



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Our students are wrapping up their exams tomorrow and are ready to begin a new semester. PLEASE NOTE: Due to predicted weather conditions tomorrow morning, we are delaying the exam start time by one hour. You can find an adjusted schedule below. This will allow everyone more time to travel to school in the morning. Please make sure your daughter leaves plenty of time for her commute as it is important that students arrive on time for their exams. If students arrive before the 8:30 or 9:00 a.m. start time, they are welcome to hang out in the auditorium or cafeteria.

Thursday, January 17th

Time	Subject	Other Info
8:30/9:00 (circle one) 1st Thursdays		
10:00-10:20	Homeroom/locker cleanout	
10:20-11:20 or 11:50 7th on Thursdays		

Thanks to our parents who hosted this year's Mother/Daughter event. It was a wonderful night for our students to spend time with their mothers. As you will see below, our Father/Daughter event is coming up on Friday, January 25. You can find registration information below.

I would also like to point out that our students received information about the 2019 NDA Cash Raffle on Monday. I thank you in advance for your help in reaching our goals of \$50,000 and 100% participation from our students.

One of the things we do as a Catholic school is promote the values of the Gospel through our actions in and out of the classroom. This week we remember to call to respect life for all, from conception to natural death. On Thursday evening, a group of students, teachers and parents will depart for the Life March in Washington D.C. Please keep all those who are traveling for this important cause in your prayers. Also, we will hold our March for Life prayer service on Friday morning and pray together as a community for the dignity of all life. May our students know God's goodness and provident care in their advocacy for unborn children.

In Notre Dame,

Jack Von Handorf

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHT

As stated in our Student/Parent Handbook, “a student may ask to use the office phone if she must make a phone call during the school day or while at school. A student may not use any of the school phones or a cell phone without permission of a staff or faculty member.” We appreciate parents’ support of this policy as it helps minimize students’ distractions throughout the day and encourages the students to be more present with their peers while at school.



TALENT SHOW REGISTRATIONS DUE THIS FRIDAY!

NDA’s annual Talent Show is scheduled for Friday, February 1 and will conclude our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Students must submit their electronic registration by this Friday, January 18 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! Previews for the Talent Show will begin next week.

ATTENTION SOPHOMORE PARENTS: CLASS RING INFORMATION

Herff Jones will begin taking class ring orders on Tuesday, January 22 after school until 7:00 p.m. and again on January 30 from 7:00 a.m. until school begins. The Class of 2021 and their parents are asked to mark their calendars for Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. This is the evening of the ring ceremony.

EXAM STRESS REDUCERS!

There’s nothing like a special treat and a visit from some four-legged friends to provide a bit of stress relief on an exam day!





2019 FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE ◀

Don't miss this year's Father Daughter Dance on Friday, January 25 from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at Receptions in Erlanger. Aloha! We are Having a Luau! The cost is \$25 per person and includes dinner, dances and non-alcoholic drinks. Hawaiian attire is encouraged! Don't forget your Leis! You can register online [HERE](#). ALSO, we need volunteers to provide desserts for this event. If you are willing to help, please contact Kristy Seither at kristy-seither@fuse.net.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY CASH RAFFLE ◀

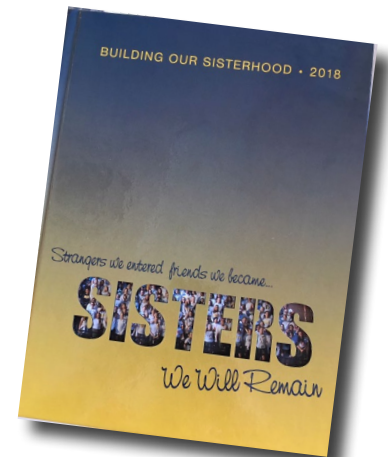
Students received information about the 2019 NDA Cash Raffle on Monday. Tickets may be picked up in the Advancement Office or purchased online by clicking [HERE](#). Please feel free to share this link to help us reach our goal of \$50,000.



YEARBOOK NEWS! ◀

2017-18 Yearbook: We have a limited number of copies of the 2017-18 school yearbook, "Building Our Sisterhood", available for purchase. Books are \$70 (check payable to NDA) and can be purchased in the school office or by contacting Publications instructor Rory Glynn at glynnr@ndapandas.org.

2018-19 Yearbook: This year's book, "New and Forever", will be out next fall but can be purchased now for the pre-order price of \$60. They're available at [jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2019-Yearbook/20180825044300310151/CATALOG_SHOP/) or by following this link. (https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2019-Yearbook/20180825044300310151/CATALOG_SHOP/)



PROVIDING A "TASTE OF HOPE" ◀

National Honor Society students are completing service activities at the Ronald McDonald House of Cincinnati this school year. Students have made snacks for residents to take to appointments and led crafts and activities for children staying at the House. NHS members are also fundraising in order to provide a Taste of Hope meal to the residents, during which they will work with the chef at the Ronald McDonald House to prepare, serve, and share a meal with the residents. Pictured are juniors Serena Paterno, Laney Ratterman, Kate Hail, Maddie Prospero, and Laura Neltner.

“SHARK TANK” EXPERIENCE at NDA ◀

NDA's Entrepreneurship Class is grateful to Keith Schneider from Square One for his help. Mr. Schneider has come to Entrepreneurship class several times over the semester to help with the students' business pitches. On Thursday he came and judged “Shark Tank” presentations by the class and brought gift cards for the students. The girls are eligible to compete in the regional competition in March.



PANDA TALENT “TAPPED” ◀

Congratulations to juniors Maddie Prospero and Laney Ratterman on being accepted into the TAP MD program! The Tap MD program began in 2011 under the umbrella of the Greater Cincinnati Health Council which has now merged with The Health Collaborative. The mission of Tap MD is to seek and find “untapped” talented high school students to increase the number of future Tristate urban and rural physicians. Students commit to the program for one year, attending monthly experiences at a variety of health and healthcare delivery sites throughout the Tristate area. They are expected and encouraged to attend each month due to the unique nature of every experience, with the understanding that academics and pre-planned commitments should take priority. At each monthly event, they are able to talk with professionals in their field(s) of interest, ask questions, handle equipment and instruments relevant to the job, and even view certain medical procedures as appropriate.

WORK STUDY AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LONGSHORE DINING HALL ◀

Do you have just one day a month to volunteer for two hours in the NDA cafeteria? Helping out is neither difficult nor time-consuming and our current volunteers have fun visiting the school and seeing their daughters, granddaughters and friends. Volunteers are also welcome to stick around after their two-hour shift for lunch with “the crew”. Grandparents in particular seem to love this job, so please consider asking your daughter's grandparents if they would like to help out. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karen

Brungs at 859.292.1856 or brungsk@ndapandas.org. The schedule is online and you can sign up [HERE](#).

ALSO, we have a Work Study position open in the Longshore Dining Hall dishroom as well. If you are interested in this position, please contact Karen Brungs at 859.292.1856 or brungsk@ndapandas.org.



TEXTILES TRADITION CONTINUES ◀

NDA's two Textiles classes recently finished their quilt projects. Each student selects her own fabric and makes the quilt to complete the course. The quilt show topped off the semester followed by our photo shoot of the beautiful quilts! Textiles teacher Mrs. Pat Brennan commented, "I am always impressed by the students progress in just one semester. We go from learning the location of the "on" button to completing a queen size quilt! The students received many compliments on their work and feel a real sense of pride and accomplishment through their efforts."



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



GSE

Applications for the KY Governor's School for Entrepreneurs are due January 20th.



The program is open to current 9th, 10th, and 11th graders. Click here: [Governor's School for Entrepreneurs](#) to learn more.

Free Prom Dresses from Cinderella's Closet

Cinderella's Closet will again be offering free dresses and accessories such as shoes and jewelry for girls who would not otherwise be able to attend prom. If your daughter has ever qualified for free or reduced lunch she would be eligible to shop at Cinderella's Closet. They will have shopping times available on Friday, March 22 and Saturday March 23. Please contact counselor Erin Maggard for more information on how to attend at maggarde@ndapandas.org.

Junior In-School ACT:

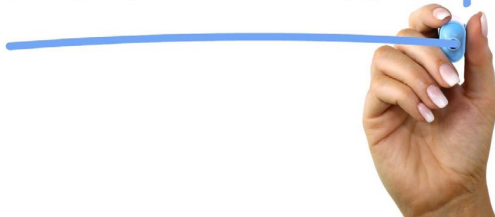
All Juniors will be taking an official ACT test during school on February 20. The students will register for this test here at school with the School Counselors. Students do not register for this in-school test through the ACT Website. More information about this February 20 ACT for Juniors will be coming soon!

Senior Reminders:

Copies of Admission/Scholarship Results: If you have received acceptance/deferral/denial notices from colleges, Ms. Burgei needs documentation of these admission results for your file. Please bring in a copy of your letter or simply print out any email that documents your admission results. If you have received notification of scholarships, we also need this documentation (even for schools you are not attending). Please contact Ms. Burgei if you have questions. Thank you!

Did you fill out the FAFSA? The FAFSA is the Application used to get College Financial Aid. If seniors have not filled out the FAFSA, we highly recommend that this be completed by February 1. Parents will need to assist students with this process as parent financial information is required. For help with filling out the FAFSA, you can see our website (College Financial Aid) or feel free to contact Ms. Burgei at burgeik@ndapandas.org or (859) 292-1830.

MENTORING



ALUMNAE MENTORING ◀

Our alumnae mentors have sessions set up for once a month to speak and interact with Seniors. Our next event is scheduled for **January 23, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.** The topic is **"Women in the Workplace"** with the following speakers:

Adrienne Vannarsdall
Lynn Watson
Janet Heil
Lisa Wintersheimer-Michel

Here is what to expect for future dates:

Soft Skills / Office Etiquette / Social Media Do's/ Do Not's
Communication / Responsiveness
Critical Thinking/Decision Making Skills
Speed Mentoring Session

Wednesday, February 13
Wednesday, March 13
Wednesday, April 10
Wednesday, May 1

We will release more details of each session prior to that session.

► Important dates

January 17	Late Start - EXAMS
January 18	3rd Quarter Begins
	Life March
	Prayer Service
January 21	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 22	Senior retreat
	Sophomores Order Rings
January 25	Father/Daughter Dance
January 28	Catholic Schools week begins
	Mass with Bishop Foys and Sisters of Notre Dame
January 30	NDA/CCH Volleyball game
February 1	Talent Show
February 1-3	Showcase
February 6	Juniors to attend Play
	Winter Sports Pep Rally
February 7	Junior College Planning Meeting for Parents and Students
February 13	Sophomores to attend Play
February 15	Midquarter
February 20	Super Wednesday

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- MLK Breakfast
- Religious Freedom: Our First, Most Cherished Liberty
- Northern KY Basketball - Kenton County Night
- Host Family Program

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

