



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Thanks to all of the parents who came to NDA on Monday evening for our February Panda Parent Club (PPC) meeting. I think the parents in attendance found Dr. David Baums's presentation on Teens and Alcohol to be very beneficial. I believe they also saw value in coming together as a community of parents with the same goal - raising healthy daughters.

As you may know, we are taking a different approach with our PPC meetings this year. We are mindful of how valuable your time is, therefore, we are using the PPC meeting time to focus on topics of special interest to parents and guardians of teenagers. So far this year we have presented valuable information on Teens and Alcohol, Social Media, Vaping, Parenting Strategies and Unified Classroom. We realize that raising teenagers is more challenging than ever. As part of our partnership with you in your daughter's Catholic education, we strive to provide you with useful information and strong support. I encourage you to attend our **next PPC meeting on Monday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m.** when we will invite Joyce Jacobs back to NDA to talk about Vaping. She provided a great deal of helpful information to our parents when she was here in November but unfortunately we had bad weather which prevented many parents from being able to attend. I think you will find her presentation very interesting and educational.

I would like to thank our Panda Parent Club President, Kristy Seither, as well as our counselors for their help in organizing our PPC meetings this school year. If there is a topic or speaker that you would like to suggest for next school year's PPC meeting schedule, please feel free to contact me at vonhandforfj@ndapandas.org.

REMINDER: Bishop Foys awarded a day off for everyone at the Diocesan Catholic Schools Week Mass. We will be taking that day off on this FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 and we are also off on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 in honor of Presidents' Day. I hope you and your daughter enjoy the long weekend!

I am grateful for the many ways we are connected through our mission at Notre Dame Academy. In the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame, we strive to provide our students not only with a premier education but also with opportunities for spiritual growth and support of their healthy development.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission and please know I am grateful to partner with you in this important work!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

FRIENDLY REMINDER ◀

Students are **NOT PERMITTED** to order food (Uber Eats, Door Dash, etc.) and have it delivered at lunch time.



CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

At NDA, we celebrate our Catholic Identity everyday by living the Gospel message of Jesus through kindness and generosity to others, respect for life, community service and striving to use our God given gifts. Take a look at our Campus Ministry Department calendar for this week [HERE](#).

PLEASE NOTE! ➡

REMINDER FOR SENIOR PARENTS ◀

Senior Parents: A reminder that the letter for your daughter's Mission Retreat is due on March 6, 2020. Please send them into the school office with your daughter's first and last name on it and marked **PARENT LETTER**. We appreciate your help with this activity.



PLASTIC BAGS ◀

For our Women Making a Difference Service Day on March 5, we are in need of plastic bags. These plastic bags are going to be processed into plarn (plastic yarn) that will then be used to make mats/bags etc. for people experiencing homelessness in our area. We will have a collection bin in the foyer where the bags can be placed. Thanks for your assistance.



GIRL UP DAY ◀

Girl Up Club is hosting Girl Up Day on February 29 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Notre Dame Academy. The day is open to girls in grades 4-8, and they will work on building teamwork, confidence, and leadership skills. Registration is now open, and the students will get a free t-shirt if they registers by February 12. All proceeds will go to the United Nations Girl Up Campaign. You can register online [HERE](#).



YEARBOOK INFORMATION ◀

You can still pre-order your daughter's yearbook for the 2019-20 school year (2020: Women with Vision) at [jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2020-Yearbook/2020011204172891054/CATALOG_SHOP/) (link https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2020-Yearbook/2020011204172891054/CATALOG_SHOP/). February is the last month for the special price of \$60; the price goes up to \$70 on March 1. The 2018-19 yearbook (New and Forever) is available for purchase for \$70 in the office or Room 112; please make checks payable to Notre Dame Academy.



NHS STUDENTS SERVE AT MARY ROSE MISSION ◀

On Tuesday, February 10, members of the National Honor Society volunteered at Mary Rose Mission in Florence, Kentucky. This generous organization serves dinner to any guest in need and is open every day of the week. With the mission to nourish their guests, both physically and spiritually, the Mary Rose Mission provides over 1,000 meals a week. The NHS pandas served a hot, nutritious meal to about 115 guests. By feeding the hungry, NDA students truly made a difference in the community.



VOTE FOR YOUR PANDA SISTERS! ◀

AquaPandas Riley Jordan and Lainy Kruger are up for the Enquirer's Athlete of the week. [CLICK HERE](#), scroll almost to the bottom and cast your votes! Also, go [CLICK HERE](#) to also vote for Lacey Bradshaw for Basketball player of the week!

FATHER DAUGHTER 2020 SPORTS OF ALL SORTS!



2020 FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE! ◀

NDA's annual Father/Daughter dance was this Friday, February 7 and 175 paNDA's and their dads came together for a memorable night of food, fun and dancing at Receptions in Erlanger. Special thanks for Crystal Pohlman for chairing this special evening and to all of the parents who helped out!

You can read more about this fun event [HERE](#).



THEATRE PICS AVAILABLE ◀

If your child performed in Showcase Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame, be sure to check out Dan Ledbetter Photography's great photos [HERE](#). The password is NDAPANDAS. All previous productions, going back to 2015, can be found [HERE](#). Password to all galleries is NDAPANDAS.

Dan Ledbetter photographs the NDA/CovCath musical and theatrical productions at no charge to the school, thus, providing quality photos for your theatre department's marketing and web site and your child's yearbook. Your support is greatly appreciated.



PANDA PARENT CLUB MEETING ON VAPING ◀

Don't miss the next Panda Parent Club meeting on **Monday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m.** The topic is **Vaping** and our speaker will be Joyce Jacobs, a Heart and Vascular Prevention and Wellness Nurse Navigaro from St. Elizabeth Healthcare.

Junior and senior parents in attendance at the March PPC meetings will be entered into two special prom ticket raffles:

- 2020 Prom ticket raffle
- 2020 After Prom ticket raffle

Junior and Senior Parents, WIN A TICKET to Prom or After Prom FOR YOUR PANDA by ATTENDING February or March's PPC meeting!



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

Work Study Job Application Deadline: April 15, 2020

Financial Aid Applications & Academic and Tuition Assistance Scholarships

The application for work study jobs is available on the website [HERE](#) and is due by **APRIL 15, 2020**.

Financial aid applications are also now open and will remain open until **APRIL 15, 2020**.

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](#).

We are currently accepting applications for Academic and Tuition Assistance Scholarships. Applications can be found on the website [HERE](#), and are due in the front office no later than April 15, 2020.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

WINTER SPORTS PROGRAM ◀

Mark your calendar for the Winter Sports Program which will be held on March 17 at 7 p.m. in the NDA theater.



CONGRATULATIONS SWIM & DIVE PANDAS ◀

Congratulations to the Swim & Dive team for finishing runner-up at Regionals! The divers competed last Wednesday night in Louisville and the swimmers competed last Friday night and Saturday at Silverlake. Although only 14 swimmers and 4 divers competed in Regionals, the Pandas made a strong showing against the larger teams, proving that they were small but unstoppable! You can read more about these outstanding ladies [HERE](#).



CELEBRATE NDA BASKETBALL SENIOR DAY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 ◀

All Pandas, family, and friends: Come and support our NDA senior basketball panda, Torie Buring, as we celebrate Senior Day 2020 this Saturday afternoon, February 15.

Pre-game Senior Day festivities start at approximately 2 p.m. before the Varsity game vs. West Jessamine at home. Our JV game tips off at 1 p.m.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHTS (FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS) ◀

Current Freshmen:

Wednesday, February 12
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
NDA Theatre

Current Juniors:

Tuesday, February 18
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
NDA Theatre

Topics to be covered:

- Know Your Options: 2-year / 4-year colleges
- Paying for College: College Financial Aid At a Glance
- Reality of College Scholarships: What to expect
- Utilizing Resources: Naviance, NDA Alums, College Visits
- Key To-Do's

If you can't make it to this meeting, the counselors will send a copy of the presentation to all parents and students via email. Questions: Email counselors@ndapandas.org.



B.E.S.T. AWARD WINNERS ◀

Congratulations to the following students who won the BEST Award for last quarter:

Freshmen: Hailey Fulenkamp
Sophomore: Lauren Heupel
Junior: Brooke Murphy
Senior: Erin Cody

These students were nominated by their teachers for this award for showing the best of effort in their classes. The students who were nominated and the winners are on display in the first floor hallway.

GATEWAY 2 NKU ◀

Join us Tuesday, February 27 from 6-8 p.m. at Gateway's Boone Campus (500 Technology Way, Florence, KY) to find out how students can start at Gateway and have a smooth transition to NKY after the completion of an associates's degree. Come and learn about our various degree pathways, resources for students, and benefits of the programs. Representatives from admissions, advising, and financial aid will be available as well as the chance to speak with both Gateway faculty and NKY faculty and staff. RSVP Here: [Gateway2NKU Open House](http://Gateway2NKU.com)



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College
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FREE ONLINE ACT BOOT CAMP ◀

Kaplan is offering Free Sessions of their Online ACT Boot Camp this month. Juniors, this might be good prep before you take the in-school ACT on March 24th. LINK [HERE](#):

ZOO TEEN PROGRAM ◀

Any teen interested in animals and leadership opportunities should check out the Zoo Teen Program. Applications for the program are due by February 29 and available online at the link provided below:

<http://cincinnati-zoo.org/volunteer/>

REGIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM ◀

The Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce sponsors this leadership program. Students work with area employers to develop leadership and communication skills as well as get an idea about careers and workforce. For more info and online application visit the website [HERE](#).

Application information can be found here. Please note that completed applications must be submitted electronically or postmarked by March 1, 2020.

2019-20 College Rep Visits ◀

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch periods. You can find a list of upcoming visits [HERE](#).

ATTENTION JUNIOR AND SENIOR PARENTS ◀

Attention Junior and Senior Parents - Prom season is approaching quickly! Sometimes this can be a troubling time as a family tries to cover all the expenses associated with the dance. Cinderella's Closet is an organization that can help. They have thousands of dresses, accessories, and shoes that can be provided at no cost. If this is something that could benefit your junior or senior daughter, please contact personal counselor Erin Maggard at maggarde@ndapandas.org. She can work with your daughter to set up an appointment on March 20 or 21 to pick out her dress. Learn more about the program here: [Cinderella's Closet](#).

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NDA PARENT TOOLBOX? ◀

Check out the NDA [Parent Toolbox](#). Timely topics include lying, emotional storms, stress, and so much more!

**WE HOPE
TO SEE YOU!**



SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME PANCAKE BREAKFAST ◀

Come one, come all, and come hungry to the 23rd Annual Uganda Mission Pancake Breakfast!

THIS Sunday, February 16, 2020 from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Notre Dame Academy Cafeteria
1699 Hilton Drive, Covington, KY
\$6.00 for adults | \$4.00 for children under 12

All proceeds benefit the Sisters of Notre Dame Uganda Mission.

For more information, please call 859-291-2040 or email info@sndky.org.

Thank you to the Ludlow Knights of Columbus for putting on this event every year since 1996!



HOMELESS TO HOPEFUL - SAVE THE DATE ◀

Our friends at the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky (ESNKY) are hosting *Homeless to Hopeful* on Thursday, March 19, 2020 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Drees Pavilion. This event helps raise awareness about homelessness in our community and raises funds to benefit the ESNKY. The evening includes silent and live auctions, a catered dinner, and a signature Bourbon Trail auction. You can make a difference in our community by supporting the good work of ESNKY and have a fun evening at the same time! To purchase tickets [CLICK HERE](#) or to become an event sponsor [CLICK HERE](#).



ALUMNAE NEWS ◀

Alumnae Mass

The next Alumnae and Friends Mass is scheduled for Ash Wednesday. Our alumnae are invited to join our school Mass that day (February 26) at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium.

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Show Your Support for Public Transportation for Private Schools
- Bible Study With Reverend Timothy Schehr
- Young Adult & Teen Job Fair
- Emergency Shelter of NKY - Homeless to Hopeful Event
- Position Available at St. Joseph Heights
- Position Open for Parish Office Secretary
- Kenton County School District Recruiting Bus Drivers
- Part-time School Cafeteria Positions
- 2020 U.S. Census Employment Opportunities

**COMMUNITY
NEWS**





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► Important dates

February	12	Freshmen College Planning Meeting
	13	Red shirts and accessories with uniform skirts for Valentine's Day! 6th and 7th Grade Scavenger Hunt
	14	No School: Thank you Bishop Foys!
	16	Ugandan Mission Pancake Breakfast
	17	No School: Presidents' Day
	18	Junior College Planning Meeting
	24	Students begin class selection in PowerSchool
	26	Ash Wednesday Mass
	28	Prom Registration Opens State Latin Convention
	29	Girl Up Day
March	5	Women Making a Difference Day Women Making a Difference Luncheon
	7	8th Grade Conferences
	9	Panda Parent Club Meeting
	10	National Latin Exam
	11	FR to the Play
	13	3rd Quarter Ends Raffle Pep Rally (ADJ)
	18	FR to the Play Safe Environment Training (ADJ)
	20	Baby Day
	21	8th Grade Conferences
	24	Panda Preview Night for Prospective Students