



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

We continue to prepare the way of the Lord during this Advent season. In this special time of hope and waiting, we draw closer to each other and especially to God who sent His only son to save us from our sins. During Advent, we look for new ways in which God enters our lives. We open ourselves to discovering Christ in all things and each other and we continue *Living the Gospel Empowered by Mary's Witness*.

It's hard to believe that our students and faculty are just five school days away from our Christmas break. **Please note:** due to our adjusted calendar this year, our exams will be January 16, 17 and 18. An exam schedule will be shared with students and parents this week. I think it is important over the Christmas break to encourage your daughters to strike a healthy balance between studying for exams and taking some well deserved time away from school work. As much as we strive for excellence at NDA and want our students to be successful in their coursework, I also want them to take time to relax, rejuvenate and spend time with family and friends throughout the Christmas season.

Our *Excellence Without Boundaries Capital Campaign* renovations are moving along according to schedule with some areas actually ahead of schedule. You will soon see a bit more equipment on campus preparing for the wiring of our new parking lot lighting. Please know that as always, our primary goal is to provide a safe learning environment for our school community. To that end, we are working with our general contractor to keep the distractions to a minimum and to ensure there is minimal disruption to student learning.

May this holy season of Advent fill you with peace, hope and many special blessings, and may you be reminded of God's presence in your life each day.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Silver Bells: A Starry Night in Paris

Ticket sales for the annual Silver Bells Dance will begin Monday, December 18 and can be purchased via card or check made payable to Notre Dame Academy. The registration link will be emailed to all sophomores through seniors on Monday.



Silver Bells is on Friday, January 12, 2018. Many Pandas and Colonels may plan to attend the Covington Catholic basketball game on the same night, so we are not requiring parent permissions for late arrivals to or early departures from the dance. Doors will open at 8:00 p.m., and the dance will end at 11:00 p.m. Thank you to the Class of 2020 for coordinating!

Catholic Schools Week Talent Show

Registration is now open for NDA's annual Talent Show scheduled for Friday, February 2. During the break, students are asked to think about how they can contribute to this annual celebration of talents. Any freshman through senior is invited to show off her talent whether it is in music, theatre, dance, band or comedy. Registrations are due Friday, January 19.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE THIS CHRISTMAS ◀

National Honor Society members collected 45 rolls of wrapping paper, 21 bags of bows, and 136 children's books to donate to children spending Christmas at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Thanks to the members' generosity, many children at Cincinnati Children's will have a new book to help pass the time during their hospital stay this Christmas.



PREPARING THE WAY ◀

Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. Reconciliation Services will be taking place during Religion classes this week.

REMINDER FROM THE CAFETERIA ◀

Please check your daughter's account balances in the cafeteria and to pay any overdue balances by the Christmas Break. Thank you!



GABRIELLE WEBER

DECEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Notre Dame Academy Sophomore, Gabby Weber, who has been selected as December's Student of the Month. According to her World Civilizations teacher Mr. Greife, "Gabby is an excellent student. She is always on top of whatever topic we are working on and is willing to participate on a consistent basis. She brings a positive attitude to every class."

SOMETHING ABOUT GABBY

A member of St. Joe's Parish in Crescent Springs, Gabby recently attended the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. Her favorite part of this experience was seeing everyone united through their faith.



Gabby has danced competitively for the past 10 years and believes dance is a great way to "release emotions, be free and make and be with friends."



Gabby's former teacher, Mr. Schlosser says she "is a very involved student who does well on her work and participates well in class. She picks up new information very quickly. Most of all she has been very generous in helping other students in the class." Keep up the great work, Gabby!



INTERACT CLUB SPONSORS HYGEINE DRIVE ◀

NDA's Interact Club sponsored a very successful Hygeine Drive this year! Cases of products were donated to BeConcerned last week. Thanks to everyone who generously donated to the cause!



YEARBOOK SALES ◀

Parents, if your daughter did not buy a 2017 yearbook and would like one, a limited number of copies are available for \$70 in the school office. Also, it's never too soon to buy the 2018 book, on sale now at yearbook.jostens.com or by following [this link](#).

MOCK TRIAL TEAM FUNDRAISER AT CHIPOTLE ◀

The Mock Trial team is hosting a fundraiser at Chipotle on Butter-milk Pike on December 20. Simply say they are there for NDA Mock trial when you pay for your food and 50% of the proceeds go to help the team get to their regional tournament this year.



DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ◀

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

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

DRUG FREE CLUBS OF AMERICA



Freshmen Winter Dance

Notre Dame Academy's Drug Free Club, in cooperation with Covington Catholic, is sponsoring a semi-formal dance for all freshmen.

The dance will be held at Notre Dame on Saturday, January 6 from 8:00-11:00 pm. Tickets are \$12.00 and all proceeds will benefit Notre Dame's Drug Free Club. Freshmen attending the dance must arrive at Notre Dame by 8:30 p.m. in order to be admitted to the dance and no one will be allowed to leave until 10:45 p.m. at the earliest. Any student who believes they have a special exception must speak with Mrs. Hildreth or Mrs. Maggard ASAP and have a parent note.

Please see the Notre Dame hand book to find information particular to dances. Sections of note include: under the Dress Code section - Special Occasions and under the Code of Conduct section - Dances <https://www.ndapandas.org/academics/student-handbook.aspx>.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

ARCHERY

The Archers competed at Gray Middle School's Open Season Tournament, coming in 4th place with a season high score of 3196. Claire Scheffter led the team with her personal best score of 282, coming in 2nd place in her division. Alexis Hehman shot her personal best score of 279, coming in 4th place. Other top shots included Gabriella Ficke with a 277, Megan Seligman with her personal best score of 274, Lily Gamel with a 268, and Mackenzie Burns with a 265. Gracie Siemer, Megan Raab, and Courtney Laudick all shot their personal best. Full roster results can be found on nasptournaments.org.



FRUIT SALE

Merry Christmas! I want to thank all that helped with the fruit sale this year. All those that worked and some that worked longer shifts because we were short handed are appreciated more than I can express. Thank you! I am still in the collecting and counting stage so I cannot give a final report. When all is said and done I will let you know how we did.

I wish everyone a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

J. Schmidt

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!

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!

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.

▶ Important dates

December 13	Drug Free Club - Pizza Reward for Freshmen at all lunch periods
December 14	Spanish Club Zumba - Auditorium 3:00 p.m.
December 15	NDA Basketball Grade School Night! 6 7:30 p.m.
December 19	Advent Prayer Service
December 20	Faculty/Staff Christmas Party
December 21	No School: Christmas Break begins
January 4	School resumes
January 6	Freshmen Semi-Formal Dance
January 12	Silver Bells - Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors
January 15	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 16,17,18	Exams
January 19	Life March
	2nd quarter ends

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Boone County Walk for Life
- Positions Available for Students
- Part-time job opportunity

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

