



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Let me begin by thanking all of the NDA faculty and students who participated in last Friday's Diocesan Professional Development day. Many of our faculty presented at the event and as you will read below in the Instructional Technology News, our S.W.A.T. team spent their day off helping out as well.

I had the privilege of attending our Senior Retreat this weekend. It was a wonderful experience that allowed me the opportunity to get to know some of our students on a different level. It reminded me that at our core at NDA, we are built on the interaction between our students and faculty. Our faculty engages and challenges the mind and creativity of each of our students as they are growing into adulthood and emerging as women making a difference. It is awe-inspiring to witness!

Speaking of our highly qualified faculty, Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up on November 10 from 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. You can schedule these by visiting <https://www.myconferencetime.com/nda>. Conference sign up must be completed by Friday, November 4 at 5:00 p.m.

Report cards will be coming home as an email attachment tomorrow. Also, please note some of the important announcements below regarding upcoming events at NDA. Our fall play, The Tempest will be performed this weekend. Please come and see the show and support our Drama Pandas. Also, good luck to our athletes in their regional tournaments!

Finally, thank you to all of our parents who give of themselves and their time at NDA. You help out in many different ways doing many different jobs but you are all part of our Panda Parent Club. I truly appreciate all that you do to support our school!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Autumn Prayer

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.
We thank you
for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy,
for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,
for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,
for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,
for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,
for the fall harvest which that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land,
for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.
God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit.
Amen

- Doug Leonhardt, S.J.

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Freshmen Homeroom Elections this Friday! Good luck to all of our candidates!

Graduate Services

This Friday during long homeroom, the senior class will attend an informational session with Graduate Services. During the session, the Class of 2016 will receive information about graduation preparations including how to order invitations, caps and gowns.

Club Leadership Meeting

On Wednesday, October 28 at 2:45-3:15, we will be hold a mandatory meeting for all student club and activity leaders. At the meeting, we will discuss:

- Open House Preparations
- Club Service Project Requirement
- Goal Setting

NDA and CCH Present

THE TEMPEST BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE ◀

Don't miss one of Shakespeare's most magical plays, The Tempest, performed by NDA and CCH. The Tempest is set on a remote island, where Prospero, the former Duke of Milan, plots to restore his daughter Miranda to her rightful as ruler using illusion and skillful manipulation. He conjures up a storm to lure his usurping brother Antonio and the complicit King Alonso of Naples to the island. There, his machinations bring about the revelation of Antonio's lowly nature, the redemption of the King, and the marriage of Miranda to Alonso's son, Ferdinand.

Showtimes: **Friday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m.**
 Saturday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 p.m.

Adults: \$10 | Students \$5

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE [HERE](#).



INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

SWAT Team Assists at Diocese PD

On Friday, October 16, 2015, the SWAT team attended and presented at the Diocese "Digital Learning and Leading" Professional Development Day at Bishop Brossart High School. These young ladies gave up their free day to present to the Diocese high school teachers. Great Job!!!

*Front l to r: Maddie Jones, Jessica Beirl, Stephanie Meyer, Audrey Nienaber, Emma Nurre, Ashley Wright, Lilly Bradley
Back l to r: Emily Rice, Annie Lee, Harper Lamb, Hannah Bradley, and Mrs. Mullee missing: Jackie Noll*



SWAT Planning a Technology Trip to California: Open to All Students

In February, 2016, some members of the SWAT Team and other students interested in cutting edge technology, are busy planning a visit to California. On the natural wonder side, we will visit the namesakes of Apple's Operating Systems, Yosemite, Mavericks, and El Capitan. Our technology visits will include Intel, Dropbox, Netflix, Aerohive, and more.

Registration ends Friday. For more information: [NDA SWAT Technology Trip to California](#)

FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

GOLF

Erin Durstock tied with 4 other golfers with an 82 and secured 7th place and Amy Pugliano finished 11th with an 83 at the 5th Annual Kentucky Golf Coach's Association Senior All Star Tournament!

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to our Cross Country Pandas! They finished 16th over the weekend in the Lex Cath tournament.

SOCCER

NDA Soccer Pandas beat Connor in the first round of regionals 3-0. They play at 5:00 p.m. on TODAY at St. Henry. Come cheer on our Soccer Pandas!

VOLLEYBALL

The Volleyball Pandas swept Covington Latin 3-0, and will face Beechwood in the District Championship on Thursday!

SEEKING BOWLERS!

The NDA varsity bowling team still has spots that need to be filled. If you are interested please email the coach Michelle Wagner at wagnerm@ndapandas.org

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR SENIORS ◀

Seniors: If you haven't had your senior drape photos taken or made an appointment for a sitting, please contact Prestige Portraits this week at 859-578-0110. Prestige is currently scheduling sessions for late October, so don't delay in getting yours lined up!



PPC NEWS ◀

Mother Daughter Dance 2015. This year's event will be on Friday, November 13, 7-11 p.m. at Receptions in Erlanger. Costumes are encouraged for this event. Be as creative as you want. The theme is **Freaky Friday**, which can be the movie (starring Lindsay Lohan and Jamie Lee Curtis - OR for the moms, Jodie Foster and Barbara Harris), or Friday the 13th spooky stuff. And, seniors, don't forget to start making your senior

posters for display that night!!

Registration forms are now available in the school office or you can download one [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please email Mimi Bradley at mimicbradley@gmail.com.



NDA WELCOMES THE CLASS OF 2020! ◀

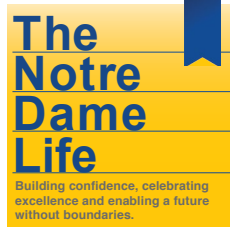
OPEN HOUSE

Open House yard signs are ready and if any Panda families have a business or an ideal spot for a yard sign, please contact Admission Director Katie Caccavari at 859.292.1829 or caccavarik@ndapandas.org.

SHADOW DAYS

This week NDA welcomed many 8th grade students for Shadow Days from several area schools including: St. Pius X, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Joseph - Cold Springs, St. Paul, Gray, Camp Ernst, Summitview, Conner Middle, Turkeyfoot, St. Augustine, St. Thomas, Ockerman, and Woodland.

We have a couple of additional Shadow Days planned in the coming weeks. We look forward to welcoming 8th graders from schools in our area and letting them see first hand the many opportunities offered at NDA. If you know a young lady who would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please have her contact Katie Caccavari in the Admissions Office at 859.292.1829.



FALL OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, November 8
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

ndapandas.org

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



Parents, are you aware that Powdered Alcohol may be coming soon??

A powder that can be mixed with water to make an instant cocktail and two types of liquor may soon be available at Kentucky retailers. Parents should take note as this product sparks numerous health concerns about its high potential for abuse and appeal to youth.



Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts online [GSA Application](#) will be open to high school Sophomores and Juniors on October 14. Check out their new [GSA 2016 e-Brochure](#). Interested students can apply for one-day ArtShops beginning October 1, or obtain more information via [Governor's School for the Arts](#). Arts instruction is offered in nine areas:

Architecture+Design
Drama
New Media

Creative Writing
Instrumental Music
Visual Art

Dance
Musical Theatre
Vocal Music



The Kentucky Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE) is open to current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. GSE is a (free) three-week summer residential program where students working in teams on the campus of Georgetown College take an idea for a product or service and utilize STEM, art, and business skills to design a product and build a business model for it. The GSE Application will be available online from October 19- December 21. For more information, visit [Governor's School for Entrepreneurs](#) or [GSE Flier](#), or contact Mrs. Kathy Hildreth at hildrethk@ndapandas.org.

TEAM SHANNANIGANS IS BACK! ◀

NDA 2015 graduate Shannon Wilson is reuniting the Shannanigans for the UC Walk Ahead for a Brain Tumor Cure. This year, Team Shannanigans may be a bit smaller, but Shannon would love any Panda support. The walk is on Sunday, October 25 at 8:00 a.m. at Sawyer Point again and is a 5K. Proceeds go to tumor research and patient education programs. If you are interested in signing up for Shannon's team, go to <http://www.walkahead.org> and click 'Join a Team' and from there you will choose Shannanigans. There is a \$40 registration fee. Shannon sends a big "hello" and "thanks for the support!"



2015-16 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.

October

- 21 Northern KY University 8:00-9:00
- 21 University of Kentucky 8:00-9:00
- 21 Ohio Northern University 11:10-12:30
- 29 Bellarmine University 11:30-12:15
- 30 Denison University 10:45-11:30

NOVEMBER

- 9 Hanover College 10:45-12:15
- 9 DePauw University 10:45-12:15
- 9 University of Cincinnati 10:45-12:15
- 9 University of Alabama 10:45-12:15
- 11 University of Kentucky 8:00-8:45

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](#).

Important dates:

October 21	Informational Coffee
October 22	National Honor Society Induction
October 23-25	Fall Play
October 27	Blessed Sacrament Shadow Day
October 30	Archery Tournament
November 3	Picture retake day
November 5	St. Agnes and Prince of Peace Shadow Day
November 6	Remembrance Mass
November 8	NDA Fall Open House
November 10	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 12	Juniors attend play
November 13	Naturalization Ceremony at NDA
	Mother/Daughter Dance
November 14	HSPT Test Workshop
November 18	Freshmen Retreat
	Fall Sports Award Program
November 19-21	NCYC
November 24	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
November 25-27	No School - Thanksgiving Break

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Life's 5th Quarter
- Double D Give Back Bash
- St. Agnes Youth Group - First Meeting
- Street Smartz

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

