



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings parents,

This week we are celebrating our sisterhood in many ways. On Tuesday of this week our seniors participated in their senior mission retreat. The theme of the retreat was focused on the special charism and ministries of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Several of the sisters joined us for presentations, witness talks and a special blessing that occurred at the closing of the retreat. The retreat was planned by Ms. Dickman, Sr. Rita Geoppinger, SND and Mrs. Price. It was a very special day and our seniors left knowing that the sisters' charism will be with them always as NDA alumnae.

Tomorrow students will participate in our NDA Career Fair. Our special day will begin with a welcome address by Lieutenant Governor Crit Luallen. The fair will feature many NDA alumnae and other members of our community who will share information about their careers and professional experiences. We hope it is a day that enables our young women to imagine their own career possibilities and feel empowered to pursue them. Students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. so our faculty and staff can attend our annual *Women Making a Difference* Luncheon.

Our Friday masses are growing in attendance. You are welcome to join us for mass at 7:15 a.m. in the chapel each Friday of the week.

Congratulations to our English Department and our very talented group of student writers. Four of our students qualified as national winners in the Scholastic Writing competition: Hannah Good, Jessica Peck, Sydney Stallman and Maria Topmiller! Please read more in the article below.

Our Panda Preview Night will be held next Tuesday, March 24 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. More details about this informational evening can be found in the section below.

Finally, there are some changes to the 2015-16 school calendar. Please see below for more details.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

In the past few issues of the Panda Press we have featured The Technology Evolution Series, a Senior Perspective. Written by some of our NDA seniors, this is a series of descriptions illustrating how technology has changed at Notre Dame Academy during their four years. Read week 7 by Savannah Tucker [HERE](#).

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

2015-2016 School Calendar Update

The Diocese has requested that all high school graduations be the last week of May so we have adjusted the 2016 Graduation date. Graduation 2016 will now be held on Friday, May 27 rather than Friday, May 20 as previously published. The slight change also affects our senior exam schedule, underclassmen exam schedule as well as the final day of school and cleaning day. Next year's updated calendar information is below.

August 13	First Day of School
September 7	Labor Day (No School)
October 16	Fall Break Day (No School)
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break (No School)
December 8	Immaculate Conception (No School)
December 16, 17, 18	Exams
December 21-January 3	Christmas Break (No School)
January 18	Martin Luther King Day (No School)
February 12	Professional Development Day (No School)
February 15	Presidents' Day (No School)
March 24-30	Spring Break (No School)
April 22	Prom
May 18, 19, 20	Senior Exams
May 23, 24, 25	Exams
May 26	Cleaning Day/Last Day of School
May 27	Graduation

Prom and After Prom

Prom is scheduled for Friday, April 24 and will take place at the Hilton Netherland Hotel in downtown Cincinnati. All Juniors and Seniors will attend an informational meeting this Friday during long homeroom. Ticket sales begin Monday, March 23.

Intramural Volleyball

This team of students won the Intramural Volleyball tournament on Sunday. The members include: Grace Abeln, Lauren Durstock, Delaney Kuhlman, Stephanie Meyer, Allison Robertson, Victoria Schewe, Katherine Shearer, and Lainey Stephenson. Katherine Shearer is not pictured. Almost 100 students participated in the tournament which was hosted by Student Council.



CONGRATULATIONS!

2015 SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS NATIONAL MEDALISTS ◀

The nonprofit Alliance for Young Artists & Writers has announced the national winners of the 2015 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards and **four** NDA students are among the winners! The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards are the nation's longest-running, largest, and most prestigious recognition program for creative teenagers in the visual and literary arts. Congratulations to the following **National Medalists** from NDA:

Hannah Good	Silver Medal	Poetry	<i>Tallies My Mother Has Pro-Life Bumper Sticker</i>
Jessica Peck	Silver Medal	Critical Essay	<i>Handwriting: Just Another Way to Say I Love You</i>
Sydney Stallman	American Voices Medal	Flash Fiction	<i>Flight</i>
Maria Topmiller	Silver Medal	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>One Weekend in February</i>

MORE GOOD NEWS FROM THE NDA ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ◀

Congratulations also to sophomore Emma Duerstock who finaled in the English Speaking Union's Shakespeare competition in the last round and sophomore Lauren Reinersman who won Honorable Mention in the Mt. St. Joseph University creative writing regional competition!

STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE! ◀

Respect Club is hosting a clothing drive to benefit Dress 4 Success. Dress 4 Success is an organization that helps women in need get the proper clothes they need for job interviews. We are asking students to bring in business attire, purses, shoes, and accessories like jewelry starting on March 16, 2015 and ending on March 20, 2015. Please deposit your donations in the bin in the foyer before or after school. Your donations can make a huge difference for women in need so thank you in advance!

2015 YEARBOOK ◀

Attention parents: Time is running out to buy yearbooks at the low price of \$60. The price rises to \$70 after April 15. Also, senior parents, you can congratulate your daughters with a yearbook recognition ad, on sale now through April 17. Space is limited, so buy yours now. Both yearbooks and ads can be purchased through this link:

<http://www.ndapandas.org/students/yearbook-order-information.aspx>

BASS FISHING NEWS ◀

The Bass Fishing team is looking for people who own boats to be boat volunteers for tournaments. If you can help them out, please contact Pete Salkowski, Bass Fishing Team Coach, at salkowskip@ndapandas.org.



POSITION AVAILABLE ◀

Notre Dame Academy is seeking a substitute teacher in our music program for the period of May 4 - May 29, 2015. This position includes teaching 2 courses per day and serving as the Chorus Director. Please submit resume and letter of interest to ndahr@ndapandas.org.

FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS ◀

Dear Panda Parents,

Registration for Fall 2015 is still open. Do you know a family whose daughter would benefit from the NDA experience? NDA is committed to working with any family whose daughter could benefit from a Notre Dame education. If you know a family who has not made a final decision about high school, please refer them to Katie Caccavari, NDA Director of Admissions, 292-1829, to discuss the opportunities available at Notre Dame. It's not too late to become a Panda for Fall 2015!

Thanks,
Katie Caccavari



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

Panda Preview Night

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

All 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls and their parents are invited to visit NDA's campus to see what it's like to be a Panda!

The program offers two hours of sessions where you can learn about admission and financial aid, student support services and the NDA academic experience.

NDA faculty, staff, and students will be available throughout the evening to talk with you and answer questions.

6:15 - 6:30 p.m.

Check-in, Main foyer, NDA

6:30 p.m.

Program begins with a welcome from Dr. Laura Koehl, NDA President.

7 - 8:10 p.m.

Attend breakout sessions on topics including campus ministry, academic counseling services, and the NDA academic experience.

8:15 - 8:30 p.m.

Learn about the Admissions and Financial Aid processes.

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COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



Next week, the Teen Leadership Club is sponsoring Body Peace Week.

This is NDA's time to focus on creating a positive body image. This year's theme is

"On a Nutrition Mission" and we are partnering with the American Heart Association to highlight all things healthy! Throughout the week students can participate in recess during lunch, open fitness center time, and yoga during our late start Wednesday. They will also see positive messages on the bathroom mirrors and learn about people who stand up for healthy living. They can donate money to the American Heart Association and show their support by wearing a red shirt and accessories (with uniform skirt) on Friday. The American Heart Association will be here Friday with a speech from a 21 year old heart attack survivor and a health fair. We're excited to raise awareness about healthy living and loving the skin you're in!





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Whether you are **Artistic** **ATHLETIC** **Musical** **Dramatic**
or you are just looking for **Something Fun**
to do this summer, **NOTRE DAME ACADEMY** has all
sorts of opportunities for you! Check them out at:

www.ndapandas.org

► Important dates:

March 18	Winter Sports Award Program
March 19	Career Fair
	Women Making A Difference Luncheon
March 21	8th Grade Conferences
March 24	Panda Preveiw Night for 6th-8th Grade Girls 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
March 27	American Heart Association Assembly
April 1	Holy Week Prayer Service
April 2-8	Easter Break
April 9	School Resumes
April 16	Alumnae Dinner Theatre
April 17-19	Spring Play
April 18	Language and Math Placement Tests for Incoming Freshmen
April 22	Spring Athletic Signing
	Sophomore Ring Ceremony
April 24	Early Dismissal - Prom

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Part-time Position for Students
- St. Catherine of Siena Annual Arts & Crafts Bazaar
- St. Agnes Big Blue Bash
- Stem Camps now open
- St. Therese Mother's Club Annual Ladies Spring Social
- Sisters of Notre Dame Women's Weekend Retreat
- 2015 Hillenmeyer Lecture

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

