thinking skillsets. Students will learn from regional entrepreneurs to create solutions for global business partners, engage in collaborative social media experiences with business mentors and compete for prizes.



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

CONGRATULATIONS

The NKAC all conference teams for soccer and volleyball have been announced. Congratulations to Madison Wilhoite, Jenna Woods, Allison Robertson, Natalie Hardig, Lainey Stephenson and Olivia Montelisciani on their selection!

ARCHERY

The NDA Archers started their season with a 10 meter individual tournament at Community Christian. Alexis Hehman was the team's top shot: scoring one perfect end and finding the bullseye 17 times to place 6th in her division. Megan Seligman started the season strong: scoring 15 bullseyes and coming in 12th in her division. Manon Stovik, Gabriella Ficke, Kayla Torres, and Oli Marita rounded out the top six shooting a 277, 276, 273 and 272 respectively. Gracie Siemer, Madison Matthews, Courtney Laudick, and Nicole Andrew shot well at their first tournament. NDA placed 7th overall out of 17. Nice shooting, Pandas!



FRUIT SALE - HELP NEEDED

Thank you to all those that signed up to work their mandatory 2 hour shift this weekend. When everyone does their two hours, things can be fun. We are in NEED of workers on Friday at the 3:05-5:00, Saturday 11:45-1:45 and 1:30-3:30, and Sunday all time slots and **especially for 2:00-4:00ish**. The 12:00 time slot will fill orders and the 2:00 until finished will clean the floors and set the cafeteria for school on Monday. If anyone one has some time on Friday, 12/07/2017, starting at 7:00 AM, I am still in need of workers to count money. We will be in the auditorium starting the process of collecting from the girls and making deposits.

YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR FRUIT IS PICKED UP THIS WEEKEND AND DELIVERED TO YOUR CUSTOMERS. ALL FRUIT NEEDS TO BE PICKED UP BY 1:30 ON SUNDAY.

Please remember that all exchanges need to be done in the morning. I am not there after school. All exchanges and additional purchases need to be done by Wednesday, 12/6.

Please check the fruit before delivering. I will replace any bad pieces just bring it in, in a plastic bag and a clean bag to take the fruit home. This is a way to keep happy customers. Also, do not store fruit in the trunk of your car or some place that it may freeze and do not store by a heat source which will cause it to go bad quickly.

ALL MONEY IS DUE BY DECEMBER 7. WE START COLLECTING AT 7:00 AM IN THE AUDITORIUM.

Thank you for your help with this fruit sale .
Janice Schmidt

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



Test Prep Information

We are getting ACT Prep information for the upcoming February 27 ACT that is In-School. All Juniors will take this ACT and it is an official ACT that can be sent to colleges. There is also a regularly scheduled ACT coming up in the spring on Saturday, April 14.

There are many ACT/SAT Test Prep Options for students:

- Local Test Prep
- Free ACT Practice Test booklets
- Free Online Prep
- Get a copy of your ACT Test Questions and Answers (this allows students to study the questions they missed on an actual ACT) (cost-friendly way to prep)

Some Local Prep Options:

Math Prep - NKY Tutoring

If your student struggles in Math...this prep is a 4 week prep just for Math. Many students have found this helpful. One perk of NKY Tutoring is that if student signs up and attends a session of prep classes, they are able to attend any of subsequent review sessions for later tests for FREE. Sessions meet for 4 weeks, and the last week is always a big review. Students can come back and sit-in on these review sessions for future tests.

- NKY Tutoring: Spring 2017 - [Class Schedule](#)
- NKY Tutoring [REGISTRATION](#)

College & Beyond ACT Prep

- All 4 topics of the ACT will be covered in this Prep option.
- Dates and times: Sat Jan 13th 9:00 to 1:15, Sat Jan 20th 9:00 to 1:15, Sat Jan 27th 9:00 to 1:15 and Sat Feb 3rd 9:00 to 1:15
- Cost: \$300 and students will receive a copy of the Real ACT Prep Guide
- Location: Covington Latin School
- To REGISTER: Click [HERE](#)

Rhonda Noll - Moving Minds ACTIVE Prep

Former teacher | 859-760-4959 | rnoll@twc.com | movingmindsprep.com

ACT Torch Prep (Boot Camp) - Held at NDA/CCH | <http://www.torchprep.com>

More information about these and other Test Prep Options are on our website. Go to: NDA Website: [Standardized Testing & Test Prep](#)

Junior College Planning:

What is the goal of College Planning? What can Juniors be doing right now to prepare for College Planning? After taking the PSAT last month, Juniors were given a presentation by Ms. Hildreth and Ms. Burgei. They updated their Resumes in Naviance, took the Strengths Explorer assessment, and heard about Junior College Planning.

The thing we challenged Juniors to do right now is to get on at least 1 college visit before 2018.

Making College Visits during junior year is extremely beneficial to students and families. For more information about College Visits, see our College Counseling page.

Commonwealth Honors Academy

Any junior interested in a summer opportunity? Murray State offers a competitive program called the Commonwealth Honors Academy. It can provide at least 6 credit hours and a \$2000 housing scholarship for Murray State if you decide to attend. The deadline for submitting this application is March 1, 2018 and it requires a teacher recommendation. It also requires a GPA of at least a 3.5 (weighted) and ACT of approximately 25 (or an equivalent level on PSAT or SAT). There is a minimal fee for this June 9th - June 30th program. Here is the link for more info: <https://www.murraystate.edu/cha/>

BEST Awards for Quarter 1

Congratulations to all students that were nominated this last quarter for the BEST Awards. These nominations come from teachers and are given to students that show extra effort in their courses and excellent character. The winners were:

- Senior: Felicia Berling
- Junior: Marianne Betancourt
- Sophomore: Briana Seibert
- Freshman: Kearra Epping

The winners have their pictures displayed in the first floor hallway. All nominees are also listed in this display.



IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS AT NDA! ◀

Thanks to NDA parents Tony and Krista Hicks, Notre Dame Academy is getting into the Christmas spirit! The Hicks family very generously offered to trim our foyer Christmas tree this year and as you can see from the picture, they did an amazing job. The entire NDA community is enjoying the beautiful tree dressed in blue and gold!

LOOKING FOR A GOOD BOOK? ◀

Preparing for the new 21st Century Collaborative Learning Center the current library collection is being massively weeded. Our faculty have chosen books to move to the new facility, books for their classrooms and personal use. We would like to offer the remaining books to our students and parents. Unfortunately, we are working against the clock so all of the books must be removed by December 1st. The students will be invited to take any books that remain on the shelves beginning Monday, November 27th. The books must be removed from the building. Students should bring bags with them to transport books. Parents may also come from 3-4 p.m. on Thursday, November 30. The books that remain on the shelves after December 1st will need to be discarded. If anyone has any suggestions for these books please let me know. Thank you and we look forward to showing off our collection in the new facility!



IT'S SKYLINE TIME ◀

No worries about "what's for dinner" on **Thursday, December 7!** Our friendly Ft. Wright Skyline is generously offering to donate 20% of sales between 3 and 9 p.m. to NDA for our dances and events. Please support NDA and eat Skyline on December 7! Download your 20% coupon [HERE](#).

STAFF ACCOUNTANT POSITION AVAILABLE AT NDA ◀

Notre Dame Academy is looking for a part-time Staff Accountant (25-30 hours per week). The Staff Accountant assists the Finance Director with the administration of the financial affairs of Notre Dame Academy. Job duties include processing daily cash receipts, bank reconciliations, accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll processing. Accounting experience and strong Excel skills are required. Experience with QuickBooks and HR management is highly preferred. Please send a letter of interest and resume to ndahr@ndapandas.org. Resumes will be reviewed until the position is filled. Notre Dame Academy is a Catholic all girls high school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame.

SANTA STOCKS BAMBOOTIQUE FOR CHRISTMAS ◀

Santa came early this year at NDA and he left many awesome new items for you to purchase for your Panda! Stop in and check them out!



IT'S HOLIDAY SHOPPING TIME!

Come visit us at the
Bambootique!

Special Holiday Hours to Serve you!

Saturday, December 2	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 5	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 6	2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday, December 7	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 9	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 12	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 13	2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday, December 14	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 16	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 19	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 21	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Check out our new
spirit jewelry beads,
made special for us
by MAYCreations!

Athletes/Parents!

Grab your gifts on
December 2nd from
10:30-12:30pm while
picking up your fruit!



*You are cordially invited
to join us for*

***Wreath and Wine Night**
December 1, 2017
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.*

*Cost is \$50 for all wreath supplies,
snacks and 2 wine/beer tickets*

Space is limited so register today!
REGISTER ONLINE HERE

Contact Leanne Kirn at
kirnl@ndapandas.org
with any questions

▶ Important dates

December 1	Fruit Sale delivery and pick up
	Alumnae and Friends Wreath and Wine Night
December 2	Fruit Sale pick up
December 6	Sophomore retreat
	Holiday Leadership Luncheon for Alumnae
December 7	In School Band and Choral Christmas Concert
December 8	NO SCHOOL - Immaculate Conception
December 9	High School Placement Test (HSPT)
December 10	Band Christmas Concert
December 11	Senior Retreat
December 20	Faculty/Staff Christmas Party
December 21	No School: Christmas Break begins
January 4	School resumes
January 12	Silver Bells - Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors
January 13	Freshmen Semi-Formal Dance

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Positions Available for Students
- Part-time job opportunity

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

