



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

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I would like to wish you all a belated Happy Founders Day! October 1st was a special day for the Sisters of Notre Dame and our school. It was SND Foundation Day commemorating the day our founders Hilligonde Wolbring and Elisabeth Kuhling began their religious life in Coesfeld, Germany. Hilligonde Wolbring became Sr. Maria Aloysia and Elisabeth Kuhling became Sr. Maria Ignatia and they began the Sisters of Notre Dame order in Coesfeld, Germany. These young women were dedicated to providing an education to the many young girls of their region with little to no access to an education.

This week at NDA, we remember the courage, faith and commitment of the founders of the Sisters of Notre Dame and give thanks that they began a tradition of excellence in education and service to others. In commemoration of Founder's Day, Dr. Koehl and I shared ice cream sandwiches with the entire NDA community on Monday. It was a nice way to remind our students, faculty and staff of how the founders of the Sisters of Notre Dame have taught us the significance of *Becoming Fully Alive Through Education and Love*.

We have some wonderful things happening at NDA this week including an information session for parents about Unified Classroom and a Panda Parent Club meeting next Monday. You can read all about them below.

Working with your daughters each day is a privilege for all of us. Thank you for trusting us and partnering with us as we strive to educate young women to make a difference in the world.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



### *Sharing a sandwich, touching a life!*

*Hilligonde Wolbring shared her sandwich with a student. God worked through her to help the poor and called her to begin the Sisters of Notre Dame. She shared her dream with Elisabeth Kuhling. Together they spread God's goodness and provident care around the world.*

# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### SUPER DAY

Next Wednesday is a Super Day, and students will not have classes. Freshmen will take part in a retreat and service day, Juniors and Sophomores will take the PSAT test and Seniors will visit a Sikh in the morning. School will dismiss at 2:30 p.m. on this day.

### SAY CHEESE



Picture Day is Friday, and students are invited to dress out of uniform on this day. Order forms were handed out to all freshmen through juniors in homeroom last week and are due to LifeTouch on Picture Day. Seniors do not order pictures on this day but are expected to take pictures for transcript purposes. Clothing on Picture Day is expected to be tidy and appropriate and that of which provides proper coverage.

**Parents Please Note:  
No school on Friday, October 12 due to Faculty retreat.**

### Student Service Leaders Exchange

Last Tuesday, the following Pandas attended a Service Learning Exchange at the University of Cincinnati:

Amelia Coomes  
Anna Resing  
Ceceilagh Pitstick  
Hanna Sweeney  
Paige Heimbrock  
Angela Kyntchev  
Kara Brunot  
Olivia Marita

We look forward to seeing the ideas these Pandas present to their classmates and club leaders!



## PARENT INTRODUCTION TO UNIFIED CLASSROOM ◀

Parents, please join us before the Panda Parent Club meeting next Monday, October 8 from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. to learn more about Unified Classroom. This 30-minute information session will include the following:

- Overview of the functions of Unified Classroom
- How to create your account
- How to view your child's grade

We hope you will stay after the Introduction to Unified Classroom Information Session for the Panda Parent Club meeting which will follow at 7:00 p.m.



# NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

*Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World*



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# OPEN HOUSE

# NOV 4

# 1-3 pm

## HELP US SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT NDA OPEN HOUSE ◀

Notre Dame Academy's annual Open House will occur on Sunday, November 4 from 1 - 3 p.m. If you own a business or have a home located on a busy street, please consider supporting Open House by having a sign on your property. We have the small yard signs and also bigger signs that are approximately 4ft by 4ft in size. The small signs can be picked up at NDA or sent home with students. NDA maintenance staff will set up and take down the big signs. To request a sign, please contact Katie Caccavari, NDA Director of Admissions, at [caccavarik@ndapandas.org](mailto:caccavarik@ndapandas.org)/859-292-1829 by October 8.

## NDA WELCOMES STUDENTS FROM GERMANY ◀

For the fourth year, Notre Dame Academy is fortunate to host students from Germany on our campus. Greta Milz, Hannah Hellmann, and Ellen Krueger are from our sister school, Liebfrauen-schule Vechta, in Vechta, Germany. Rebekka Hoering comes to us through AFS Intercultural Programs and is from Hamburg. Minja Jost is part of a program called Youth for Understanding, and is from Egelsbach. Greta, Hannah, and Ellen will be with us until Christmas break, while Rebekka and Minja will be here for the entire school year. We are delighted to have these young ladies as part of our NDA community this year, and we thank the NDA families who are hosting them. If you would like more information about hosting a German student in the future, please contact Katie Caccavari, NDA Director of Admissions, at [caccavarik@ndapandas.org](mailto:caccavarik@ndapandas.org)/859-292-1829.





## CECEILAGH PITSTICK

### OCTOBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Notre Dame Academy Sophomore, Ceceilagh Pitstick, who has been selected as October's Student of the Month. Her teacher, Ms. Tucker states, "Ceceilagh has shown great effort and determination in Honors Geometry. She participates during lectures and has productive conversations during group work and homework time. She asks questions that really show she is a critical thinker. Ceceilagh is a pleasure to have in class." Keep up the fantastic work, Ceceilagh!

### SOMETHING ABOUT CECEILAGH

Ceceilagh is a member of NDA's Drug Free Club, Math Club and Peer Ministry Team. She has played lacrosse for 4 years and is looking forward to a second successful season at NDA. Last year, Ceceilagh was named Defensive Player of the Year for the Freshman team.



Ceceilagh enjoys spending time at home with family or friends and visiting her mom at the University of Cincinnati. Her mom conducts pulmonary research at UC and inspires Ceceilagh's interests in the areas of math and science.

Over the summer, Ceceilagh logged 100+ volunteer hours at the Cincinnati Zoo. She also attended Dr. Koehl's Leadership Class and looks forward to working with her assigned mentor this year. Next summer, she is excited to travel with other NDA students to Italy.



## IMPORTANT CAFETERIA NEWS ◀

We certainly appreciate our students packing their lunches while kitchen renovations reach completion at NDA. We understand how anxious they are to purchase a meal in the new cafeteria and not be concerned with packing a lunch each day.

Unfortunately, the inspection process for this new space was unable to be scheduled as early or quickly as we had hoped, therefore, the opening of the new kitchen has been postponed a bit longer. We think this process will take another 2-3 weeks so students will need to continue to pack their lunches for now. We will let you know the date of the new kitchen's opening as soon as we have it scheduled.

We thank you very much for your patience in this matter. In the meantime, please note that the following items are available for purchase in the cafeteria:

- Drinks
- Assorted fresh fruits
- Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches
- Turkey sandwiches
- Ham sandwiches
- Bagels
- Yogurt
- Individual snacks

Parents should to go to PAYPAMS to check their daughter's balance in order that students have money in their accounts to purchase these items.

## JUNIOR RETREAT -

### PARENT HELP NEEDED! ◀

We are in need of parents to provide and help serve dinner for the Junior Retreat on Thursday, October 11.

-Parents bringing a pasta meal should bring it to NDA by 4:45 p.m. ready to be served (we do not have the capacity to heat the food).

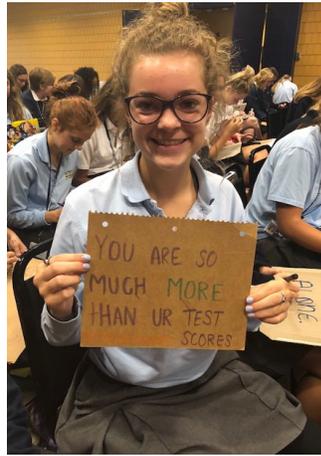
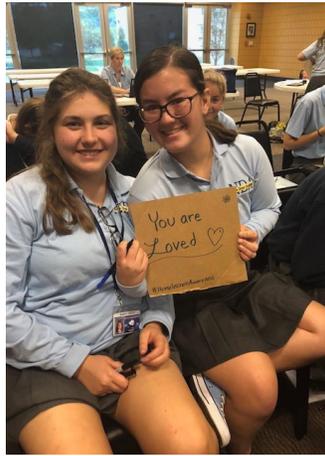
-Parents volunteering to set up, serve and clean should arrive by 4:40 p.m. and we will be finished by 6:15 p.m.

Thanks in advance for your assistance! If you have questions - please contact Mrs. Bridget Price at [priceb@ndapandas.org](mailto:priceb@ndapandas.org). To sign up please use the following link [ttsu.me/2shhrrh](https://ttsu.me/2shhrrh).

## CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

### Catholic Social Teaching: October is Homelessness Awareness Month.

The past 2 weeks our juniors have been discussing the reasons for poverty and homelessness and hearing personal stories of people who have experienced homelessness. Agency representatives from The Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky and St. Vincent De Paul came to share the ministries they provide to our community. We also asked students to make cardboard signs that would raise awareness about poverty and spread positive messages about the dignity and worth of the individual.



## EVERYONE LOVES THE CLC! ◀

In honor of Foundation Day on Monday, we invited the Sisters of Notre Dame to join us for lunch and a tour of our new Collaborative Learning Center. The Sisters loved our new learning space!



# I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA! ◀

Friday at NDA, students had the honor of attending a Naturalization Ceremony with Judge Amul Thapar. Students from Mrs. Stratman's Current Issues and Government class as well as Mrs. VanAuken's Catholic social teaching class watched as 48 participants representing 25 different countries took the Oath of Allegiance and became citizens of the United States. Notre Dame Academy welcomes each of them to the American family!



# COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



## PSAT Test and College and Career Planning Day

On Wednesday, October 10, all sophomores and juniors will be taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).

This is a practice test to get the students ready for standardized college testing. We will be testing students in the morning and after lunch we will be doing some college and career programming. The students will not have class that day, but will need their ipads for our afternoon programming.



## Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE)

GSE exposes young aspiring entrepreneurs to the mind-set, 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](#) for more information. **There will be an Informational Meeting tomorrow, Thursday, October 4 at 3:15 in Alumnae Hall.** The 2019 GSE Application will launch on November 1, 2018. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions. Application deadline: January 11



## Information about Vaping for Parents:

[Talk With Your Teen About E-Cigarettes and Vaping](#) and [Vaping Info](#)

On September 12, the FDA declared that teen vaping had reached "epidemic proportions," and told e-cigarette companies they have 60 days to come up with a plan for reducing e-cig use among young users. (FDA in the news; Sept. 12) [CLICK HERE](#) to see the story.



## 2018-19 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.

### OCTOBER

3 BALDWIN WALLACE UNIVERSITY



15 TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY



THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI



ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE



16 GEORGETOWN COLLEGE



4 WESTERN KY UNIVERSITY



26 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME  
(10:49-11:25)



U.S. Army



11 UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON



31 SPAULDING UNIVERSITY



## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

### Attention Aqua Pandas!

If you are interested in being on this year's Swim and Dive Team and have not received information, please send Courtney Sorrell an email at [sorrellc@ndapandas.org](mailto:sorrellc@ndapandas.org). Swimming tryouts are October 16th. All paperwork must be completed before then.

### NDA Athletic Hall of Fame

NDA will host an NDA Athletic Hall of Fame induction next spring. You can nominate a deserving athlete here: <https://www.ndapandas.org/athletics/hall-of-fame.aspx>

### Playing a Winter or Spring Sport?

Any students planning to participate in a Winter or a Spring Sport must complete the Athlete Registration. The link can be found on our website under - Athletics / Information and Forms. Or you can register using this link: [2018-19 Athletic Registration](#)



## LET THE BIDDING BEGIN! ◀

Have you purchased your tickets to NDA's 2018 Autumn Gala? There's still time but only about 20 tickets available so [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase your tickets before it's too late!

ALSO - We are happy to announce that the **Gesture site is now OPEN** for your viewing and early bidding! Be sure to take a look at all of the wonderful items available. Simply go to [nda18gala.gesture.com](http://nda18gala.gesture.com) and take some time to enjoy looking and bidding at the wonderful items that are available!

### Check out our adorable Gala puppy!

The Shichon is a designer dog breed that is commonly referred to as the Teddy Bear due to their adorable puppy-like appearance, plush coat, and cuddly nature. This designer dog is a cross between a Shih-Tzu and a Bichon Frise. Their breeding is designed to eliminate most dander, so your 'allergic' significant other can't stop you from adopting one. They are also known to be very gentle and suitable for young children and older people. This puppy -- approximately 11 weeks old, is veterinarian-checked with starter and booster shots and is ready to become a member of your family tonight! Also included to make sure your puppy has a secure and safe haven for those special times, is a metal dog crate that folds for easy storage and portability.

The logo for the Notre Dame Academy Alumnae Event. It features a circular emblem with a fleur-de-lis and the text "NOTRE DAME ACADEMY" and "ALUMNAE EVENT". Below the emblem is a green wine glass and a purple wine glass. To the right is a circular logo for "PANDA PERK" featuring a panda's face.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY  
ALUMNAE EVENT

CRAFTS & VINES  
WINE BAR AND TAP ROOM

OCTOBER 24, 2018  
6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

## ALUMNAE PANDA PERK ◀

Attention NDA Alumnae - our next Panda Perk Event is at Crafts and Vines in Covington on October 24, 2018. Go between 6-8:00 p.m. to get \$2 off of all wine & beer on tap and 10% off of food purchases and all retail wine.

## ► Important dates

October 3	Rho Kappa Induction
October 4	GSE Information Session
October 5	Picture Day
October 7	Golden Girls
October 8	Non-Feeder Shadow Day Unified Classroom Information Sessin for Parents 6:30 p.m. Panda Parent Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.
October 10	Informational Coffee Super Wednesday - Dismissal at 2:30 p.m.
October 11	Shadow Day - St. Agnes and Prince of Peace JR Retreat
October 12	No School: PD (Youth 2000 begins)
October 13	Autumn Gala
October 19	JR ACT/SO CERT Testing Grandparents' Day Mass
October 19-22	Fall Play
October 25	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 27	ACT at NDA CCH Halloween Dance
October 31	Halloween
November 1	No School: All Saints Day
November 2	End of the 1st Quarter
November 4	Open House Daylight Savings Ends
November 8	NDA Alum Wine and Paint Night
November 9	Remembrance Mass

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Rosary Coast to Coast
- Living Without Limits Series: Don't Get Sidelined by Common Knee Injuries
- Rosary Crusade
- Women's Health and the Catholic Church

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

