



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

We are cultivating hope and happiness during this holy season of Lent to prepare ourselves for the gift of the risen Christ on Easter. As you know, our students have many opportunities at NDA to deepen their relationship with God, especially during Lent. I hope that they will take advantage of the opportunity to go to our weekly Mass on Thursday mornings, attend our daily decade of the rosary, or receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation sometime before Easter. Special thanks to our Campus Minister, Bridget Price, for providing our students with so many opportunities to deepen their faith throughout the year. You can find a link to our Campus Ministry Update below listing a weekly schedule of prayerful opportunities for our students.



I have noticed many of our students rising to the challenge I presented to them on Ash Wednesday: to consider doing small acts of kindness throughout Lent. As I said last week, I believe that these small acts of kindness can have a tremendous impact. It is very rewarding as a principal to see the positive consequences of kindness on our campus each day and to see our students living the mission of Notre Dame Academy.

I am grateful for the many ways we are connected through our mission. In the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame, our goal is to produce young women who have a fundamental desire to seek excellence and make a difference not only for themselves, but also for the world at large. We do this by offering challenging academic programs and a multitude of co-curricular opportunities that include community service, student life, fine arts, leadership and athletics. We are blessed with the support of so many parents, families, alumnae and friends of NDA who deeply believe in our mission. We appreciate their continued support in our efforts to provide a premiere 21st century education rooted in the Catholic faith.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission and please know I am grateful to partner with you in this important work!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Lenten Prayer

Loving God,

During this sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.

Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well being of body and soul, remind me of grace and simplicity.

May this season be a grace filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you. Amen.

STUDENT LIFE

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING: MARCH 18, 2020 ◀

The Diocese of Covington is committed to creating and building safe environments in its schools and parishes. Next Friday, all Notre Dame Academy students will attend a safety presentation facilitated by Julie Feinauer, School Counselor at St. Henry District High School. Mrs. Feinauer will be speaking to our students about her experiences and how to be safe and aware in your environment. She will touch upon how to identify abuse of all types.

All students will participate in this program unless Notre Dame Academy receives written notification from a parent/guardian indicating that permission is not granted for his or her daughter to participate. To opt out of the Safe Environment Training, please provide written notification by Friday, March 13 to the attention of Mrs. Amber Grayson, Assistant Principal.



WEST POINT CONFERENCE ◀

Last month, juniors Emelia Campbell and Kirsten Spillman attended the West Point Ethics Seminar alongside a hundred other high school students from the Greater Cincinnati area. At the seminar, they explored ethics and value-based leadership. Bonus: Emelia and Kirsten had the opportunity to interact and dialogue with West Point graduates and men and women currently serving in the U.S. Military.



GRADUATION INFORMATION ◀

Seniors and senior parents received an email with graduation information earlier this week. You can also find Class of 2020 Graduation Information on our website [HERE](#).



STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

Congratulations to our March Student of the Month - Madison Matthews. You can read more about Madison [HERE](#).

T-Shirt Bags

Help our neighbors carry their groceries in a more environmentally sustainable way!



T-SHIRT COLLECTION ◀

Tomorrow on Women Making a Difference Day, Juniors and Seniors will be creating T-Shirt Tote Bags with the help of Service Learning Coordinators from St. Vincent De Paul. Adult sized short sleeve T-shirts are needed for the service project and can be dropped off in the foyer beginning Monday. **All students are asked to bring at least one clean T-shirt for the project.**



CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

At NDA, we celebrate our Catholic Identity everyday by living the Gospel message of Jesus through kindness and generosity to others, respect for life, community service and striving to use our God given gifts. Take a look at our Campus Ministry Department calendar for this week [HERE](#).



REMINDER FOR SENIOR PARENTS ◀

Senior Parents: A reminder that the letter for your daughter's Mission Retreat is due on **March 6, 2020**. Please send them into the school office with your daughter's first and last name on it and marked **PARENT LETTER** We appreciate your help with this activity.



YEARBOOK INFORMATION ◀

Order your daughter's 2020 yearbook now through the end of April and you can spread the \$70 purchase price over three installments if you like. https://www.jos-tens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2020-Yearbook/2020011204172891054/CATALOG_SHOP/.



NDA CASH RAFFLE DRAWING

March 13, 2020

Raffle Grand Prize: \$10,000

Students received their 2020 NDA Cash Raffle tickets on Monday. The Cash Raffle benefits our tuition assistance program as well as other student program needs at NDA. For many years our raffle has provided financial assistance for hundreds of our fellow Pandas, funds for professional development for our teachers and supported the many ways we use technology at NDA!

Tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#) or sent in with your daughters! Feel free to share the link with your family and friends to make this year's raffle the best yet!

◆ THE 2020 NDA RAFFLE IS OUT OF THIS WORLD! ◆

DAY OFF SCHOOL!
If we reach our school goal of 6,000 tickets everyone gets a day off!

EARN PRIZES

- 10 tickets = out of uniform days (up to 3 Fridays!)
- 15 tickets = a special lunch trip during school!
- top sellers = money!
- top homeroom from each grade level = catered lunch

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PROM: THE GREAT GATSBY ◀

This year's Prom will be held on Friday, March 27 at the Music Hall Box Office Ballroom in Cincinnati. Immediately following is NDA After Prom that will be held at the Northern Kentucky University Campus Recreation Center from 11:30 p.m. - 3:30 a.m. All juniors and seniors are invited to attend After Prom regardless of whether or not they have attended Prom.

PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please lend a hand in ensuring your daughter has a fun and safe prom night. Here are some ways you can help:

- Encourage your daughter to attend After Prom
- Donate a gift or gift card for After Prom prizes
- Sign up to donate food for After Prom
- Sign up to chaperone After Prom

You can find all the information you need regarding reservations for Prom and After Prom, prizes, and volunteer and food donation information [HERE](#).



ANNUAL BABY DAY INVITATION TO FACULTY, STAFF, PARENTS, FRIENDS & ALUMS ◀

Greetings from the NDA Psychology Classes!

The Psychology classes are once again hosting the annual "Baby Day" activities on Friday, March 20, 2020. This event will be held in Alumnae Hall again this year so that we will have plenty of room to accommodate a larger number of children and so that parents & grandparents will have easier access with no steps involved. You can read more about this fun event and how you can participate [HERE](#).

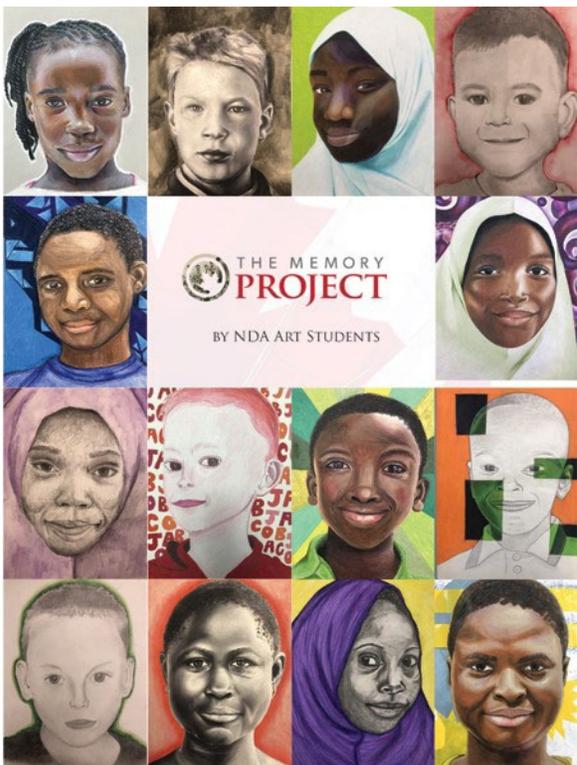
MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH THE MEMORY PROJECT ◀

Each school year, many of NDA's talented Art students participate in a service project called The Memory Project. The mission of The Memory Project is for Art students to create portraits for youth around the world who have been neglected, orphaned, or disadvantaged. The portraits are sent to the children, who typically have very little possessions, giving them something to call their own. This year, NDA Art students created 20 portraits for children in Nigeria and Russia.

The vision of the Memory Project is...

By facilitating the creation and delivery of heartfelt artwork and poetry made by children for children, we strive to break cultural barriers, leave children with a unique childhood memory, inspire creativity, show children living in difficult situations that they are valued, and cultivate a kinder world. We want to empower teachers and students in their pursuit of the same goals.

Thank you to our NDA Art teacher Mr. Matt Eckerle and his students for using their God given talents to make a difference in the world! Check out this video showing the delivery of the portraits created by students to some very appreciative children! <https://vimeo.com/394506259/32282518f4>





PANDA PARENT CLUB

PANDA PARENT CLUB MEETING ON VAPING ◀

Don't miss the next Panda Parent Club meeting on **Monday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m.** The topic is **Vaping** and our speaker will be Joyce Jacobs, a Heart and Vascular Prevention and Wellness Nurse Navigaro from St. Elizabeth Healthcare.

Junior and senior parents in attendance at the March PPC meetings will be entered into two special prom ticket raffles:

- 2020 Prom ticket raffle
- 2020 After Prom ticket raffle

Junior and Senior Parents, WIN A TICKET to Prom or After Prom FOR YOUR PANDA by ATTENDING February or March's PPC meeting!



A YOUNG PANDA TEAM PLACES 8TH AT MOCK TRIAL STATE TOURNAMENT! ◀

The future is bright for Notre Dame Academy's Mock Trial Team! NDA's Mock Trial B Team, comprised of 6 freshman and 3 juniors, placed 8th at the Mock Trial State Tournament, out of 16 teams from across the state of Kentucky. You can read the full story [HERE](#).



READY FOR SPRING BREAK! ◀

Textiles 2 made cute, roomy beach bags just in time for Spring Break. The girls quilted the fabric to make the bag and it has a roomy outside pocket for a book and a zipper pocket inside for a phone and some cash! These bags will be traveling soon!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

WINTER SPORTS PROGRAM ◀

Mark your calendar for the Winter Sports Program which will be held on March 17 at 7 p.m. in the NDA theater.



NDA BASKETBALL COACH KES MURPHY CELEBRATES 200TH CAREER WIN! ◀

Monday night's win by Notre Dame Academy marked the 200th career win for Coach Kes Murphy! Coach Murphy was presented with a commemorative plaque from NDA Athletic Director Myanna Webster after the game. Coach Murphy has been coaching high school basketball in Northern Kentucky since 1998. He has been a head coach for the past 10 years, winning multiple district titles, a Region Title and a State Championship. Congratulations to Coach Murphy on this impressive milestone!

HEY PANDAS! Let's cheer Coach Murphy on to his 201st this Friday March 6 in the Region Semi-Finals at BB&T Arena at 6:30 p.m. when our Pandas take on Connor! Tickets can be purchased for \$8 in the athletic office all week or you can purchase tickets at the door for \$10. When they win we will need you back at BB&T Arena on Sunday at 2 p.m. for the Region Finals and win #202 for Coach Murphy!



Notre Dame Academy has
for everyone this summer!

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES AT NDA ◀

NDA has all sorts of Summer Enrichment Opportunities. Check out all of the awesome art classes Mr. Eckerle is offering this summer at NDA! You can find further information and registration forms online [HERE](#).



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

Work Study Job Application Deadline: April 15, 2020

Financial Aid Applications & Academic and Tuition Assistance Scholarships

The application for work study jobs is available on the website [HERE](#) and is due by **APRIL 15, 2020**.

Financial aid applications are also now open and will remain open until **APRIL 15, 2020**.

If you are in need of financial assistance OR are looking to do work study the application with FACTS must be completed before anything else. Financial assistance requests increase each year we cannot stress enough the importance of getting your application in early. Late applications run the risk of financial aid funding being exhausted. You can access the Financial Assistance page of the website [HERE](#).

We are currently accepting applications for Academic and Tuition Assistance Scholarships. Applications can be found on the website [HERE](#), and are due in the front office no later than April 15, 2020.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



ATTENTION JUNIORS! FREE ONLINE ACT PREP ◀

Juniors will be taking an Official ACT during school on Tuesday, March 24th. We encourage Juniors to do some Prep before this test. Looking for Free Online Prep? Check out this free prep offered by ACT: <https://academy.act.org>. You can take a practice test, watch videos, etc.



WKU "SCHOOL OF MEDIA" OPEN HOUSE ◀

There is a free Open House for high school students interested in WKU's School of Media on **Friday, March 20**. If you are interested in film, broadcasting, journalism, or photojournalism, this would be a great opportunity to see what WKU can offer.

RSVP Here: [WKU School of Media](#)



UC CLERMONT OPEN HOUSE ◀

The UC Clermont Fall Open House is on Tuesday, March 10 from 6 – 8 pm. Meet professors, talk about your college and career plans, tour campus, win prizes from Q102, and much more! Seniors can qualify to receive UC Merit Scholarships up to \$2,500! Popular Majors at UC Clermont include: Aviation, Physical Therapy Assistant, and Pre-Health Sciences.

Details at ucclermont.edu/open-house



College
Rep
Visits

2019-20 College Rep Visits ◀

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch periods. You can find a list of upcoming visits [HERE](#).



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NDA PARENT TOOLBOX? ◀

Check out the NDA [Parent Toolbox](#). Timely topics include lying, emotional storms, stress, and so much more!

SAVE THE DATE! ◀

Save the date for the 2020 Autumn Gala, scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2020. It will again be held at Summit Hills. Invitations will be mailed later in the fall, but it's not too late to mark your calendars! If you are interested in helping, or know anyone who would like to get involved, please contact Nancy Goeke, Director of Major Gifts and Events, at 859.292.1851 or goeken@ndapandas.org or Taffy Hebbeler at taffheb@fuse.net.

We are in the process of searching for GALA TABLE CAPTAINS/dedicated parents who are willing to help fill a table of 10. The job of table captain is quite simple and costs nothing!

All table captains are supplied with a "how to" basket, full of essentials needed to fill their table: NDA Gala post cards, pens, and, if desired, stamps.

The table captain simply chooses and invites friends and family (invitees don't have to be from NDA, all are welcome) to join them at the Gala. There is NO financial obligation to pay for your table reservations. You simply secure a positive response from at least 10, get them to reserve their spot at your table, and ultimately FILL that table. :)

Table captain post cards/invites are completed by August/early September. Afterward, you can sit back, relax, and look forward to a fun evening with friends. It really is THAT SIMPLE...but it amounts to GREAT SUCCESS! If interested, please contact Holly Danneman at hgdmd6@gmail.com.



COMMUNITY NEWS



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

- Show Your Support for Public Transportation for Private Schools
- Young Adult & Teen Job Fair
- Emergency Shelter of NKY - Homeless to Hopeful Event
- Lenten Mission with Steve Angrisano
- Position Available at Holy Trinity School
- Position Available at St. Joseph Heights
- Position Open for Parish Office Secretary
- Kenton County School District Recruiting Bus Drivers
- Part-time School Cafeteria Positions
- 2020 U.S. Census Employment Opportunities



5K Run & Walk
In Memory of Calvin Scheper

BE CALVIN KIND ◀

Help make a difference in the world with the Scheper family by joining them for the inaugural BeCalvinKind5K run/walk in memory of their son and brother Calvin Scheper. This special community event will be held on Saturday, March 28 and will benefit children and adults in need. You can find more information about this morning of running and fun as well as online registration [HERE](#).



The [Federal Home Loan Bank](#) of Cincinnati is a regional wholesale bank providing financial services for residential housing and economic development to 652 member stockholders in the FHLB System's Fifth District of Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee. Eligible stockholders include banks, thrifts, credit unions, insurance companies and community development financial institutions. We are one of 11 Federal Home Loan Banks nationwide, a system created by Congress in 1932 to support housing finance. Our mission is to provide our Member-stockholders with financial services and a competitive return on their capital investment to help them facilitate and expand housing finance and community investment, and achieve their objectives for liquidity and asset liability management.

► Important dates

March	5	Women Making a Difference Day Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. Women Making a Difference Luncheon
	6	Senior Mission Retreat Letters Due Freshmen Mass in Chapel
	7	Investment Banking Club Trip to Chicago 8th Grade Conferences
	8	Daylight Savings time begins - Spring forward
	9	Panda Parent Club Meeting
	10	National Latin Exam
	11	FR to the Play
	13	3rd Quarter Ends Raffle Pep Rally (ADJ)
	18	SO to the Play Safe Environment Training (ADJ)
	20	Baby Day
	21	8th Grade Conferences
	24	Super Tuesday: SR Mission Retreat JR ACT SO/FR CERT Panda Preview Night for Prospective Students
	27	Prom