



*An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy*

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Today we begin our Lenten journey, a traditional time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This afternoon we celebrated with our annual Ash Wednesday Liturgy; praying as a school community that our hearts and minds can be open in a special way to God's presence in our lives during this holy season. We have much planned in the days to come to prepare ourselves for the gift of the risen Christ on Easter. It is important for us to remember that Lent is a special time offering each of us an opportunity to deepen our relationship with the God who loves us. It is our chance to take time out of our busy schedules to reflect on our lives and reach out to those in need. May this Lent be a special time of renewal of our faith!

Congratulations to our National Merit Finalists: Abbie Guard, Paige Montfort and Brooke Schulte. We are very proud of these NDA scholars as it is quite an honor to be recognized as a National Merit Finalist. This accomplishment is a reflection of the diligence of these students and dedication of our faculty. We congratulate these young women and their families.

Special congratulations also to our Science Research students who competed in the Science and Engineering Fair of Northern Kentucky this weekend. Each of our students placed first in her category and qualified to compete at the state level in April. These students did a wonderful job of representing NDA's long tradition of success in STEM related areas.

Speaking of STEM, NDA was well represented at this year's Tech Olympics. Thanks to Mrs. Mullee and the members of our SWAT team who worked very hard this past weekend at this event.

I would also like to extend our congratulations to our NDA Aqua Pandas as they finished second at the state meet this weekend. You can read more about their success at state below.

Finally, I encourage you to take a look at the link to the video version of the Stations of the Cross that our sophomores produced. This is a wonderful Lenten resources for the entire NDA community. May this Lent be a special time of renewal for each of you!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



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# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Student Council Applications

The Student Council election process for the 2017-2018 school year begins next Wednesday, March 8 with a mandatory meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium for anyone interested in running for Student Council next year. This is a mandatory meeting for students interested in all Student Council positions: School Officers, Grade Level Officers, and Homeroom Representatives. If they are not able to attend the meeting they should contact Mrs. Wagner at [wagnerk@ndapandas.org](mailto:wagnerk@ndapandas.org) or stop by room 307.

### 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 be sold next week before and after school. All proceeds will benefit Notre Dame Academy's Drug Free Club.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS ◀

Mrs. Kimberly Wagner's sophomore students put together a wonderful video version of the Stations of the Cross once again this year. The reflections that go along with these Stations are all done from the perspective of high school students so young people will find these very relatable. The Stations of the Cross is a great reflection to use on a weekly basis during Lent to help us connect to Jesus' Passion! You can find the video Stations of the Cross [HERE](#).



## JOIN US ◀

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

## HAVE YOU READ THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAVEL? ◀

The Gavel is our online newspaper produced by the NDA publications class and the Winter 2017 issue is packed with interesting stories about NDA. From "Mr. and Mrs. Greife: An NDA Love Story" to "Separating Freshman-Year Fact from Fiction" - you don't want to miss this issue! You can find it on our website [HERE](#).



## 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](http://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>



## 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!

# CONGRATULATIONS!

NDA's Science Research students competed in the Science and Engineering Fair of Northern Kentucky (SE-FNK) this past weekend at NKU. All of our students placed first in her category and qualified to compete at KYSEF (the state fair) in April. We are so proud of their hard work and interest in the STEM fields!

## **Catherine Meadows – Class of 2017**

- 2nd place, Best of Fair, 1st Alternate to International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF)
- 2nd place overall - Life Science
- 1st place, Environmental Science Category
- 2nd place, NKU Department of Biological Sciences Award
- Association for Women in Geological Sciences Award
- Genius Olympiad Award
- Office of Naval Research Award
- Ohio Valley Society of Toxicology Research Excellence Award
- Ricoh Corporation Sustainable Development Award
- Stockholm Junior Water Prize, Regional Award

## **Iris Rokvic – Class of 2018**

- 1st place, Environmental Management Category

## **Libby Roebker – Class of 2019**

- 1st place, Plant Sciences category
- 3rd place, NKU Department of Biological Science Award
- American Meteorological Society Award
- Genius Olympiad Award
- NASA Earth Systems Award
- Office of Naval Research Award
- Thomas More College Scholarship Award

## **Morgan Weltzer – Class of 2019**

- 1st place, Computer Science Category
- Intel Excellence in Computer Science \$200 Award
- NKU Department of Computer Science Award

## **Molly Kleier - Class of 2020**

- 3rd place, Best of Fair, 2nd Alternate to International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF)
- 1st place overall – Physical Science
- 1st place, Chemistry Category
- NKU Department of Chemistry Award
- Thomas More College Scholarship Award

## **Grace Meade – Class of 2020**

- 1st place, Animal Sciences



## INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

### SWAT Represents NDA at the 2017 Tech Olympics

NDA was well represented at this year's Tech Olympics. This year's event began on Friday, February 24 and ended Sunday, February 26. Two of our students are on the INteralliance Leadership Council: Alenna Fletcher '18, is the NDA chapter president and Angela Kyntchev '19, is the Outreach Chair. Both young ladies worked very hard with the staff of Interalliance to make the weekend a success. Mrs. Mullee and juniors Jessica Beirl and Emma Nurre also represented NDA at

the Tech Olympics. Angela can be seen below delivering announcements to the group of 500 students from all over Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. Jessica can be seen below with her parents, Tim and Lynn Beirl, who were volunteers over the weekend.

Tech Olympics is the largest technology conference in the country for high school students! Each year, TechOlympics brings over 500 students from 40 regional high schools to the Millennium Hotel in Downtown Cincinnati for a 3-day technology competition, career fair, and celebration of technology.

This conference gives local students the opportunity to explore new technology, compete school against school, sharpen their professionalism, and connect with industry leaders. Students attend various breakout sessions for a deep dive into a different technology topic, from IT Security presented by the CIA to Digital Design presented by local design experts. Competitions include the TopCoder Speed Programming Tournament, Hacker Heaven, Network Assembly Challenge, and many more! Further, students have the chance to speak with representatives from local universities to learn which choice of major best supports their IT career goals.

When not in a breakout or competing, students tour sponsor booths from companies to explore opportunities at large corporations, small tech startups, and non-profits.

We are proud of these young ladies making a difference!



# NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

## SWIMMING & DIVING

Swimming and Diving won their 4th consecutive State Runner Up title this past weekend with Sam Glass winning the State Title in the 200 IM and Sophie Skinner winning the 100 Freestyle State title. Congrats Aqua Pandas!



## 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 McSorley, Soccer Coach, 2000-2013  
Jill Hampton Baaker, Volleyball 1994-1998  
Ally Westling, Tennis 2006-2010  
Anna Walsh Koningsmark, Soccer 2001-2005



## 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](#).



### 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 

28 University of Alabama  
Thomas More College  
Morehead State University







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**Dear Students and Parents,**

This year's Prom will be held on Friday, March 24 at the Hilton Netherland in Cincinnati. Immediately following is our very own After Prom right here at NDA! This event will last from 12-3:30am. All Juniors and Seniors are invited to attend After Prom regardless of whether or not they have attended Prom. We have a fun evening planned for your daughters and dates, including food, prizes, inflatables, a photo booth, a DJ, a tattoo artist, and our very own hypnotist!

The After Prom Committee is asking for your help to ensure that After Prom is a fun and memorable event for all. We are looking for volunteers to help us that night as well as for donations of prizes, desserts, and snacks.



### **PRIZES**

We are asking for your help by donating cash or prizes to make the evening more fun and exciting for the girls. Last year, some of the prizes won were TVs, an iPad, designer purses, Reds tickets, and a mini dorm refrigerator. All donations can be dropped off at the school office or contact Jackie Klosterman at [Jackie.klosterman@gmail.com](mailto:Jackie.klosterman@gmail.com) or 859-468-6747.

For the students, anyone who brings in a donation will be awarded a Panda Buck (valid for a FREE ice cream), compliments of Mr. VonHandorf!

### **VOLUNTEERS & FOOD DONATIONS**

We need many volunteers to make After Prom a success! Please consider signing up to give a couple of hours of your time and/or to donate food. We are using SignUp.com to organize our sign-ups. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:



1. Click this link to go to our After Prom invitation page on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/Jpfx3V>
2. Enter your email address – you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password.
3. Sign Up! – Choose your spots – SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.

NOTE: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Julie Darpel at [julixdarpel@gmail.com](mailto:julixdarpel@gmail.com) or 859-240-6366 and she can sign you up manually.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support!  
The After Prom Committee



## 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, at the 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.

### ▶ Important dates

March 1	Ash Wednesday Mass
March 2	SWAT to Apple Store to Code
March 3	Mass at 7:20 a.m. in Chapel - All are welcome!
March 4	8th Grade Conferences
March 9	NDA Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
March 10	7th Grade Panda Spring Fling Event
March 11	Freshman/Sophomore Dance: Enchanted Forest
March 13	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Professional Development
March 14	Blood Drive 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 ACT Makeup at NDA
March 25	Scholastic Writing Awards 3:00 p.m. NDA Theatre
March 30	Alumnae Dinner Theatre

### COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Work Study Opportunities for the Sisters of Notre Dame
- Scholarship Tax Credit Messenger Story

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

