



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

We have much to be grateful for at Notre Dame Academy! We will come together as a community next Tuesday to at our Thanksgiving Prayer Service to give thanks for all that we have been blessed with this school year.

Last Friday many of our students had the opportunity to attend INTERalliance's Women in Technology Conference at Xavier University's Cintas Center. NDA was well represented by our students at the conference who proved once again that NDA is the educational leader in technology in the Tri-State!

We congratulate Jan and Ken Schmidt on their recent induction to the Northern Kentucky Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame for their wonderful work on our NDA Fruit Sale. You can read about two additional former NDA athlete inductions below.

Our "Can the Colonels" competition ends on Monday. I would like to congratulate our students on their hard work and dedication to feeding the hungry this winter. I am blown away by the incredible school spirit and enthusiasm our Pandas bring to every project. I am also impressed with their ability to be good competitors in this friendly competition. While our students are focused on winning, I'm happy to see their perspective and understanding of the larger picture and the importance of what a tremendous difference this canned food competition will make in the lives of others.

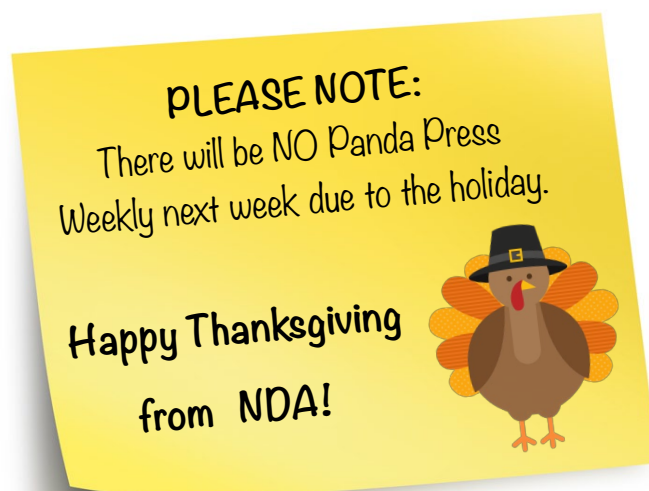
Our LIFE Club is sponsoring a dress down day tomorrow and our Hygiene Drive will begin after the Thanksgiving break. I would like to thank our students in advance for their participation in these events. Our students are very generous. They share their gifts and talents with others and they participate in the service work and fundraisers that are so much a part of who we are as a school community. Their generosity is inspiring and you, as parents of these giving young women, should be very proud of the unselfish daughters your are raising.

Please keep the Birrer family in your thoughts and prayers. Our deepest sympathies go out to NDA junior Kimmy, 2014 NDA graduates Holly and Rachel, CCH junior Noah and Mary Jo on the passing of their father/husband, Dr. Pat Birrer. May God give them the comfort and peace that they seek and may the soul of Dr. Birrer rest in peace.

Next week is Thanksgiving, and I want to express my gratitude for your continued support of Catholic education. I hope you have a healthy and happy break.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

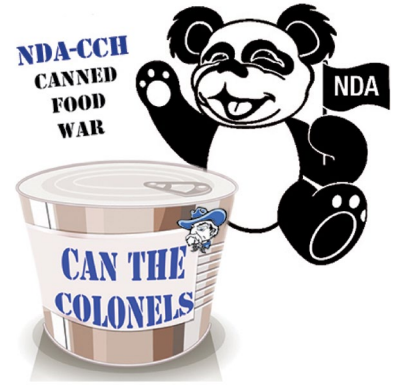


STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

CAN THE COLONELS!

Our annual food drive, **Can the Colonels**, continues! We will collect canned goods and non-perishable food items through November 23.



If we can collect 15,000 cans by Monday morning, the last day of the competition, students will be given a dress down day on Tuesday, November 24. Keep collecting, Pandas, and Can those Colonels!



INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

On Friday, November 13, NDA's INTERalliance Chapter, many of whom are SWAT Team members, traveled to XU's Cintas Center to attend INTERalliance's Women in Technology Conference. High School Chapters from around Greater Cincinnati attended. Junior Harper Lamb got to try out Google Gesture and the Oculus. Virtual Reality tools were a big focus of the event sponsors. Harper also liked that she was able to try on Google Glass which is now run by a team called "Project Aura".

Students were randomly spread around to tables of 8-10, each with a Cincinnati businesswoman placed at each table as a guide. All tables were given the same challenge of improving their school's spirit shop through the use of technology. At the end, challenges were voted on by INTERalliance leaders. Sophomore, Jessica Bierl, was seated at the table that won first prize. She described her table's solution as a phased in project beginning with year one's goal of improving the shop's part of the website. People could order online, improving sales as they opened up to alumnae. Adding a 3D component was also in the plan, allowing people to virtually try things on. Customization and orders identified with student IDs could be purchased as well. Senior, Andrea Davis was also at a winning table. NDA was well represented and behind some very strong tech ideas.

In the morning, there was a panel of local women in technology jobs in top companies. Students used an app called "Pigeon-hole" to ask questions. The questions that were chosen were those that had been voted up the line by others in the audience. Many Panda techies had their questions read and answered. All in all, it was a very successful day. Sophomore, Felicia Berling, said it was the best field trip she had ever been on in her life.



Harper Lamb '17 trying on Oculus with Brooke Schulte '17 as her guide



Senior Andrea Davis '17 working with Google Glass

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](#).

FROM THE CAMPUS MINISTER ◀

Sophomore Retreat

Due to a scheduling conflict - we will be rescheduling the Sophomore Retreat. The Sophomore Retreat will now be held from 9-2:45 on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016 on the grounds of NDA.

Hygiene Drive - Nov. 30-Dec. 4. - Our students have certainly shown that they have a strong spirit of giving in the way they have stepped up for the Canned Food Drive. I pray that same generous spirit will continue after Thanksgiving as we enter into the Hygiene Drive benefitting BeConcerned. Last year we collected 2500 + items for this collection. We would love to see the same amount again this year. **THIS IS OUR CHRISTMAS COLLECTION.** Every year, BeConcerned depends on us to help provide the basic hygiene items that we so often take for granted. These items are used as part of their Christmas Store opening at the beginning of December. Items for collection: shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine products, razors, shaving cream, cleaning supplies, dawn dish soap, windex, laundry detergent. We will be offering a dress down day to any student who brings in Laundry detergent (any size) on Thursday, Dec. 3. While travel size items are nice and accepted, remember that many people who benefit from BeConcerned are caring for a family and need the regular sized items as well. Thanks for your support and generosity! God Bless!

DRESS DOWN DAY ◀

LIFE Club is sponsoring a dress down day **tomorrow - Thursday, November 19.** The cost is \$2 which will go to support the early life ministries of Madonna House, Rose Garden Mission and Hope Emergency Center. Your support is appreciated!

We are grateful for your support and we thank you in advance for your commitment to supporting the mission of Notre Dame Academy!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Junior College Planning Meeting (For Juniors and Junior Parents)

Thursday, November 19 from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Burgei will be presenting information for juniors and junior parents pertaining to college planning in the auditorium. Some topics include: Finding College Fits ("Looking inward before looking outward"), Making the Most of College Visits, Role of ACT/SAT, and Junior Year Tips.



Initial drug-testing of NDA's Drug Free Club members was conducted this week! Students received rewards, and parents will have results mailed to them within a few weeks.

To view current Drug Free Club rewards in our community, visit Drug Free Clubs of America, click on: Programs, Current Chapter, KY, Notre Dame Academy! The Resources tab has other helpful information for parents.

College Financial Aid Presentation

Wednesday, December 9 from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the NDA Theatre

A Financial Aid Specialist from NKU will be here to provide an overview of college financial aid (grants, loans and scholarships). This meeting is open to all NDA students and parents (of any grade level). Seniors and senior parents may especially benefit from this presentation if applying for Financial Aid for the first time.



Reminder for Juniors: The KY Governor's Scholars Program applications for Notre Dame Academy are due to Mrs. Hildreth TODAY by 4:00 p.m.! Students can bring them directly, or drop them off in the office and ask for their application to be put in her mailbox. See the [Governor's SCHOLARS Program website](#) for information and the application, and email Mrs. Hildreth with any questions!



Information and applications for Sophomores and Juniors interested in applying to the [Governor's School for the ARTS](#) are open and available in their website! Deadline for GSA applications is December 31st.



Applications and information are available online for all Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors interested in applying to the [Governor's School for ENTREPRENEURS](#). GSE application deadline is December 21st.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

LACROSSE

Want to be part of the fastest growing women's sport in the country? If there was a sport that combined the athleticism and endurance of soccer, the strategy and physicality of basketball, and even the hand/eye coordination used in hockey, would you want to be involved? Would you want to know more? The sport is lacrosse and it is a spring sport offering here at Notre Dame. Head coach Jimmy Marshall will introduce the sport and discuss the upcoming spring season on **November 24 at 7:00 p.m.** in the NDA cafeteria.



CONGRATULATIONS!

NDA had three inductions at last week's Northern Kentucky Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame Induction. Congratulations to Ken and Jan Schmidt on receiving the Tom Potter Distinguished Service award for their wonderful work over the years on NDA's Fruit Sale. Jessica Birkenhauer Rawe '99 was also inducted. Jan played both softball and basketball at NDA. Sara Raaker McSorley '97 was inducted as well. Sara was both a successful athlete and head coach at NDA.

FRUIT SALE ◀

In homeroom yesterday, your daughter received a verification sheet. Please make sure that she has checked it against her tally sheet. The quantity of boxes sold are not correct but the total quantity of boxes (at the bottom) should be correct and the amount of checks, cash or credit received in advance should be correct. It should have amount still owed. This needs to be in by Friday morning so any corrections can be made so the final order can be placed on Monday, November 23rd. I am sorry that all the box counts are not on the sheet but she should have that information on her tally sheet. It would be helpful if your daughter would put on the sheet the total number of each fruit sold so I can check it. Again, I am very sorry for this. This is a work in progress this year. Thank you for your cooperation.

The fruit will be here soon. Fruit trucks will arrive at school December 4h for unloading and packing the mixed boxes with pickup and delivery to customers 12/5 & 12/6. The fruit needs to be picked up on either Saturday or Sunday (by 2:00 PM). Exchanges and additional purchases will be made through 12/10/15. All money is due by 12/11/15.

All the athletes are asked to work a two-hour shift on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. We ask parents to also work either that weekend or there are spots open on 12/11/15, the following Friday, for counting money. On the 11th we start at 7:00 AM. That is the day all fruit money is due. There is a lot to do on that day.

The site to go to sign up one of the times is:
<https://www.timetosignup.com/ndapandas/>



This weekend can be fun with everyone helping. Thank you for your cooperation.

J. Schmidt

IT'S HOLIDAY SHOPPING TIME!

Come visit us at the Bambootique!

Special Holiday Hours to serve you!

Saturday	November 14	10:30-12:30pm
Saturday	November 28	10:30-12:30pm
Saturday	December 5	10:30-12:30pm
Thursday	December 10	10:30-12:30pm
Saturday	December 12	10:30-12:30pm
Tuesday	December 15	5-7pm
Thursday	December 17	5-7pm
Saturday	December 19	9-12:30pm



Athletes/Parents!
Grab your gifts on
December 5th from 10:30-
12:30pm while picking up
your fruit!



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Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

2015-16 ANNUAL APPEAL

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT ◀

While our NDA community is very blessed, we need your support. The **2015-16 Annual Appeal** will help to bridge the gap between what is generated in tuition and what it costs to educate each of our young women. This gap currently stands at \$1,500 per student.

Over \$800,000 was dispersed this school year at NDA in tuition allowances including financial assistance, need based grants and scholarships, and work study. Your donation to the Annual Appeal will allow us to continue to work with any young woman who could benefit from an NDA education.

We are grateful for your support and we thank you in advance for your commitment to supporting the mission of Notre Dame Academy!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT? ◀

Joe Drennen from GPHomestay will be conducting an open information session at NDA after school on Tuesday, December 1, from 3-3:30 p.m. You can RSVP Joe at tdrennen@gphomestay.com or 859.414.4182, or just show up.



Important dates:

November 18	Freshmen Retreat
	Fall Sports Award Program - 7:00 p.m.
November 19	Junior College Planning Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Auditorium
November 20	Panda Funfest for 8th Graders (5:00-10:30 p.m.)
November 19-21	NCYC
November 24	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
	Lacrosse Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Cafeteria
November 25-27	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 2	Seniors Attend Play
December 4-6	Christmas Play - Snow Queen
December 5	HSPT Workshop
December 8	No School - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- St. Pius X Holiday Bazaar
- Double D Give Back Bash
- Join the St. Agnes Youth Group
- Street Smartz

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

