



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings parents!

Things are as lively as ever at NDA this week with students and faculty engaged in many important activities.

Congratulations to our many students who received Scholastic Writing Awards. We had an outstanding number of awards this year! NDA has quite an impressive English Department. Each of our English faculty members had winners in the competition.

Congratulations also to all of our Second Quarter Honor Roll students. You will find a link below to see the complete list of students who made First and Second Honors in the second quarter of this school year.

Thank you to Mr. Eckerle, Mrs. Price and all of our students who participated in the Memory Project again this year. This project is a wonderful opportunity for our students to creatively practice kindness and global awareness. The portraits they create help children feel valued and important, knowing that many people care about their well being.

Special thanks to our Panda Parent Club (PPC) for sponsoring our annual Father Daughter Dance which is scheduled for this Friday evening. I am truly grateful to the parents who have worked so hard to plan this special event for our students and their dads. Please remember that the PPC meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Room. All are welcome. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 9 - I hope to see many of you there.

Scheduling meetings for the 2016-17 school year begin next week with our **Freshman and Sophomore Meeting** on Thursday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The **Junior Meeting** will be held on Thursday, February 11. 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.

Don't forget our Fine Arts Showcase next weekend, February 5-7. The theme this year is *The Trail We Blaze*. Please see our [website](#) for more details.

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.

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

Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
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 join students for a morning Mass celebrated with Bishop Foys and followed by lunch. Thank you to the Sisters for providing sundaes for our 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. Students will enjoy breakfast at lunch on this day.

On **Wednesday** students will recognize the faculty, staff and administration for all they do to provide an exemplary Catholic education. To prepare for the charity volleyball game Wednesday evening, students are invited to dress as boys during the day. Student Council will begin selling tickets on Monday for the volleyball game against Cov Cath. Proceeds will be given to the Northern Kentucky Emergency Cold Shelter. The game begins at 7:00pm in NDA's gym, and Student Council will be selling Chick-Fil-A sandwiches for \$3 before and during the game.

Students are asked to dust off those elementary school uniforms because they are welcome to wear these on **Thursday** – Student Appreciation Day. Grade school skirts can be worn but must meet dress code requirements (3 inches above knee and must button). Students who attended public elementary schools are encouraged to wear grade school spirit wear with their NDA skirt. Jeans and sweatpants are not permitted. Longer lunch periods will allow for recess today!

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

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR SOPHOMORES ◀

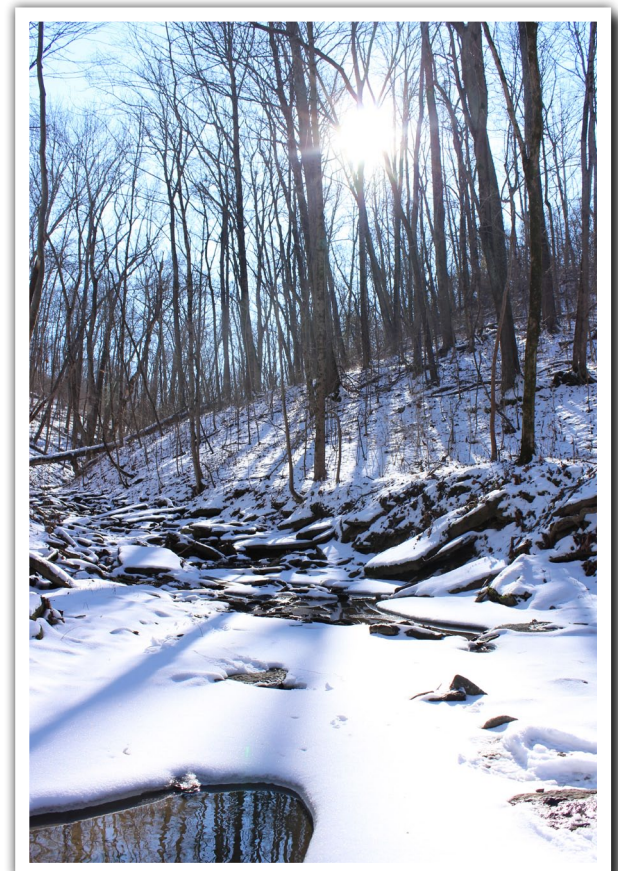
A representative from Herff Jones Graduate Service will be at NDA on Wednesday February 3, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. to hand out information about class rings to the sophomore class.

## NDA & CCH PRESENT... ◀

Don't miss this year's Annual Showcase February 5-7. The theme this year is *The Trail We Blaze*. Please see our [website](#) for more details.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB TAKES A HIKE! ◀

NDA's Environmental Club recently went on a hike at Highland Cemetery's trails. Everyone had fun being outdoors and enjoying the snow! There will be more hikes if you could not make it to this one.



# CONGRATULATIONS

## NDA SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARD WINNERS



### NDA STUDENTS RECEIVE 137 SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARDS ◀

Congratulations to our very talented young writers who recently received 25 Gold Keys, 55 Silver Keys and 57 Honorable Mentions in the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition. That is a total of 137 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards!

“The power of words our girls command speaks for itself,” said NDA English teacher and English Department Chair Linda Bricking.

“Congratulations to our students as well as our English department on the significant number of awards received,” said NDA Principal Mr. Jack VonHandorf. “In addition to the number of awards, it is quite impressive that all of our English teachers had winners this year.”

### GOLD KEY

Sammie Kleier  
Maribeth Stafford (2)  
Abbie Guard  
Abby Bruns (2)  
Katherine Horsford (2)

Erin Miller  
Fiona Blackburn  
Kathleen Rice  
Christin Sherrard  
Paige Brunson

Amanda Smith  
Kendall Crawford (2)  
Claire Lonneman  
Lauren Reinersman  
Rikki Buchberger (2)

Lauren Darpel (2)  
Andrea Davis  
Olivia Ossege  
Kate Williams

### SILVER KEY

Abbie Guard  
Katelyn Egbers  
Katharine Denby  
Taylor Eiting  
Caroline Jackson  
Anna Klear  
Clair Lange  
Rachel Massie  
Katelyn Noll  
Bridgette Stegman  
Maddie Wilhoite (2)

Ming Waih Wong Burgess  
Laura Dinn  
Fiona Blackburn (3)  
Madison Jones (2)  
Kathleen Rice  
Grace Harmeling  
Elizabeth Lonneman  
Georgia Papakirk  
Emily Rice  
Dymond Robinson  
Emma Duerstock

Abby Kelly  
Julia Mathew  
Catherine Meadows (2)  
Kylie Moellering  
Paige Montfort (3)  
Claire Morgan (2)  
Claire Morgan  
Jackie Noll (2)  
Meg Whelan (2)  
Rikki Buchberger  
Lauren Darpel

Mikayla Rankin  
Malea Rolfsen  
Maggie Brinkman  
Leah Darpel  
Savanna Hasenkamp (2)  
Mollie Seibert (2)  
Sarah Williams  
Isabelle Morgan  
Olivia Ossege (2)  
Kate Williams

### HONORABLE MENTION

Abby Bricking  
Morgan Weltzer  
Abby Couch  
Maria Danneman  
Clara Davenport  
Taylor Eiting  
Lindsey Foust  
Emilie Guerin  
Lauren Judy  
Anna Klear  
Clair Lange  
Iris Rokvic  
Sophie Skinner

Carolynn Zeis  
Sally Bishop  
Laura Dinn  
Fiona Blackburn  
Madison Jones (2)  
Christin Sherrard  
Lauren Bracken  
Olivia Cooney  
Sophia Daniel  
Camryn Diebold  
Katie Hellmann  
Ellie Kathman  
Lauren Lawler

Annabelle Lee  
Anne Simendinger  
Ellie Vandergriff  
Emily Buten (2)  
Emily Buten  
Sarah Draud  
Emma Duerstock  
Olivia Hollman  
Julia James  
Abby Kelly  
Josephine Meyer-Hogan (2)  
Kylie Moellering (2)  
Claire Morgan

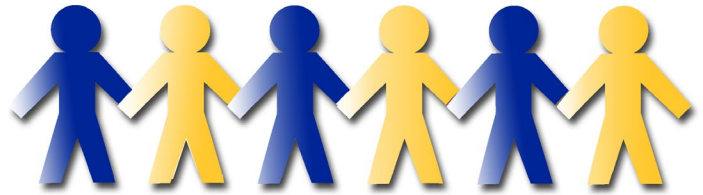
Lauren Reinersman  
Amanda Sauer  
Lydia Watson  
Meg Whelan  
Kathleen Schawe  
Lauren Darpel (2)  
Andrea Davis  
Maggie Brinkman  
Leah Darpel  
Tia Browning  
Emma Browning (2)  
Anna Resing  
Kate Williams



## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

### Scheduling meetings:

The counselors will be holding meeting for the parents to discuss the upcoming scheduling process for the 2016-17 school year. We will also be discussing the PSAT results for the sophomores and juniors. Students are welcome to attend, but we would appreciate at least one parent/guardian be in attendance. Handouts and presentation materials will be available via electronic resource, if one is unable to attend. The dates for these meetings are:



**Freshmen and Sophomore Meeting: Thursday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium**

**Junior Meeting: Thursday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium**

### 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](mailto: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 and Freshman Parents

Please be sure all freshmen have opened their **ILP** (Individual Learning Plan) accounts through KKHEAA before Monday February 1. This will allow them to participate in Career Exploration and Planning during the Freshman 101 classes next week! For information on how to accomplish this, please see the Jan. 15 email from Mrs. Hildreth.

### Grief Group Forming

NDA will be offering a Grief Support Group for students interested in participating. There will be about 6 meetings, beginning later in February. Please contact Mrs. Hildreth for more information or if interested in participating.



**Drug Free Club** officers and representatives provided free morning beverages on Wednesday January 27 before school as a reward for all its members! It's good to be drug-free!



## NDA STUDENTS MAKE HONOR ROLL ◀

Congratulations to all of our Second Quarter Honor Roll students! You can see the complete list [HERE](#).



## PPC NEWS ◀

### PPC Meetings

Please note, Panda Parent Club meetings are always the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the faculty conference room. **The next meeting will be on February 9 at 7:00 p.m.** See you there!



## FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

**Bowling** will compete in the team regional tournament tonight at 5 p.m. at Superbowl. On Monday all four of our bowlers finished in the top 20 in the singles tournament so we are excited for a great showing from the panda bowlers!

**Basketball** takes on Beechwood tonight at Beechwood.

**The 2015 high school girls soccer, volleyball, cross country and golf All Stars for Northern Kentucky were announced over the weekend. Congratulations to the following:**

**In Soccer**, NDA's own David Gronotte won Coach of the Year. Mary Tierney and Taylor Watts were both named to the First Team, Macy Tranter and Sarah Schuh to the Second Team and Audrey Nienaber was Honorable Mention.

**In Volleyball** Buck McCoart was named Coach of the Year and Morgan Hentz Player of the Year. Madison Salkowski and Hannah Talkers were both named to the First Team, Hannah Colvin Second Team and Hannah Knaley Honorable Mention.

**In Golf** Coach Karen Henderson was named Coach of the Year and Erin Durstock Player of the Year. Amy pugliano was named to the First Team with Lauren bracken and Abby bricking getting Second Team honors.

**In Cross Country** Natalie Kleier was named to the Second Team.

## ART STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN MEMORY PROJECT ◀

Once again, thanks to Mrs. Price and the Service Learning assistance, NDA's Art students were able to participate in the Memory Project (The Memory Project is a nonprofit organization that invites art teachers and their students to create portraits for youth around the world who have faced substantial challenges, such as neglect, abuse, loss of parents, and extreme poverty.) This year, our students were blessed with the opportunity to create portraits of kids from Madagascar. Each year it is an unbelievable experience. Thanks to Abby Eubanks, Abby Hentz, Alexandra Herrmann, Anna Burns, Camryn Mason, Flo Daspremont, Jessica Le, Jordan Kruetzkamp, Lily Gamel, Lindsey Meier, Madison Salkowski, Maggie Brinkman, Marissa Picciuto, Natalie Gerdes, Riley Best, Stephanie Meyer, and Lindsey Foust for representing the NDA Art program and the NDA community. Your work and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in learning about the Memory Project or interested in participating in the project, please check out their website at: <https://memoryproject.org/>



- Madison Salkowski



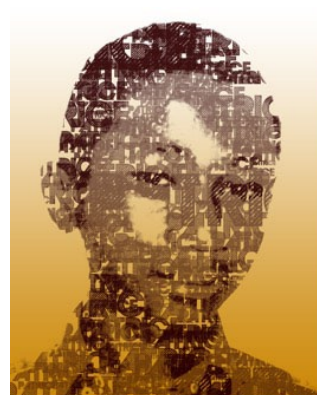
- Riley Best



- Camryn Mason



- Marissa Picciuto



- Jessica Le



## WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE 2016 ◀

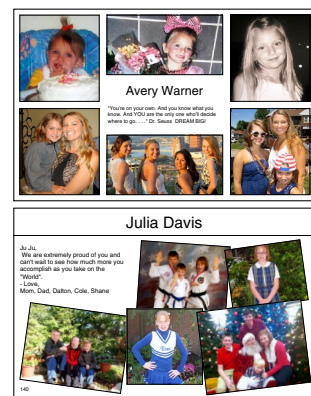
You are cordially invited to attend Notre Dame Academy's Fifteenth Annual Women Making A Difference Award Luncheon on Thursday, February 25, 2016, the at Northern Kentucky Convention Center, Covington, Kentucky beginning at 11:00 a.m. with Registration & Networking followed at 12:00 p.m. with Luncheon & Awards Ceremony. Please contact Emily Berling at 859-292-1852 or at [berlinge@ndpandas.org](mailto:berlinge@ndpandas.org) to RSVP.

## 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](#).



## Important dates:

January 29	Father/Daughter Dance 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.
February 1	Catholic Schools Week Begins Mass with the Sisters and Bishop Foy's
February 3	Diocesan Mass Charity NDA vs. CCH Vball Game
February 4	Current Freshmen & Sophomore Parent Scheduling Meeting
February 5	Mid-quarter Talent Show
February 5 - 7	NDA/CCH Showcase: The Trail We Blaze
February 9	Panda Parent Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. - ALL ARE WELCOME! 7:00 p.m.
February 10	Ash Wednesday
February 11	Current Junior Parent Scheduling/PSAT Meeting
February 12	No School: Faculty Retreat
February 15	No School: Presidents' Day

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- SOUPer Bowl
- 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](#).

