



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Thanks to all who participated in our Annual Raffle. It was huge success and a wonderful example of the generosity of so many who support our school. Thank you to our top selling students, homeroom and grade level. You can read more about the raffle results below. Special thanks also to Sr. Paul Ann, Sr. Rachel and Ms. Jan Gilliam for their hard word on the raffle and their dedication to making a difference at NDA!

As usual, we have a great deal going on at Notre Dame Academy! Please pray for our seniors who are on retreat this week. May this be a special and meaningful experience that brings them closer to God for their journey ahead.

Good luck to Mrs. Mullee and the members of our SWAT team who will be attending the 2017 Tech Olympics this weekend as well as our Science Research students who will be competing at SEFNK.

Also, good luck to our NDA Aqua Pandas as they compete in the state meet this weekend. We wish all of our swimmers and divers well in this competition.

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, our goal is to produce young women who have a fundamental desire to seek excellence and make a difference not only for themselves, but also for the world at large. We do this by offering challenging academic programs and a multitude of co-curricular opportunities that include community service, student life, fine arts, leadership and athletics. We are blessed with the support of so many parents, families, alumnae and friends of NDA who deeply believe in our mission. We appreciate their continued support in our efforts to provide a premiere 21st century education rooted in the Catholic faith.

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

Notre Dame Academy
is built on the
Four Educational Principles
of the Sisters of Notre Dame:



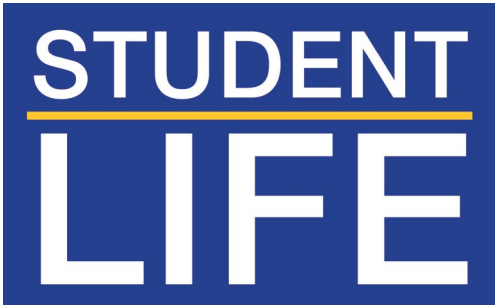
- The centrality of a good and provident God
- The human dignity of each person as an image of God
- The Notre Dame educator as a Gospel witness
- An integrated education for transformation



INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

Mrs. Mullee and seven members of the SWAT team are going to be attending the 2017 Tech Olympics February 24-26 in Downtown Cincinnati. This event brings together students from the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area to compete against other schools in programming, networking, digital design, and more.

Students will network with professionals from top local companies who may be able to connect them with a dream job. Students will be able to develop their professionalism skills and give a competitive edge by participating in the new Tech Olympics Career Fast Track, where they will fine tune their resume, interview skills, and personal brand. Additionally, they will learn about hot topics in technology from industry experts, like healthcare IT, business intelligence, master class demos in how to code, tech startups, and more. SWAT students will represent their school in the Tech Olympics Showcase as well.



STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Enchanted Forest Dance

NDA and CCH Freshmen and Sophomores and their dates are invited to come to the Enchanted Forest, a Semi-formal dance scheduled at Notre Dame Academy on Saturday March 11 from 8:00-11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 per person, and will sold the week before. All proceeds will benefit Notre Dame Academy's Drug Free Club.



THANK YOU!

TLC would like to thank the sophomores for bringing in snacks for the Notre Dame Urban Ed center. They were very thankful for the donation.



JOIN US ◀

We will celebrate Mass Friday at 7:20 a.m. in our chapel. All are welcome!

2017 NDA RAFFLE ◀

Thank You!

Thank you very much to all the alumnae and students that supported this year's Cash Raffle. We raised over \$51,000! This money will help keep tuition low and aid in providing tuition assistance to deserving students. The students will enjoy an out of uniform day and Panda Rec (date not yet decided) since they helped meet the overall goal of \$45,000. Thank you especially to our top selling students, Caroline Hicks, Lainey Stephenson and Saija Bedford along with Homeroom 209 and the freshman grade level for helping us reach the goal! Sr. Paul Ann, Sr. Rachel and Ms. Jan Gilliam thank you for your time and support in this fundraiser!



YEARBOOK SALES ◀

Parents, now is a great time to order a 2017 yearbook and take advantage of the best price available! Yearbooks are \$60 and can be ordered by clicking [this link](#) or visiting jostens.com.



NDA SUMMER CLASSES ◀

NDA has all sorts of Summer Enrichment Opportunities. Below is information on our Art Classes but you can find further information and registration forms online at <http://www.ndapandas.org/admissions/summer-enrichment-programs.aspx>

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

ARCHERY

The NDA Archery Team held a Charity tournament to benefit the National Wildlife Federation. Erin Kirchner and Lindsay Brossart co-chaired the tournament committee and expertly organized the efforts of the Archers. For the first time this year, NDA received a team score separately from CCH using the coed KHSAA rules. The Pandas came in 3rd place with a 3152. Erin Kirchner and Hope Feinauer both shot their season high score of 282 and came in 1st and 2nd place. Lily Gamel came in 11th place with a 268. Other top shooters of the tournament all shot their season high score: Gabriella Ficke with a 266, Mackenzie Burns with a 265, Alexis Vandusen and Lily Pierson with a 260. Results for the whole roster can be found at nasptournaments.org. Great shooting, Pandas!



SWIMMING & DIVING

Congratulations to our Panda Swimmers and Divers on receiving the Sportsmanship Award at the Regional Meet! This is an award voted on by the other coaches it is a big honor!

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The NDA Athletic Hall of Fame is set for March 9 at 6:00 p.m. in alumnae hall. There will be a cocktail and hors d'oeuvre hour from 6:00-7:00 p.m. with the program beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending around 8:00 p.m. We are excited to induct the list below and recognize the Swimming and Diving State Champion Teams from 1972, 1973, 1976 and 1977. You can purchase tickets online [HERE](#).



- Kim Gunning, Volleyball and Golf coach, AD 1989-2014
- Rob Hardin, Tennis Coach 1995-2015
- Sara Raaker McSorely, Soccer Coach, 2000-2013
- Jill Hampton Baaker, Volleyball 1994-1998
- Ally Westling, Tennis 2006-2010
- Anna Walsh Koningsmark, Soccer 2001-2005



PPC NEWS ◀

PPC Meetings are always the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the teachers lounge. Our next meeting is **MARCH 14**. All are welcome!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Junior ACT on February 28:

All juniors will be taking the ACT during the school day, on Tuesday, February 28. We will help them with registering on paper during the school day for this District Test. There is no need to register for this test. We will ask the students to bring the fee of 42.50 to school for the test. If a student has trouble with that fee, please let Mrs.

Monohan know. All high schools in the Diocese will be taking the ACT on that day. We will ask students to arrive at 7:45 that day to get ready to start by 8 a.m. **Also, students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. that day.**



Attention Freshman and Sophomore Parents

On Tuesday, February 28 the freshmen and sophomores will be taking a practice standardized test call the CERT. This is the College Equipped Readiness Test and follows a similar format to the ACT (English, Math, Reading and Science). They will be taking it online with their I-pads in order to also practice doing these types of assessments in a digital format. There will not be classes that day, and students will need to pack a lunch. **We will dismiss a little early at 2:00 pm this day.** For information about the CERT test, please click here:

<https://www.certforschools.com/about#about>



2016-17 College Rep Visits at NDA

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

March

7 University of Kentucky 

9 Northern Kentucky University 8:15-9:00 a.m. 

17 St. Louis University 

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University of Alabama
Thomas More College
Morehead State University

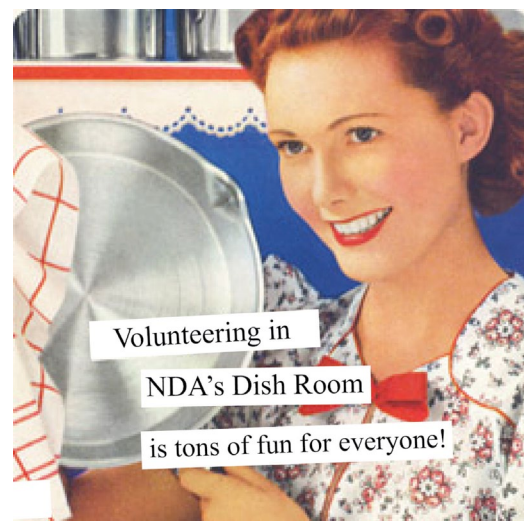


WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE 2017 ◀

You are cordially invited to attend Notre Dame Academy's Sixteenth Annual Women Making A Difference Award Luncheon on Thursday, March 16, 2017, 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 NDA's Advancement office at 859.292.7729 to RSVP.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEND A HELPING HAND? ◀

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](#).





IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

Financial Aid Applications:

Financial aid applications are now open and will remain open until April 15th. 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](#).

▶ Important dates

February 21-24	Senior Retreat
February 24	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. All are welcome! SWAT Team/Mrs. Mullee attend InterAlliance Tech Olympics
February 28	Super Tuesday: Senior Mission Retreat, Juniors - ACT, Sophomores and Freshmen - CERT Test
March 1	Ash Wednesday Mass
March 2	SWAT to Apple Store to Code
March 4	8th Grade Conferences
March 9	NDA Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
March 11	Freshman/Sophomore Dance: Enchanted Forest
March 13	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development
March 14	Panda Parent Club Meeting
March 16	Women Making A Difference Day
March 17	Grade School Teachers luncheon
March 18	8th Grade Conferences
March 21	Sarah Panzou Presentation
March 25	Scholastic Writing Awards 3:00 p.m. NDA Theatre

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- A Night of Praise, Worship, and Adoration - BELIEVE - February 23
- Work Study Opportunities for the Sisters of Notre Dame
- Scholarship Tax Credit Messenger Story

For a complete list of community news [CLICK HERE](#).

