



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

This week we are *Embracing Dignity in Self, Others and Community* by focusing on respecting life for all, from conception to natural death. On Thursday evening, a group of NDA students, teachers and parents will leave for the March for Life in Washington D.C. and will return early Saturday morning. We will celebrate Mass tomorrow at 7:20 a.m. with Msgr. Enzweiler in our chapel to pray for the protection of human life. We will also have a prayer service with the NDA community on Friday for this special intention. We thank those members of our community who are representing us at the March for Life. Safe travels!

This past Friday evening, our sophomores did an amazing job organizing our annual Silver Bells Dance. The dance was a huge success enjoyed by about 650 students who attended. Thank you sophomores!

Scheduling meetings for the 2017-18 school year begin next week with our Sophomore Meeting on Thursday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The Freshman Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7 and the Junior Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9. Parents are asked to attend these meetings which will include information about standardized tests your daughter took this year as well as course scheduling for the coming year. Students are welcome to attend as well.

Congratulations also to all of our Second Quarter Honor Roll students. You can find the complete list of students who made First and Second Honors in the second quarter of this school year [HERE](#).

Please take a moment to read about NDA senior Meg Whelan's proposal for AFS Project: Change. Meg is truly a woman ready to make a difference in the world and we can all help by voting for her project each day. You can find more information about her proposal and instructions for voting below.

Next week is Catholic Schools week and this year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." We join other schools in our Diocese in celebrating our Catholic schools and the success of our NDA students and faculty. We have many events planned for the week including a special mass honoring the Sisters of Notre Dame and celebrated by Bishop Foy. Our week will also include Faculty Appreciation Day, Student Appreciation Day and a talent show.

Please pray for our seniors (pictured below) who are on retreat this week. May this be a special and meaningful experience that brings them closer to God for their journey ahead.

As we celebrate our NDA Catholic community, please know that we are most grateful for the commitment of our parents to Catholic education. Thank you for choosing a Notre Dame education for your daughter and giving us the opportunity to be a part of her development as a woman who will make a difference in our world.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Catholic Schools Week

Take a look at what is happening during Catholic Schools Week next week when we celebrate communities of faith, knowledge and service.

On Monday, we celebrate the Sisters of Notre Dame and the heritage of our great school. The Sisters will be invited to a morning Mass celebrated with Bishop Foys and followed by lunch with the students. Thank you to the Sisters for providing sundaes for the students at lunch!

Tuesday is Pajama Day, and students are encouraged to wear Pajamas and celebrate in our sisterhood and sleepovers past and present. Pajama Day encourages us to think about our sisterhood with one another and the bond that unites us as women of Notre Dame.

On Wednesday, students will recognize and thank the faculty, staff and administration for all they do to provide an exemplary Catholic education. To prepare for the charity volleyball game against CCH on Wednesday evening, students are invited to dress as boys during the day. Student Council will begin selling tickets for the game next Monday through Wednesday, and proceeds will be given to the Northern Kentucky Emergency. All are welcome to join us for the game next Wednesday evening at 7:00pm in NDA's gym.

Students are asked to dust off that elementary school uniform because they are welcome to wear these on Thursday for Student Appreciation Day. The day's schedule will be slightly adjusted to allow for recess time during the lunches.

We will wrap up Catholic Schools Week on Friday with a celebration of the decades and our students' talents. Students will indulge in Skyline for lunch and watch the annual Talent Show in the afternoon.



JOIN US ◀

We will celebrate Mass tomorrow at 7:20 a.m. with Msgr. Enzweiler in our chapel to pray for the protection of human life. Please join us!

PANDAS PERFORM IN HONOR BAND ◀



TRI-STATE BAND SYMPOSIUM

Four NDA students were selected to participate in NKU's Tri-State Band Symposium this past weekend. This Band Symposium is an honor band experience for the Tri-State's finest wind and percussion players and their directors. Grace Caccavari (clarinet) was selected to perform with the Honor Wind Symphony and she also performed a voice solo at the symposium concert. Anissa Dickerson (clarinet), Ming Wai Wong Burgess (tenor sax) and Emily Farrell (euphonium) were all selected to perform with the Symphonic Band. Congratulations to these very talented students.

It's Raffle time at NDA!

Each student will receive 6 raffle tickets in homeroom next Monday for this special annual event. As you know, this fundraiser helps keep tuition low and aids in providing tuition assistance to deserving students.

Our overall goal this year is \$45,000! We are expecting the students to raise \$40,000 of that goal. With generous alumnae support, we hope to exceed our overall goal.

The winning raffle ticket for **\$10,000** will be pulled on February 17 at 2:00 p.m. at the Winter Pep Rally.

Sr. Paul Ann, Sr. Rachel and Jan Gilliam will be collecting raffle tickets each morning, passing out Out of Uniform passes and tallying up totals for the students to check our daily progress.

Each student is highly encouraged to sell 6 tickets at \$15 each and there are many incentives for them to do so:

- The Top Selling Student will receive a \$150 Visa gift card
- The 2nd Top Selling Student will receive a \$50 Visa gift card
- The 3rd Top Selling Student will receive a \$25 Visa gift card
- The Winning Homeroom will get donuts one morning during long homeroom
- The Winning Grade Level will get pizza one day during lunch mods
- The Top Winning Homeroom Teacher will receive a \$50 Visa gift card
- Out of Uniform Opportunities:

Each student will have a chance to earn 3 Out of Uniform days by doing the following:

1. Brings in her 6 raffle tickets BEFORE or ON February 8
2. Brings in 6 additional raffle tickets BEFORE or ON February 13
3. Brings in 6 additional raffle tickets BEFORE or ON February 15

In order to receive 3 Out of Uniform Passes, a student must sell 18 chances. If the student body meets its goal of \$40,000, each student will receive a SPECIAL treat!

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity in making a difference in the lives of our students and helping us reach our goal of \$45,000. The Notre Dame Academy community continues to remember you and your family in daily prayer.

If you have any questions, please call the Advancement Office at 859-292-7729.



NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

ARCHERY

The Panda Archers competed with the Colonels at St. Henry's Tournament over the weekend with two teams coming in 4th and 13th out of 17. Top scores were earned by Hope Feinauer and Lily Gamel who both shot a 270, Erin Kirchner with a 268, Manon Stovik with a 266, Lindsay Brossart with a 262. Megan Seligman shot in her first tournament. Results for the whole roster can be found on nasptournaments.org.



BOWLING

Congratulations to Alecia Redford who finished third in the individual regionals last night for bowling and is headed to the State Tournament! Team regionals for bowling will be tomorrow. Good luck Pandas!

PARENTS - WE NEED YOUR HELP ◀

Catholic Schools Week Volunteers

We need two Parent Volunteers on Friday, February 3 to help serve a special Skyline lunch for Catholic Schools Week. It will only take a couple of hours and it will be a fun day to be on campus enjoying all of the CSW energy! If you are interested, please contact Karen Brungs at brungsk@ndapandas.org.

NDA and CCH Present...

Nights of Student-Directed One-Acts ◀

Join our students for two nights of one-acts, monologues, and scenes on February 3-4 at 6 and 8 p.m. ! All will be student directed and some are student-written, showcasing our students' talents in leadership and creativity. Please come and support the efforts of our students as they stretch their wings to become leaders and directors in their own right. Tickets are \$5/child \$10/adult and you can purchase tickets [HERE](#).



PPC NEWS ◀

PPC Meetings are always the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the teachers lounge. Our next meeting is February 13. All are welcome!

COLLEGE VISIT ◀

On February 6, we are having a military day. Both the Navy and the Marines will be visiting during the lunches.



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

Financial Aid Applications:

Financial aid applications are now open and will remain open until April 15th. 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](#).

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



Parent Meetings for Scheduling and PSAT overview:

We will have the parent meetings for current freshmen, sophomores and juniors in the NDA Theatre at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates:

Freshmen: Tuesday, February 7
Sophomore: Thursday, February 2
Junior: Thursday, February 9

We will review the scheduling process for the upcoming school year, and relevant grade level information including results of standardized testing for sophomores and juniors. Although we would love to have parents and students attend, it is not mandatory and follow up emails will give out presentation information and materials.

Junior ACT on February 28:

All juniors will be taking the ACT during the school day, on Tuesday, February 28. We will help them with registering on paper during the school day for this District Test. There is no need to register for this test. We will ask the students to bring the fee of \$39.50 to school eventually for the test. If a student has trouble with that fee, please let Mrs. Monohan know. All high schools in the Diocese will be taking the ACT on that day. We will ask students to arrive at 7:45 that day to get ready to start by 8 a.m. More details and reminders will follow in an email to students and parents.

Attention Freshmen!

This week, January 23-27, the Teen Leadership Club (TLC) will be collecting items from the Freshmen to support the Notre Dame Urban Education Center. Each month from January thru April we will have a different grade donating items, and January is the freshmen's turn. The after school program at the Urban Ed Center assists around 55 students daily and the sisters like to provide a snack and drink because the children are always hungry when they come! TLC will be collecting individually packaged snacks and drinks such as peanut butter crackers, cookies, chips, pretzels, capri sun, etc. We would like to make a big donation because in our most recent correspondence with the Urban Ed Center, they indicated their cupboards were almost bare! Donations can be brought to school and placed in designated spots in the front lobby. If you donate, please make sure the portions are individually packaged. Thank you in advance for your generosity ~TLC

The [KY Lieutenant Governor's Entrepreneurship Challenge](#) is a tiered business pitch competition for Kentucky high school students in Grades 9-12, intended to introduce students to a realistic competitive business environment, as well as to promote business ownership and lifelong learning. Deadline for Intent to Compete is February 1, 2017. See their website for more information!

SUPPORT NDA WHILE YOU SHOP ◀

Why not Make A Difference while you shop? Amazon Smile is a great way to give back with no cost to you. Any eligible products will donate 0.5% of the purchase price directly back to NDA. Simply click on www.smile.amazon.com and login with your amazon account, choose Notre Dame Academy as your charitable organization and shop away.



Did you know that you can help raise money at NDA through your grocery shopping at Kroger? Kroger is donating \$4 million to local organizations Use your Kroger Plus Card and help NDA grow!

Supporting our organization has never been easier — just shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Here's how to enroll:

1. Visit KrogerCommunityRewards.com
2. Sign in to your online account, or create an account
3. Find and select your organization, and click "Enroll"

You'll start earning rewards for your organization right away on qualifying purchases made using your Kroger Plus Card! Learn more at KrogerCommunityRewards.com, and thank you for your support.

***Remember, you'll need to re-enroll every April.**





NDA SENIOR DESIGNS PROPOSAL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE ◀

NDA senior Meg Whelan has designed a proposal for interpersonal social reform in India called "I am India"...

As an American high school student, I understand there is little potential for me to implode a foreign government and fight for internal programmed reform, but I do see great hope in an ability to harness good individuals' capacities to listen, understand, and reconcile. My proposal to embrace this hope is dubbed "I am India," a portrait project designed to leap across class, gender, and geographical divides using art as the mediator..... This is a project that closes gaps so old they were deemed normal, that mends wounds so deep they were forgotten, that echoes stories so true they were silenced.

Please help strengthen the success of this proposal by voting for it each day between now and February 7 through an organization called **AFS Project: Change**. With your help, Meg's vision could be among the top 200 votes! If she makes it to that level, AFS would then analyze her proposal and choose to bring it to life this summer for free with Meg as the leader of ten other American teenagers for two weeks in India.

You are able to vote once every day through February 7 at http://contest.afsusa.org/entry/582888#.WH_we7Q8KhC. It only takes a few minutes to set up an account and help Meg make a difference!

Here are instructions on how you can help:

1. **Create an account at the site above (takes 2 seconds)**
2. **Go the email to verify your account**
3. **Log BACK on to the site**
4. **The project you will search for is 'I am India'**
5. **Vote**
6. **Vote again, everyday, for the next couple of weeks**

► Important dates

January 23-26	Senior Retreat
January 25	Basketball Faculty Appreciation Night 6:30 p.m.
January 26	Mass in Chapel 7:15 a.m. - Intention: Life March participants
January 27	Life March Prayer Service in Auditorium 8:45 a.m.
January 30	Catholic Schools Week Begins - Mass with Sisters and Bishop Foys
February 1	Diocesan Mass for Catholic Schools Week NDA vs. CCH Volleyball Game
February 2	Sophomore Parent Scheduling Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in NDA Theatre
February 3	Mid quarter Talent Show
February 3-4	Night of Student One Acts 6:00 & 8:00 p.m.
February 7	Freshman Parent Scheduling Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in NDA Theatre
February 9	Junior Parent Scheduling Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in NDA Theatre
February 13	Panda Parent Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. Teacher
February 17	Winter Sports Pep Rally
February 19	Sisters of Notre Dame Pancake Breakfast
February 20	Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL
March 9	NDA Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
March 16	Women Making A Difference Luncheon

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Part-time job opportunity for moms and students
- National League of Junior Cottillions

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

