



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings parents!

I hope you have stayed warm and safe and enjoyed today's snow day.

This week we remember to call to respect life for all, from conception to natural death. On Thursday a group of students, teachers and parents planned to depart for the Life March in Washington D.C. however, due to the impending weather forecast, the Diocese is cancelling participation in the 2016 March for Life. We will still hold our March for Life prayer service on Friday morning. Please pray with us for the dignity of all life.

Also, please keep our seniors in your prayers as many of them will be on retreat this weekend. This is an important time of spiritual growth and reflection for them.

The Panda Parent Club will sponsor the annual Father Daughter Dance on January 29 at Receptions. Make sure to get your tickets for this fun filled evening of dinner and dancing with dads.

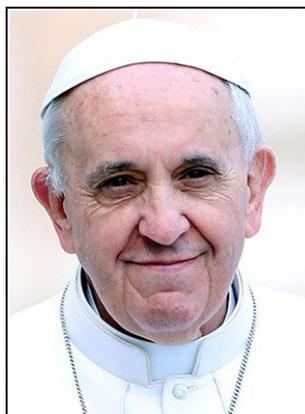
Our Fine Arts Department is preparing for the annual showcase to be held February 5-7. The theme this year is *The Trail We Blaze*. Please see our [website](#) for more details.

As you will see below, our annual *Women Making A Difference Luncheon* is scheduled for February 25. This year we are recognizing Sr. Mary Ethel Parrott '64, Gina Tuemler Wulfeck '76, and Lisa Davis Loudon '97. Please join us in honoring these very deserving women as well as our Sr. Reina Award recipients, Bill and Sue Butler.

Finally, thank you to all of the NDA families who have supported this year's Annual Appeal. Your commitment to our mission is critical and very much appreciated. Thank you for being active members of the NDA community. I, for one, feel blessed to be part of such a wonderful team atmosphere, positive climate among hard working students, staff and faculty.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Be sanctuaries of respect for life,
proclaiming the sacredness of every
human life from conception to
natural death

— Pope Francis —

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀ NDA 2016 MARCH FOR LIFE TRIP CANCELLED

Message from the Diocese:

Due to the impending weather forecast for Washington, DC for the upcoming weekend, the Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Office is cancelling its trip to Washington, DC.

Much prayer has gone into making this decision. While travel to Washington, DC does not currently seem to present a problem, a large snowstorm is expected to hit the Mid-Atlantic and Washington,

DC area on Friday and Saturday, potentially making travel very dangerous during the time that many of our groups would be returning home. The safety of our travelers is our main concern.

Finally, we encourage all those who were planning to attend the March for Life to participate in one of the ten Holy Hours for Life that will take place in the Diocese of Covington on Friday, January 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. More information can be found in The Messenger.

GREEN PANDAS ◀

Last Friday, members of the Environmental Club spent time building a wooden compost bin. The composting initiative is going well in its first year, thus the need for an overflow receptacle. Normally, members collect the recycling after school on Fridays, with meetings on the first Fridays. Mr. Dan Martin is the club moderator.

Way to go green, Pandas!

Pictured are Elizabeth and Claire Lonneman and Jami Farwell. Missing from this carpenter crew is Kimmy Birrer.



21st CENTURY LEARNING AT NDA! ◀

By Emily Latz

On Wednesday, January 13, our English classes skyped with journalist Kelsey Timmerman, the author of *Where Am I Wearing?* In his book he travels around the globe to different garment industries in hopes of learning more about the lives of the people who make our clothes. During our skype session he gave us advice on being an aware consumer and finding a balance between contributing in both a local and global community. He also encouraged us to try to find inspiration through traveling as we try to find a purpose in society. I enjoyed this experience because it was laid-back yet informative. Kelsey's advice has definitely affected how I view the importance of forging new relationships and being more aware of the world around me.



ZUMBA

ZUMBA TIME! ◀

The Spanish Club will be hosting their annual Zumba class Wednesday, January 27 from 3:00-3:45 p.m. The cost will be \$5 at the door and all proceeds will go to the Cooperative for Education, a charity that brings education to children in rural Guatemala. They hope to raise \$840, enough to sponsor one child's education for a year. Students, family, and friends are invited. There will be dancing and fun so please come and have a fiesta with us!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Cinderella's Closet

Even though Silver Bells is still fresh in everyone's memories, some people are already thinking ahead to Prom! The organization Cinderella's Closet is definitely one of those groups, as they provide dresses, accessories, and shoes for junior and senior girls who need help to have a wonderful and memorable Prom experience. They provide these essential Prom items at no cost to those who have a financial need. If this is something your junior or senior daughter could benefit from, please contact Personal Counselor, Erin Maggard, at maggarde@ndapandas.org. The counselor will work with your daughter to set up an appointment on March 18th or 19th to pick out her dress. Cinderella's Closet will begin accepting appointments on February 12th, so please let the counselor know if you are interested as soon as possible. For more information about Cinderella's Closet go to <http://www.cinderellasclosetusa.org/>.



Freshmen

Parents & Guardians of NDA Freshmen: To participate in upcoming Career Exploration and Planning during the first week of February, your freshman student needs to have an open ILP (Individual Learning Plan) account. This free and very beneficial service is provided through KHEAA, the same organization that provides KEES (Kentucky Excellence in Education Scholarship) scholarship money for college! Please read the email sent to you today from Mrs. Hildreth for instructions on how to make sure your daughter has an open account so she can to participate in class during the week of February 1-5. If for some reason you did not receive this email, or if you have questions, please contact [Mrs. Hildreth](#) directly!

Juniors

Juniors and Junior Parents:

This is a reminder that we will be having the March District Choice ACT test for all NDA juniors on March 15. We will register the students for the test during the school day (long homeroom periods) in the coming weeks, so there is not a need to go online and register for this test. The cost of the test is \$39.50 (no writing test) and the students can bring a check (made out to NDA) to the school office for this amount by March 11. Financial assistance is available for those who may need it. This is a real ACT test and the scores can be sent to colleges.

If you are interested in any test preparation for this test, please visit our website for more information here: [Standardized Testing Information](#). Also, TorchPrep is hosting a session to prep for this test at NDA (for NDA and Cov Cath students) starting February 11 and lasting until March 12 (9 week prep class on Thursdays from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. & Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.). Early registration deadline is February 1 (\$50 discounted rate). For more information about this class at NDA, please visit the Torchprep website here: http://www.torchprep.com/courses/#select_city

Seniors

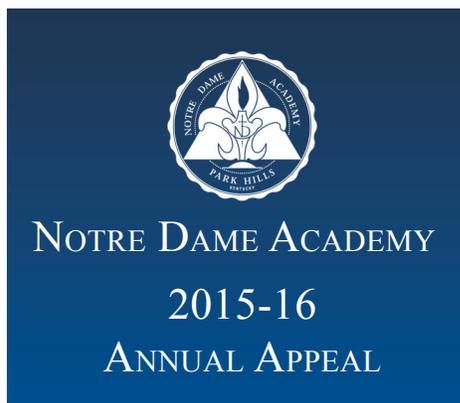
Seniors: FAFSA Now Available

Attention Senior Parents: As of January 1, seniors are now able to fill out the 2016-2017 FAFSA (College Financial Aid Application). It is highly recommended that families complete the FAFSA in the first 2-3 weeks of January. If a family qualifies for Grant money (especially Grants from Kentucky), they are first come, first serve. Most colleges ask that you complete the FAFSA by Feb. 1 or Feb. 15.

Resources to help:

Kentucky offers FREE Help Filling out FAFSA, [Click here for information](#).

For Checklist of needed documents, necessary Links, and other resources, [Click here](#).



THANK YOU! ◀

Thank you to those families who have participated in the 2015-16 Annual Appeal. We are grateful for your support and we thank you for your commitment to supporting the mission of Notre Dame Academy.

The 2015-16 Annual Appeal helps to keep tuition at a rate well below our private school counterparts in the Greater Cincinnati area. It also helps to bridge the gap between what is generated in tuition and what it costs to educate each of our young women.

If you have not already made a donation to the 2015-16 Annual Appeal, please prayerfully consider your participation and keep in mind that every donation counts. If you would like to make a donation online, you can do so online [HERE](#).



PPC NEWS ◀

Father Daughter 2016

Don't miss out on a Trip Around the World at the NDA Father/Daughter, Friday, January 29, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. We will be visiting many exciting destinations at Receptions in Erlanger. Cost is only \$25 per person for memories to last a lifetime! Download your reservation form [HERE](#) and send payment (check made out to NDA) to Notre Dame's front office by this **Friday, January 22**. Any questions please contact the front office.261-4300



FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

Archery

NDA archers finished 6th place. Erin Kirchner came in 11th and was our leading scorer with a 275. Manon Stovik, Kayla Torres, Hannah Rovito, Emma Duerstock, Lily Pierson, Jenna Wigger, Emily Farrell, Oli Marita, and Hope Feinauer all shot their personal best scores at the tournament.

Basketball

Freshman and JV basketball fell to Sacred Heart over the weekend.

Bowling

Bowling fell to Cooper last week but had a great showing with Alecia Radford leading the way with a 429.

Lacrosse tryouts will be Saturday January 23 at NDA 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. at NDA. If you have any questions or if your daughter wants to participate but can't make tryouts - contact Jimmy Marshall at marshallj@ndapandas.org.

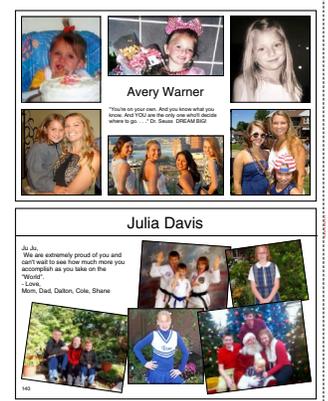


HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR YEARBOOK? ◀

Parents: Now you can order your daughter's copy of the 2016 edition of the Notre Dame Academy yearbook, Tapestry, by following [this link to jostens.com](#). Yearbooks are now available at last year's pre-order price of \$60; get yours before the price goes up in April!

SENIOR ADS ◀

Senior Parents: You're understandably proud of your daughter. Why not say it with a yearbook recognition ad? They're available in a variety of sizes and price points, and you get to choose the photos and words you want. They're quick, easy and fun! Getting started is as simple as following [this link](#).



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Presents
EMPOWERED
& *Enlightened*
A SPECIAL SPEAKER SERIES FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES

Introduction to Yoga
The physical, mental and spiritual benefits
Monday, January 25, 2016
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
NDA Alumnae Hall

FREE YOGA CLASS ◀

Are you looking for a new way to get in shape in 2016? How about yoga? Register now for this **FREE** Introduction to Yoga class!

This fun and friendly class, **Introduction to Yoga: The physical, mental and spiritual benefits**, is the third part of NDA's 2015-16 Speaker Series.

The class will be taught by NDA alumna, Caroline Miller on **Monday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m.** in NDA's Alumnae Hall.

You can register online [HERE](#).

ALL ARE WELCOME!



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S FIFTEENTH ANNUAL

Women Making A Difference

AWARD LUNCHEON 2016

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016

NORTHERN KENTUCKY CONVENTION CENTER, COVINGTON, KENTUCKY

11:00 A.M. REGISTRATION & NETWORKING, 12:00 P.M. LUNCHEON & AWARDS CEREMONY

Honoring Notre Dame Academy Alumnae for the contributions they have made to their families, their communities, and beyond. Also, at this event, we will present the Sr. Reina Arlinghaus Award given to non-alumnae who are making a difference in our community.

2016 WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE HONOREES



Sister Mary Ethel Parrott
1964



Gina Tuemler Wulfeck
1976



Lisa Davis Loudon
1997

2016 SR. REINA AWARD HONOREES



William and Sue Butler

Please contact Emily Berling at 859-292-1852 or at berlinge@ndapandas.org to RSVP.

Important dates:

January 22	Life March Rosary Prayer Service
January 25	NDA Free Speaker Series – 7:00 p.m - An Introduction to Yoga
January 29	Father/Daughter Dance 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.
February 1	Catholic Schools Week Begins
	Mass with the Sisters and Bishop Foys
February 3	Diocesan Mass
	Charity NDA vs. CCH Vball Game
February 4	Current Freshmen & Sophomore Parent Scheduling Meeting
February 5	Talent Show
February 5 - 7	NDA/CCH Showcase: The Trail We Blaze
February 11	Current Junior Parent Scheduling/PSAT Meeting

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Work Study Positions Available with the Sisters of Notre Dame
- Part-time Job Opportunities for Students and Moms

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

