



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Today we celebrated our Common Reader Day at NDA and I hope you have the opportunity to talk to you daughters about the incredible learning experience we shared as a community. We began the day with small group discussions which were followed by a special presentation from the author of *A Pearl in the Storm*, Tori Murden McClure. We were all inspired not only by Tori's amazing story but also by her insights about humanity. The day continued with a special presentation by WLWT meteorologist, Randi Rico, and afternoon breakout sessions. It was one of those days where everything came together beautifully - we celebrated our theme of *Embracing Dignity in Self, Others and Community* and we lived our mission by educating young women to make a difference in the world. I would like to thank our Student Services Team and our Athletic Department as well as all of our student, faculty and staff volunteers for planning such a meaningful intellectual experience for our school community.

We had our first Panda Parent Club meeting of the school year this past Monday. I would like to encourage all of our parents to join us on the second Monday of each month from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the faculty conference room for our meetings. Also, there are many opportunities for NDA parents to volunteer for various events and committees. Please see the link in the PPC section below for the PPC Parent Volunteer Form.

One important reminder for parents - when picking up your daughter after school, **please do not park in the fire lane located in the front of school**. Also, we ask you to please not park in the aisles of our parking lot as the students are exiting. Please use one of the open spaces as you wait for you daughter. I realize that everyone is in a hurry to get on with the day and afternoon activities however, the safety of our students is always our primary concern.

In her speech today, Tori Murden McClure stressed to our students the importance of getting in the habit of doing their homework. She also told them to have "tolerance for adversity and comfort for uncertainty." I hope you can use those ideas to spark a meaningful conversation with your daughter over the next week.

As always, thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education!

In Notre Dame,

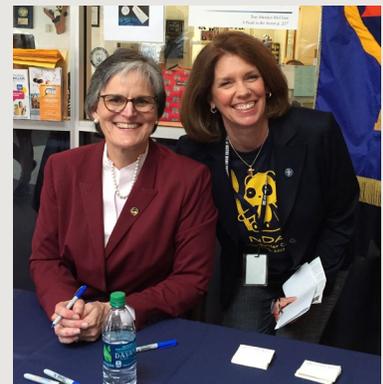
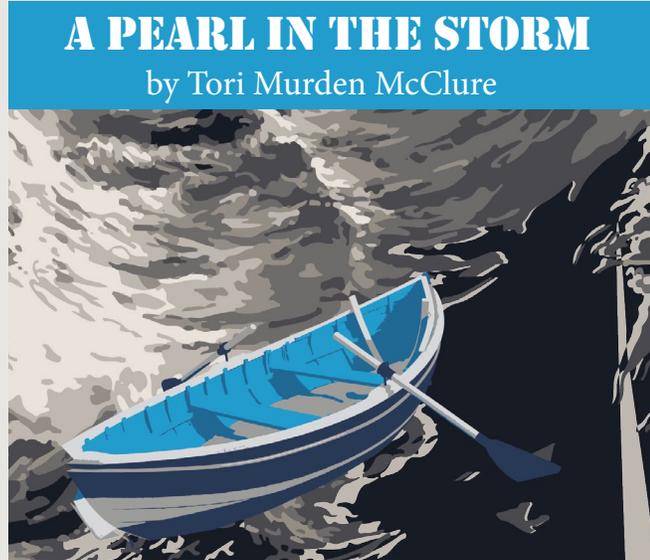
Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Our helplessness makes us human. Love is what makes our humanity bearable.



Tori Murden McClure

COMMON READER DAY 2016



**Artwork for NDA's Common Reader Day was created by senior Caroline Iglesias*

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Mixer

This Friday, August 26, the Student Council will host the first mixer of the year which kicks off at 8:00 p.m. and ends at 11:00 p.m. All students are invited, and Hawaiian luau attire is encouraged! Admission is \$5 per person with the proceeds supporting the Uganda mission and NDA's Student Council.

This event is held on NDA's campus and is drug and alcohol free, and a breathalyzer test will be administered to a student if alcohol use is suspected. If you are a Virtus trained parent and are interested in chaperoning, please contact Mrs. Grayson at graysona@ndapandas.org.

Bullying Session

This Friday during long homeroom, all freshmen and new students will attend an information session on NDA's Bullying Prevention Program. Presented by Mrs. Hildreth, Personal Counselor, the session will focus on students' responsibility to protect the dignity of each member of our community and to stand up to bullies. The session will review different forms of bullying, NDA's policy on bullying and avenues in which to report bullying (including the Sprigeo app which allows students to report anonymously).

Attention Freshmen Parents:

Please plan to attend a "meet and greet" reception on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Alumnae Hall. A reception with refreshments will be held until 6:30 p.m., followed by a brief presentation about NDA today and our plans for the future. We look forward to seeing you and hope to answer any questions you may have about the NDA experience. Parents will go directly to the Mini Night at approximately 6:50 p.m.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Health Career Exploration Program:

Health Career Exploring is a program for high school students who want to learn more about specific health careers and observe the workplace of various healthcare professionals. Students will meet one evening a month October through March in cooperating local hospitals. Students will tour various hospital areas, talk with healthcare providers, learn about salary levels, job outlook and educational preparation for a variety of health professions. They will also be able to do hands-on activities in some areas. The program runs from 5:30-7:45 each meeting night.



The registration for the 2016-17 St Elizabeth/North Central AHEC Explorers Program is now open. Registration is limited. Students in grades 9-11 can register for this program on the website: <http://www.northcentralkyahec.org/explorers.html>.

Health Careers Showcase

Any sophomores, juniors or seniors interested in a health related career can sign up to attend a field trip to Thomas More College. The event has a variety of careers represented such as Physical Therapy, Lab Technician, Nuclear Medicine, etc. We can have up to 40 students attend, so the first 40 students that turn in a completed field trip form will be selected to attend. The forms can be picked up in the school office starting Wednesday, August 24. Please email Mrs. Monohan (monohanc@ndapandas.org) with any questions.



Drug Free Clubs of America applications returned on or before September 21st to NDA will automatically be entered in an early-bird drawing for a special prize! We have already set a new record for school membership in this club, and more applications are being turned in each day! Be sure to get your application turned in to reap our rewards for living a drug free life!



There will be an Informational Meeting for anyone interested in learning more about the [KY Governor's Scholars Program \(GSP\)](#) after school in the NDA Library on Wednesday September 7. The Governor's Scholars Program is a 5-week summer residential program for outstanding students in Kentucky who have finished their junior year of high school. If interested, come learn more about this wonderful opportunity! Contact Mrs. Kathy Hildreth for more information.

Teen Court Program:

Campbell County Courts are offering an opportunity for high school student to participate in a program for this school year. Students need to email Mrs. Monohan (monohanc@ndapandas.org) if they are interested. Here is some information about the program:

The Northern Kentucky Teen Court will be back in session on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. and is looking for local high school students to participate in this exciting program. Sessions are held each Tuesday through April 18, 2017 at the Campbell County Courthouse; 330 York Street; Newport, KY. A division of District Court, Teen Court enables local high school students from Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties to experience the wheels of justice first-hand. Student participants serve in all roles of the court system – prosecuting attorney, defense attorney, and juror – with Campbell County District Judge Karen Thomas, Campbell County Circuit Court Judge Fred Stine, and local practicing attorneys.

Mentor Center

NDA will start offering homework assistance to students after school in the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:50-3:40 p.m. There will be a few staff members there as well as peers to help other students. This service is offered throughout the school year.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

FRESHMAN ATHLETE PARENT ORIENTATION

Freshman Athlete Parent Orientation for parents of freshmen and new students is August 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Theater and Alumnae Hall. It is recommended that at least one parent attend.



DON'T FORGET... An Early Bird Drawing will be held on Parent Mini-Night for those who have sent in their reservations by September 13. The winner will receive \$100 in Gala credit to spend during the evening.

The 2016 Autumn Gala will be held on **Saturday, September 24** at Notre Dame Academy. It will feature cocktails, a gourmet sit-down dinner, specialty raffles, a Bourbon Tasting Bar, Keepsake Photos, Signature Cocktail, and enhanced Live and Silent Auction items. An open bar will be available throughout the evening.

Even if you cannot make it to the event, you can still support the effort in many ways. You can purchase a **“First Choice”** raffle ticket for a chance to be able to take your pick of any Live Auction item before the first item goes up to bid. The cost is \$50 per ticket and the winner will be chosen immediately before the Live Auction begins. You do not have to be present to win, you just need to let us

know which Live Auction item you would like to pick if you are not going to be there. If you are interested in our “First Choice” drawing, contact Sr. Paul Ann or Sr. Rachel at 859.292.7736.

We are confident that the 2016 Autumn Gala will again provide an exciting evening of friendship and fellowship for the parents, alumnae, and supporters of Notre Dame Academy. We’re hoping we can count on your attendance and support this year. Questions regarding the Gala can be directed to Nancy Goeke 859. 292.1851 goeken@ndapandas.org or Taffy Hebbeler 859.250.5020 taffheb@fuse.net.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEND A HELPING HAND? ◀

Do you have just one day a month to volunteer for two hours in the NDA cafeteria? Helping out is neither difficult nor time-consuming and our current volunteers have fun visiting the school and seeing their daughters, granddaughters and friends. Volunteers are also welcome to stick around after their two-hour shift for lunch with “the crew”. Grandparents in particular seem to love this job, so please consider asking your daughter’s grandparents if they would like to help out. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karen Brungs at 859.292.1856 or brungsk@ndapandas.org. The schedule is online and you can sign up [HERE](#).



JOIN US! ◀

The Panda Parent Club (PPC) meets on the second Monday of every month and we would love to have you join us for our meetings. Our PPC goal is to create safe, fun social activities for students and parents and show appreciation for students and faculty. [CLICK HERE](#) to volunteer for various events/committees this school year including our upcoming Autumn Gala.



2016-17 College Rep Visits at NDA

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch mods (M/T/Th/F 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Wednesdays 11:12 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) Below is a list of upcoming visits.

SEPTEMBER

8 Hanover College 

University of Kentucky 

13 Washington University St Louis 

20 University of Alabama Tuscaloosa 

SEPTEMBER CONT.

22 Bellarmine University 

29 Mount St Joseph University 

OCTOBER

13 Vanderbilt University 

INFORMATIONAL COFFEE for PROSPECTIVE PANDA PARENTS ◀

Do you know a future Panda parent? Parents are invited for a “sneak peek” at NDA: Who we are, what we value, and how we will prepare your daughter to make a difference in the world.

Dates and Times:

Wednesday, August 31, 8 - 9 a.m.*
Wednesday, September 21, 8 - 9 a.m.*

Wednesday, October 19, 8 - 9 a.m.*
Friday, November 4, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.*

*Reservations are required for these events. Please RSVP to Katie Caccavari, Director of Admissions, caccavarik@ndapandas.org, 859-292-1829 at least 24 hours prior to the date you wish to attend.



▶ Important dates

August 24	Common Reader Day
August 26	Mass in Chapel 7:15 a.m. All are welcome! Fall Mixer 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.
August 30	Parent Theatre Meeting 7:00 p.m.
August 31	Freshman Athlete Parent Orientation 6:30 p.m.
September 2	Picture Day
September 5	No School: Labor Day
September 6	Diocesan Senior Mass
September 7	Future PaNDA Fun Night - Grade School Soccer Night games at 5 & 6:30 p.m.
September 9	Mid-Quarter Club Orientation
September 13	Parent Mini-Night
September 14	Donor Breakfast Freshmen Play Attendance
September 15	TMC field trip - Health Careers (Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors) Future Press We Fun Night - Grade School Volleyball Night
September 16	Grandparents' Day Mass 6th Grade Scavenger Hunt
September 23	Fall Sports Pep Rally Playing for a Purpose
September 24	Gala

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Smiles and Miles
- Life's a Ball - Faces of Pro-Life Awards - August 20

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

