



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Happy New Year! We celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany this past weekend bringing the Christmas season to an end however, we continue to reflect on the gift of Jesus becoming human and sharing His life with us. At NDA, we also continue *Living the Gospel Empowered by Mary's Witness*. We are grateful for the love of God, especially present in those around us each day at NDA. It is wonderful to have our students back in the classrooms. They bring such life and light to our campus!

In December, 168 future Pandas took the High School Placement Test (HSPT) at Notre Dame Academy and Monday evening we invited them back to review their test scores. The Class of 2022 is a very talented group of young women! At the meeting, NDA offered \$58,750 in academic scholarships to 24 of these incoming freshmen (representing 11 local grade schools) based on their outstanding performance on the HSPT. We congratulate these students and look forward to welcoming them to NDA in the fall. If you know a young woman who is ready to make a difference in the world, our Freshman Priority Application Period for the 2018-19 school year is from January 8 - February 16. Potential Pandas can learn more about all that NDA has to offer by calling our Director of Admissions, Katie Caccavari, at 859.292.1829.

This Friday we will hold our annual Silver Bells Dance sponsored by the sophomore class. It is a fun-filled evening for sophomores through seniors. Typically, students dress up for this dance and have been informed that anyone who is not dressed appropriately will not be admitted to the dance. Dresses should be of an appropriate length and provide adequate coverage of legs, stomach, chest and back areas. Extremely tight dresses like tube dresses are not permitted. Students who choose to wear tights should make sure these are covered with an appropriate length tunic or dress. If you and your daughter are not sure about the choice of attire, feel free to email a picture to Assistant Principal Mrs. Grayson (graysona@ndapandas.org) and she will provide her feedback. **Our dress code reinforces what is appropriate for a social function at a Catholic school and demonstrates respect for self and others.** We appreciate your support of this policy.

PLEASE NOTE: We will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. this Friday in order to give students time to decorate and prepare for the Silver Bells dance. There is further information about the dance in the Student Life section below.

As you know, NDA is going through the accreditation process this school year through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. I appreciate you taking the time to respond to surveys sent out in the fall to help us with this process. The results of the survey will not only help with the accreditation process but will also help us develop a new strategic plan. **Within the next week you will receive an additional survey about your thoughts on NDA to further our strategic plan efforts. I ask that you please take time to participate in this short survey in an effort to ensure that we are reaching our goals and developing new strategies for continuous improvement. If you do not receive the survey by email, you can find it [HERE](#).**

I hope your year is off to a good start. May we all strive this year to see the presence of God active in our lives and may we be grateful for the love He shows us!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Silver Bells Dance: Starry Night in Paris

Today is the final day for Sophomores through Seniors to purchase tickets for the Silver Bells dance. The dance begins at 8:00 p.m. this Friday and ends at 11:00 p.m. School will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. on this day, and students planning to attend the dance are expected to be in attendance until dismissal. Many Pandas and Colonels plan to attend the Cov-



ington Catholic basketball game on the same night, so we are not requiring parent permissions for late arrivals to or early departures from the dance.

Attention Freshmen Parents: Help Needed!

To assist with clean up for the Silver Bells dance, we ask for the help of Freshmen parents to clean up immediately after the dance. This takes the responsibility off of the Sophomore class who hosts the event.

We are looking for 10 Freshmen parents to help clean up after the dance which is held at Notre Dame. Clean up would begin at 11:00 p.m. and should take no longer than one hour. We appreciate your help! [CLICK HERE](#) to volunteer!

Student Council Guest:

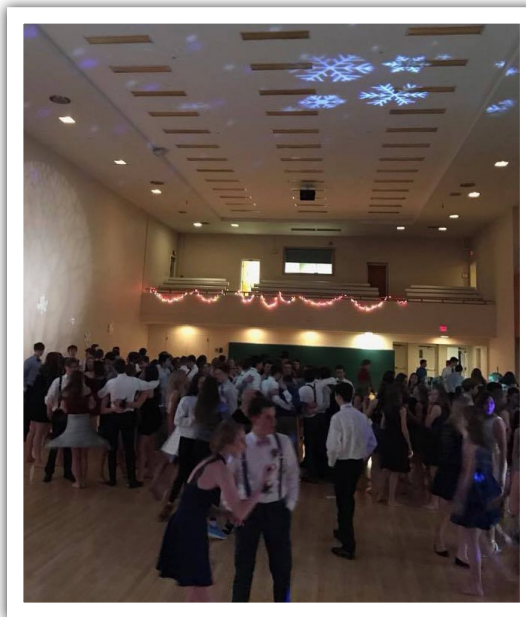
Park Hills Mayor, Matt Mattone

Before the Christmas break, Student Council welcomed Mr. Matt Mattone to their meeting and invited him to speak on his leadership experience. The Student Council is proud of his service to Park Hills!



Talent Show

NDA's annual Talent Show is scheduled for Friday, February 2 and will conclude our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Students must submit their electronic registration by next Friday, January 19 if they wish to perform. Any freshman through senior is invited to show off her talent whether it is in music, theatre, dance, band or even comedy!



Freshman Winter Wonderland Dance

The freshman Pandas and Colonels enjoyed this year's Winter Dance last Saturday night! Thanks to the NDA and CCH Drug Free Clubs for sponsoring this semi-formal dance!



INTRO TO ENGINEERING CLASS FIELD TRIP ◀

Last week, NDA's Introduction to Engineering class toured Safran Landing Systems in Walton, KY. The facility is responsible for manufacturing aircraft carbon fiber brakes and aircraft wheel and brake assemblies. Safran's customers include Boeing, Airbus, and the U.S. government. The students learned why a French company decided on Walton, KY for their plant and also learned the plant will be expanding in the coming years. The students were surprised to see many of the concepts they have studied in class like process, effective communication and teamwork evident throughout both plants.



EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT NDA! ◀

Have you read the latest issue of the GAVEL? Our Publications students, under the direction of Mr. Rory Glynn, did an awesome job putting this edition together! You can find it online [HERE](#).

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT ◀

Congratulations

NDA Director of Finance, Tom Kennedy and his wife Chris were recently blessed with a new little girl - Anna Kathleen - NDA class of 36!

Welcome

Please join us in welcoming Marilyn Slaughter as the new Staff Accountant at NDA. Marilyn has an MBA from XU and a wealth of accounting experience. She will be a great asset to the finance department!

NDA OFFERS \$58,750 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO FUTURE PANDAS! ◀

Monday evening Notre Dame Academy offered \$58,750 in academic scholarships to 24 incoming freshmen for the fall of 2018! Representing eleven local grade schools, these talented students earned the scholarships based on their outstanding performance on the High School Placement Test (HSPT) in December 2017. Congratulations to our future Pandas! You can read more about them [HERE](#).



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

ARCHERY

The Archers braved frigid temperatures to bring the heat at the Covington Catholic Christmas Classic, placing 2nd overall with a season high score of 3207! Manon Stovik was the top shot: turning in her career high score of 279 and awarded the fifth place medal. Gabriella Ficke, with a 277 came in 6th. Gwyneth Thomas came in 9th place with a 275. Evelyn Cook, Gracie Siemer, and Madison Mathews shot their season high scores. Claire Scheffter, Alexis Vandusen, and Lily Pierson shot notably. See nasptournaments.org for full roster results.



NDA 2017 SOCCER TEAM DAY! ◀

Monday was Notre Dame Academy 2017 Soccer Team Day in the City of Park Hills, KY! Thanks to the Mayor Matthew Matone for inviting the team to Monday's council meeting to accept the proclamation in honor of their accomplishments this past season including KHSAA State Tournament Runner-Ups!



2017 FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE ◀

Don't miss this year's Father Daughter Dance on Friday, January 26 from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at Receptions in Erlanger. The theme this year is Country Western! The cost is \$25 per person and includes dinner, dances and non-alcoholic drinks. Country Western attire is encouraged! Watch your email for a link to the online registration form!



► Important dates

January 11	Examfest - Cafeteria 3:05
January 12	Silver Bells - Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors (School dismisses at 2:00 p.m.)
January 15	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 16,17,18	Exams
January 19	Life March 2nd quarter ends
January 22-25	Senior Retreat
January 26	Father/Daughter Dance 7:00 p.m. - Receptions
January 29	Catholic Schools Week Begins
February 2-4	Showcase
February 6	Sophomores to Play Sophomore Ring Ordering 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Junior College Planning Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 7	Winter Sports Pep Rally
February 8	Sophomore Ring Ordering 10:50 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Freshman College Planning Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 14	Ash Wednesday Mass 1:30 p.m.
February 15	Sophomore College Planning Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 16	Mid quarter Mother/Daughter Dance 7:00 p.m. - Receptions

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Boone County Walk for Life
- Positions Available for Students
- Part-time job opportunity

You can find a complete list of community news [HERE](#).

