



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

As we journey together through this holy season of Lent, we remember the importance of our identity as a Catholic high school. Our students have many opportunities not only during the Lenten season, but throughout the year, to grow in their faith at NDA. Forming the young women of Notre Dame Academy to be servant leaders is an integral part their experience here. Teaching them the importance of putting their faith into action and their responsibility to develop their God-given gifts and to share those gifts with others are key components of an NDA education.

Faith formation is not limited to our Religion classes at NDA, it can be seen in every subject area and each classroom throughout the day. We pray at the beginning and end of each day. We pray a decade of the rosary daily before school in our chapel. We celebrate the Eucharist together regularly and our community is offered the opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation frequently. Our students participate in retreats that further develop their relationship with God. Our Chaplain, Fr. Hennigan, and our Campus Minister, Bridget Price, work with our peer ministers to ensure that our students are sharing their faith with each other in positive and productive ways.

This is Body Peace Week at NDA. There are many activities this week to help promote a positive sense of self with our students. I encourage you to talk to ask your daughter about these activities.

Students have one more day to go online to view recommended courses and register for electives for next year. The scheduling deadline has been extended until tomorrow night, March 1 at 11 p.m. All students have received an email explaining how to register and links for the process. Ms. Burgei and Mrs. Monohan will be in the cafeteria this week to help students with any questions they may have about schedules. You can find a link below in the Counseling and Student Services section to find out more information about Powerschool Registration.

Parents, please note the information below regarding financial aid. Financial aid applications are now open and will remain open until April 15. 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. It is very important that you get your application in on time.

Our Panda Preview Night will be held Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. If you know of anyone interested in NDA and the opportunity to join our school community, please share this information with them.

Thanks for your continued support of NDA; please be assured of our continued prayers during this Lenten season.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Safe Environment Training

The Diocese of Covington is committed to creating and building safe environments in its schools and parishes. Next Friday, all Notre Dame Academy students will attend a safety presentation facilitated by Julie Feinauer, School Counselor at St. Henry District High School. Mrs. Feinauer will be speaking to our students about her experiences and how to be safe and aware in your environment. She will touch upon how to identify abuse of all types.

All students will participate in this program unless Notre Dame Academy receives written notification from a parent or guardian indicating that permission is not granted for his or her daughter to participate. To opt out of the Safe Environment Training, please provide written notification by Thursday, March 1 to the attention of Mrs. Amber Grayson, Assistant Principal.

Attention Freshman Parents Help Needed!

Sophomores through Seniors are invited to attend the annual Silver Bells Dance on Saturday, March 10 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. To assist with clean up, 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 12 to 15 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!



A Starry Night in Paris

The annual Silver Bells Dance will take place on Saturday, March 10 here at NDA. Thank you to the sophomore class for hosting this year's Silver Bells dance and to Molly Kleier, Josie Monfort and grade level moderator Mrs. Proudfit for leading these efforts.

Any student or guest whose dress, dancing or behavior is deemed inappropriate by the dance coordinators will be sent home after their parents have been notified. The dance is a drug and alcohol free activity and NDA reserves the right to administer preliminary breathalyzer tests to students in attendance.

GROW CLOSER TO GOD THIS LENT ◀



Lent is a time to prepare ourselves for the gift of the risen Christ on Easter. To help our students deepen their relationship with God this Lenten season, **we will celebrate Mass each Wednesday at 3:15 in room 102.** All are welcome!

Also, **we pray a decade of the rosary to "Notre Dame" Our Lady everyday at NDA at 7:25 a.m. On Mondays and Fridays we pray the decade in the Reflection Room (301) and on Tuesdays and Thursday we pray in Heritage Hall.** We welcome students, faculty and staff. Please make an effort to join us this Lent!



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](#).

CONGRATULATIONS!

TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE CONTINUES FOR NDA SCIENCE DEPARTMENT ◀

NDA Science Research students, under the direction of Terri Perrino and Patrick Strickley, competed in the Science and Engineering Fair of Northern Kentucky (SEFNK) this past weekend at NKU. All of the girls qualified to compete at KYSEF (the state fair). We are so proud of their hard work and interest in the STEM fields!

Congratulations to Molly Kleier for winning best of fair and an all expenses paid trip to the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Pittsburgh in May!

Colleen Spellman – Class of 2019

Effectiveness of PAA and Hypochlorite for Wastewater Disinfection

- 1st place, Environmental Science category
- U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize, Regional Award

Morgan Weltzer – Class of 219

Volatile Organic Compounds Detector

- 2nd place, Computer Science category
- NKU College of Informatics Outstanding CS Projects, 2nd place
- Ohio Valley Society of Toxicology 2018 Research Excellence, 1st place



Molly Kleier – Class of 2020

Direct Methanol Fuel Cell, Phase II

- 1st place, Best of Fair, International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF)
- 1st place Best Overall Physical Science project
- 1st place, Chemistry category
- American Meteorological Society Award
- NKU College of Chemistry Outstanding Project, 1st place
- Ricoh Corporation Sustainable Development Award
- Thomas More College Scholarship Award

Lily Wade – Class of 2020

Polarimeter for Chirality

- 1st place, Engineering and Engineering Materials
- NKU Engineering & Eng Technology, Physics, & Astronomy, 2nd place

Haydon Ahlers – Class of 2021

Essential Oils Versus Bacteria

- 1st place, Microbiology
- Thomas More College Scholarship Award



More CONGRATULATIONS!



NEHS INDUCTION ◀

Congratulations to the newest members of the National English Honor Society who were recently inducted into NEHS:

Barnes, Landrie
Berling, Theresa
Betancourt, Marianne
Bezold, Megan
Briede, Morgan
Browning, Emma
Bruns, Lydia
Coomes, Isabel
Donaghy, Emma
Donaghy, Katherine
Draud, Katie
Dressman, Abby
Faller, MJ
Farrell, Emily

Fernando, Onali
Gerdes, Natalie
Gronotte, Annie
Heeb, Megan
Heimbrock, Paige
Heuker, Nicole
Hilvers, Chloe
Hughes, Julia
Jacob, Claire
James, Claire
Kelly, Grace
Kyntchev, Angela
Lawler, Grace
Magary, Lauren

Marita, Oli
McAllister, Fallon
McIntosh, Lea
Meese, Lauren
Morgan, Isabelle
Muck, Audrey
Noll, Abigail
Ossege, Olivia
Pauly, Nina
Piatt, Elly
Pierson, Lily
Planicka, Haley
Resing, Anna
Schuh, Caroline

Shelton, Casey
Smith, Isabella
Smith, Jenna
Sparks, Sydney
Spellman, Colleen
Stansel, Addyson
Sweeney, Hanna
Veselsky, Kaelyn
Vonderhaar, Olivia
Watts, Brooke
Weltzer, Morgan
Wigger, Jenna
Zimmer, Sarah
Zimmerman, Sarah



JETS TEAMS COMPETITION ◀

Congrats on a great season to our JETS students! They competed at the TEAMS Competition at the University of Cincinnati on February 26. They had a lot of fun with this year's designing and building challenge for Future Engineers!

Pictured:

Left to right: Madison McCauley, Ashley Wright, Angela Kyntchev, Lydia Burns, Onali Fernando, Morgan Briede, Colleen Spellman, Olivia Ossege, Claire James, Megan Bezold, Ellie O'Hara, Haley Planicka.
Photographer: Diane Goldcamp



2019 INTERNATIONAL TRIP- ITALY! ◀

Do you love to travel? Do you want to experience new cultures? We are excited to announce that our student international trip for the summer of 2019 will be to Italy! Come with us to visit Florence, Venice, Rome, Capri, and more! There was an informational meeting for parents and students on Tuesday. The deadline to sign up is March 2, but if students sign up by February 28, they will receive a \$200 discount. You can find out more about the trip and register [HERE](#).



PPC NEWS ◀

Help our Panda Parent Club in their efforts to host this year's Afteprom but eating at either Skyline tomorrow - March 1 or Dewey's Pizza on Tuesday March 13! You can find your 20% donation ticket to Ft. Wright's Skyline [HERE](#).



March 1



DEWEY'S
PIZZA

March 13



IMPORTANT CORRECTION ◀

There were two errors in last week's Panda Press Weekly story about NDA's Mock Trial team heading to state: Hana Kennedy was not pictured and accidentally omitted from the listing of team members. Also, Danni Shoemake's name was misspelled. Our apologies to these Mock Trial team members!



DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ◀

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



NDA SUMMER CLASSES ◀

NDA has all sorts of Summer Enrichment Opportunities. You can find information about our 2018 Summer Art Classes online [HERE](#).

CAN YOU 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](#).



CNSTRCTN, Vol. IX, #3 Breath-holding Paying Off ◀

Don't miss the latest installment of Sr. Dolores Giblin's Heritage Blog so you can read all about our recent renovations. You can access her blog [HERE](#).

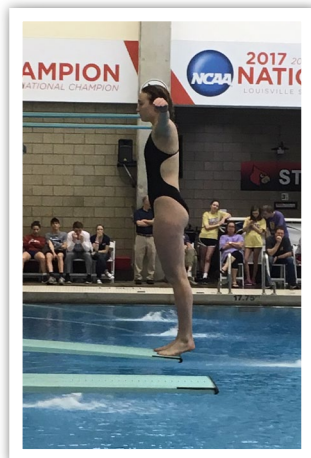
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

WINTER SPORTS PROGRAM

The Winter Sports Program honoring all Winter athletes from Archery, Basketball, Bowling and Swim and Dive will be on Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the theatre. All athletes and parents are invited to attend.

SWIMMING & DIVING

Congratulations to our NDA Swim Team on finishing 3rd at State and also to Sophie Middendorf who received the Pannell Swim Shop Scholar Athlete of the Year award! Also, congratulations to State Champion Sophie Skinner for taking the title in the 100 Yard Freestyle. This is Sophie's 4th consecutive state title in this event.



BASS FISHING

There's a new opportunity to join the NDA Bass Fishing team this spring. Anyone playing a NDA spring sport can also participate in Bass Fishing as a second sport if scheduling allows. Bass Fishing offers a short 5 week season and no set practices. Contact the Athletic Department or Coach Pete for more information

ARCHERY

Last weekend was a busy one for the Panda Archers who competed in the Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference and the shared NDA/St. Henry State Qualifier. The Pandas came in 5th place in the NKAC, posting our highest team score of 3237. Claire Scheffter came in 4th place with a score of 282, Madilyn Adamchik added almost 30 points to her personal best to shoot an impressive 280, coming in 9th place. Other top archers were Lily Gamel with a 276, Evelyn Cook and Alexis Hehman with a 275, and Gracie Siemer with a 270. At our NDA / St. Henry Tournament, the Pandas shot a combined score of 3203 to come in 9th out of 18 teams. Gracie Siemer, Elizabeth Dunaway shot their personal high score. Full results for both tournaments can be found at nasptournaments.org. Well done, Pandas!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Scheduling

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<https://www.ndapandas.org/academics/powerschool.aspx>

WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE 2018 ◀

You are cordially invited to attend Notre Dame Academy's Seventeenth Annual Women Making A Difference Award Luncheon on Thursday, March 8, 2018, at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center 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.

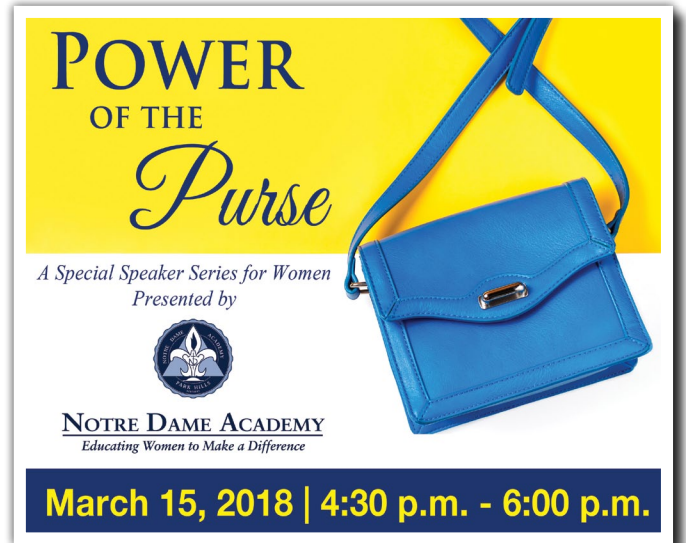


POWER OF THE PURSE ◀

Notre Dame Academy is hosting a **FREE** speaker series for NDA alumnae and friends of all ages to learn about a variety of financial topics on **Thursday, March 15 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in Alumnae Hall.**

This session will cover:

- Should you open your first IRA, or should you plan for retirement?
- Did you know you now can use your 529 to help pay for grade school or high school education?
- Understanding the up's and down's of the market
- What should every young professional know about investing?
- How can you navigate through the Social Security process?



The session will be moderated by **Jessica Birkenhauer Rawe '99** and our panel of experts will include:

- Julie Tapke Dusing '94 Financial Planning and Investment
- Donna Bloemer '87 Estate Planning
- Jody Rutterer Lange '00 Taxes and Strategies
- TBD Social Security

Presentation Schedule:

- 4:30 p.m. Networking/Happy Hour - Notre Dame Academy Alumnae Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Panel Discussions and Q & A begin
- 6:00 p.m. Formal program ends, but Q & A could continue if needed

Please join us for this special presentation and bring your business card for our Panda Business Connection! We will have door prizes and baby-sitting will be provided. Also, tours of NDA will be available. You can register online [HERE](#). If you have questions about the speaker series, please contact NDA's Advancement Department at 859.292.7729.



SAVE THE DATE ◀

Mark your calendars for this year's NDA Gala! Last year's Gala was a sellout crowd and a full evening of entertainment! Save the date for Saturday, October 13, 2018 for this wonderful event which will once again be held at Summit Hills Country Club. Invitations will be mailed in early September. We hope to see you there!



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.

MARCH

13 University of Kentucky

21 University of Alabama Tuscaloosa

21 De Paul University

▶ Important dates

March 3	8th Grade Conferences
March 4	Scholastic Writing Awards in Theatre
March 8	Women Making a Difference Service Day/Luncheon
March 10	Silver Bells Dance at NDA
March 13	Blood Drive
	Winter Sports Awards
March 15	Power of the Purse Speaker Series
March 16	Third Quarter Ends
March 17	8th Grade Conferences
March 20	Seniors to Play
March 20	Panda Preview Night
March 28	Holy Week Prayer Service
March 29 - April 6	No School: Easter Break
April 9	School Resumes

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Scholarship Tax Credit legislation
- NKYA FEST 2018
- School Cafeteria Manager Needed
- Bible Study Class
- Positions Available for Students
- SND Charis Retreat
- World Meeting of Families

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

