



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! We began the week with our annual “Nunday Monday” celebration of the mass with the Sisters of Notre Dame. After mass, Dr. Koehl shared the wonderful news with our students that we have won the *Race to the Finish* and reached our *Excellence Without Boundaries: Empowering 21st Century Women* campaign goal! The Sisters received a standing ovation and a roar of cheers as they crossed the ceremonial finish line. We are very grateful to the Sisters of Notre Dame for the example of excellence in Catholic education that they began 113 years ago at NDA and for their continued support of our school! True to their spirit of giving, the Sisters served ice cream sundaes to our students at lunch.

I would like to thank our students for their excitement and enthusiasm in celebrating their Catholic education this week. Our Student Council has done a great job of planning many activities to honor our Catholic heritage and school spirit. Today excitement builds for our annual charity volleyball game tonight with CCH. Go Pandas!

Today is Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day. We take time today to recognize and thank our wonderful faculty and staff for all they do to provide an exemplary Catholic education at NDA. Tomorrow we will celebrate Grade School Day and end our week with Decades Day sharing the gifts God has given us at our annual talent show.

We strive to provide a Catholic education to every young woman through our Tuition Assistance Program. This program would not be possible without our Annual Raffle. Please encourage your daughter to support this important effort by buying/selling at least six tickets. The tickets were given to students last week and Sr. Paul Ann, Sr. Rachel and Jan Gilliam will be greeting our students every morning through February 7 to collect tickets they have sold the previous day. Your support is greatly appreciated!

We are ready to begin our scheduling process for the 2017-18 academic year. This includes **College Planning meetings with parents** as listed in the information below. We also meet with each class during long homerooms prior to these College Planning meetings to review the process and course options. I suggest you take some time in the next few weeks to discuss your daughter’s thoughts on what options she is interested in pursuing next school year.

As you can see, NDA is a very busy place with many opportunities for our students to shine. As we celebrate our NDA Catholic community, please know that we are most grateful for the commitment of our parents to Catholic education.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Student Testimonial on Catholic Education (Written by Caitlyn Zieleniewski)

My name is Caitlyn Zieleniewski and I am a senior at Notre Dame Academy. I have been going to Catholic schools all my life,

and I am so grateful to my parents for making the choice to send me to Catholic schools.

Going to a Catholic school has changed my life in many ways. In eighth grade we were asked to write an essay about going to a Catholic school and the best one was chosen to be read at Mass that Sunday. I remember writing my essay and thinking there's no way they're going to choose my essay, but it turns out they did, and I got to share my story then and again with you now.

The first and most important thing to me is that a Catholic school gives me a chance to learn about my faith and at the same time live it out. My faith is a very important aspect of my life and I don't think I would be where I am today if it weren't for my Catholic education.

The second thing about going to a Catholic school that has changed my life is that I have made friends that will last a lifetime. I know at any school you can make friends that will last lifetime, but at a Catholic school, it's different. Coming into my freshman year at NDA, I came from a non-feeder school and knew no one. I almost dreaded coming to school because I thought that I wasn't going to have any friends. As it turns out, I was completely wrong. I have a whole Panda sisterhood of friends. I think going to a Catholic school gives us the opportunity to grow closer to each other, and at the same time, we grow closer to God.

The third thing about going to a Catholic school is more specific to NDA. I know for me, coming to NDA is the best decision I have ever made. I have had so many opportunities that I would not have gotten anywhere else. The atmosphere at NDA is unlike anywhere else I've ever been. You can truly see the love and respect that everyone has for each other. This really is a sisterhood.

I can't believe this is my last year here at NDA. Time flies when you're having fun. I've made so many amazing memories, and some truly special friends. I know I will leave here as an educated young woman making a difference in the world. I know NDA has shaped me into the young woman I am right now and a large part of that is the Catholic values that I have developed. I now feel ready to take the next step in my life.

Talent Show

Good luck to all the Pandas performing at Friday's Talent Show!

Enjoy a few pictures from our celebration of Catholic Schools Week!



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.



It's Raffle time at NDA!

We have one week left of our NDA Cash Raffle! As of today, more than 400 students have NOT sold one raffle ticket. Could this be your daughter? We are encouraging each student to sell 6 raffle tickets but any participation is welcomed!

Again, we are expressing the need for students to support our mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world by participating in this important fundraiser. Our student goal this year is \$40,000 and 75% participation.

The Grand Prize ticket of \$10,000 will be pulled at the student pep rally on February 7 at 2:15 p.m. along with the winners for the student incentives.



The next out of uniform is Monday, February 5. If your daughter has brought in her 6 sold raffle tickets, this week, she has received a pass to be out of uniform on Monday. If your daughter brings in her 6 raffle tickets on Monday morning, she can come out of uniform as well.

Thank you for your support of our NDA 2018 Cash Raffle!



NDA/CCH
Fine Arts
Showcase
February 1 - 4, 2018 | at Notre Dame Academy

TICKETS ON SALE NOW! ◀

Fine Arts Showcase: Revolutions, February 1 - 4

Don't miss this year's Fine Arts Showcase featuring Theatre, Chorus, Dance Team, Visual Art and our Jazz Band. Rumor has it that the Jazz Band is working on seven tunes that they will roll out at the Showcase!

Come and bring the family! You can purchase tickets online [HERE](#).



IT'S SKYLINE TIME ◀

No worries about "what's for dinner" tomorrow - **Thursday, February 1!** Our friendly Ft. Wright Skyline is generously offering to donate 20% of sales between 3 and 9 p.m. to NDA for our dances and events. Please support NDA and eat Skyline on February 1! Download your 20% coupon [HERE](#).

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

ARCHERY

The Archers took aim at the Simon Kenton Tournament over the weekend coming in 6th place with a team score of 3171. Claire Scheffter was our top shot, coming in 8th overall with a 278. Evelyn Cook came in 13th with her season high score of 277. Other outstanding shooters were Gabriella Ficke with a 275, Manon Stovik with a 267, Alexis Hehman and Gwyneth Thomas with a 266. Nicole Andrew shot her top score of 263. Results for the full roster can be found at nasptournaments.org. Nice shooting, Pandas!





REGINA HUNDAL

JANUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Notre Dame Academy Junior, Regina Hundal, who has been selected as January's Student of the Month. Regina's current teachers describe her as helpful, kind, hard-working, conscientious and inquisitive. In addition, Mrs. Maggard says, "Regina treats others as Jesus would, regardless of their attitude towards her. Notre Dame is a better place to be because of her." Thank you, Regina, for contributing positively to NDA!

SOMETHING ABOUT REGINA

Regina's advice to her fellow Pandas: "Never wait for things to happen. Actually go out and do them."



Regina is a member of NDA's bowling team. Her involvement has allowed her to go out of her comfort zone, improve her skills, have fun and enjoy her teammates. Regina is also a member of the Academic Team, LIFE Club, Theatre and serves as a Drug Free Club homeroom representative.



Every Sunday, you can find Regina volunteering at her temple where she teaches 4-8 year olds Pubaji -- her family's native Indian language. Regina also spends a lot of time with her 4 year old brother whom she admittedly spoils.



BECOMING GOOD CITIZENS ◀

Last Friday, Stacy Tapke, Kenton County Attorney, visited Mrs. Stratman's US Government class. Ms. Tapke talked to students about the organization of a county government and the various positions found within the system. She also talked about the importance of exercising their right to vote and becoming knowledgeable on the various issues concerning local government.



DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ◀

Parents, did you know that NDA's daily announcements are posted each day on our website? You can find them [HERE](#).

NDA 2018 Mother Daughter Dance



Sweet Dreams P.J. Party

Friday, February 16, 2018

6:30 pm – 10:30 pm

Receptions - 1379 Donaldson Hwy, Erlanger, KY

Tickets are \$25/person

Register by February 9th

(Look for registration link in Panda Press Weekly)



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



College Planning Nights for Students and Parents:

The NDA counselors will be having a College Planning night for the current freshmen, sophomores and juniors. These nights will address what students should be doing at this time to prepare for their path after high school. We will discuss our Naviance program, standardized testing, scheduling courses and other related issues. We would like a parent and the student (if possible) to attend. We understand that scheduling conflicts occur, and will send out a copy of the presentation electronically after the meetings.

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- **Junior College Planning:** February 6 at 6:30
- **Freshmen College Planning:** February 20 at 6:30 (*Please note this has been moved from Feb 8 due to a facility scheduling conflict)
- **Sophomore College Planning:** February 15 at 6:30

Attention Juniors and Seniors!

Cinderella's Closet is again helping junior and senior girls have a memorable prom experience by providing dresses and accessories 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. Cinderella's closet will be open the weekend of March 16 & 17. Appointments can only be made by Mrs. Maggard, so please contact her to make one!

Gateway Open House

Gateway Community and Technical College is hosting an Open House event on **Thursday, February 8 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Center for Technology, Innovation, and Enterprise at 516 Madison Avenue, Covington, KY**. The event is designed for high school seniors (juniors welcome!) and their parents or guardians. This event is to introduce students to the programs Gateway has to offer. Gateway wants to ensure students know their programs (everything from two to three class certifications in Computer Information Technology, to degrees in massage therapy, up to Associate in Science transfer degrees with Pre-Med science offerings). For more info and to RSVP: gateway.kctcs.edu/openhouse



Fernside, Supporting Children and Families Through Grief is sponsoring a peer support group in collaboration with Notre Dame Academy. The Fernside grief support group is a six-week, structured group that uses expressive arts activities to help adolescents understand emotions and develop skills to cope with the feelings associated with loss. The group will begin in February and will finish in March; the meetings will rotate class periods, so that no class will be missed more than once. Please contact Mrs. Hildreth if interested or for more information.



Green Dot Specialists trained and practiced with NDA Sophomores on January 26 regarding different ways to intervene in potentially harmful situations, using the "3D's:" Direct intervention, Delegation, or Distraction. All Notre Dame students have now been trained in these strategies. No one has to do everything, but everyone has to do something.



2017-18 College Rep Visits at NDA

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch periods. Below is a list of upcoming visits.

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS ◀



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Vickie Yates Brown Glisson
Secretary

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Re: New Kentucky Immunization Requirements for School Entry into High School

A recent amendment to the Kentucky Administrative Regulation on the immunization schedules for attending school added new immunization requirements for the school year beginning on or after July 1, 2018.

Effective July 1, 2018:

- **All** students in kindergarten through twelfth grade must show proof of having received two doses of Hepatitis A vaccine to attend school, and
- **Students aged 16 years or older**, must show proof of having received two doses of Meningococcal ACWY vaccine (MenACWY) to attend school. If the first dose of MenACWY was received at age sixteen (16) years or older, the second dose is not required for school entry.

To meet these requirements, a **current** Certificate of Immunization Status must be provided to the school showing the date your child received these vaccine(s). If your child has already received the age-appropriate vaccines for school entry, he or she will not be required to receive the vaccine(s) again.

Acute hepatitis A disease has been in the news in the last several months because of a large outbreak in California caused by the contagious and easily spread hepatitis A virus. Most children with hepatitis A infection have no characteristic symptoms but can easily spread the virus to others. Children with acute hepatitis A disease can have fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, joint pain, stomach pains and diarrhea, or jaundice. Acute liver failure and/or death can occur in the most severe cases.

MenACWY vaccine prevents diseases caused by *Neisseria meningitidis*, a type of bacteria that is spread from person to person. Acute illness can appear mild at first, but can progress rapidly, becoming very serious and deadly in a matter of hours.

Hepatitis A and MenACWY vaccines are available from your doctor, clinic or healthcare provider and are covered as a no-cost preventive service by most health insurance plans when administered by network providers. All local health departments administer Hepatitis A and MenACWY vaccines, especially for children who do not have health insurance. If your child is not up-to-date on immunizations, please contact your healthcare provider or local health department to schedule an appointment or to find out the hours when vaccines are given.

Online information about Hepatitis A and MenACWY vaccines is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/index.html>.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jonathan Ballard MD in blue ink.

Jonathan Ballard, MD, MPH, MPhil
State Public Health Epidemiologist
Department for Public Health

► Important dates

January 30	Boy Day - Students dress like a boy - No Homework! NDA/CCH Volleyball Game at NDA 6:30 p.m.
February 1-4	Fine Arts Showcase
February 1	Grade School Day - Students wear their grade school uniforms/spiritwear
February 2	Decades Day (SR 80's, JR 70's, SO 60's, FR 50's) Talent Show
February 5	Raffle Out of Uniform Day
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	\$10,000 Raffle Drawing Winter Sports Pep Rally
February 8	Sophomore Ring Ordering 10:50 a.m. - 12:15 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
February 19	No School: Presidents's Day
February 20	Freshman College Planning Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 26	Body Peace Week
February 27	Super Tuesday! (FR/SO CERT, JR ACT, SR Mission Retreat)

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- World Meeting of Families
- Positions Available for Students
- Part-time job opportunity

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

