



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

This morning we joined our Diocesan schools in holding a prayer service to honor all those who have lost their lives through school violence and to pray for an end to all violence in schools. As a school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame whose mission as a Catholic school is to educate young women to make a difference in the world, we are called to speak against violence in schools. Our prayer service began with a few words from NDA junior Elly Piatt. After reading the names of each of the 17 innocent lives lost at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida on February 14, Elly said...

*“Today, we come together in prayer to remember these lives. We will gather with the rest of the country, with other students our age, praying for a change and for safety in our schools.”*

This is an important issue to our students, faculty and staff and I was very impressed with the manner in which everyone participated today. The demeanor of our students throughout the prayer service was very respectful and reverent. I was very impressed with our NDA community today - *Living the Gospel Empowered by Mary's Witness*.

While we planned to hold the prayer service outside, the weather did not cooperate. Due to the snow and below freezing temperatures, we opted to hold the prayer service in the gym. A group of students and teachers did go outside as planned to bring awareness to civic responsibility and the importance of being an informed citizen before joining in our prayer service in the gym. You may have seen a police officer stationed at our Dixie Highway entrance restricting access to our campus from 10-10:30 a.m. That was simply a precautionary measure due to the fact that we had planned to have students outside of our building. As always, the safety and well-being of our students is our priority.

Speaking of the safety of our students, on Monday, we had long homeroom in order to provide time to review NDA safety procedures, including the A.L.I.C.E program, with our students in our continuing efforts to ensure safety on our campus.

Please join our NDA community in taking a moment today to pray for peace in our schools and in our world. We must always remember that prayer is one of the most powerful tools God has given to us. Thank you for your continued support of NDA. It is an honor to partner with you in the education of your daughter.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### PROM MEETING

There will be an informational meeting for this year's prom for Juniors and Seniors this Friday, March 16 during long homeroom. Prom registration will begin that day.



## 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](#).



## OUTSTANDING WOMAN OF NKY ◀

Congratulations to Sr. Mary Ethel Parrott! It was recently announced that Sr. Mary Ethel is a 2018 Outstanding Women of Northern Kentucky honorees and will receive the 2018 Judith Clabes Lifetime Achievement Award! We are so proud of the incredible work Sr. Mary Ethel has done over the years as a Sister of Notre Dame and member of our NDA community!

## THEATRE NEWS ◀

For the spring musical, "Pippin," we've been building a medieval Pageant Wagon, which was a tool used in the middle ages for actors and monks to perform theatre. Since Pippin takes place in the 9th century, we decided to take on this insane task!



# CONGRATULATIONS!

## KENTUCKY JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE CONVENTION ◀

The Latin Club sent a delegation of nine students to the Kentucky Junior Classical League Convention last weekend. Congratulations to the following students for their extraordinary accomplishments: Theresa Berling-2nd place Ninja, Sarah Witt-8th place Mottos & Abbreviations, Megan Bezold-8th place Reading Comprehension and 9th place Derivatives, Abby Dressman-7th place Vocabulary and 8th place Mottos & Abbreviations, and finally Gabriella Cottingham, who placed 1st in Vocabulary, 2nd in Derivatives, 4th in Mythology, 5th in Reading Comprehension, 7th in Roman History, and 9th in Latin Grammar. Optime Factum est, Discipulae!

## GREAT NEWS FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ◀

We had 3 students place nationally in the Scholastic writing competition this year:

Kate Williams - Gold medal and American Voices Award

Clara Dusing - Gold medal

Ellie O'Hara - Silver medal

Congrats to these students and to their teachers!



## NDA PANDA WINS CREATIVE WRITING AWARD ◀

Congratulations to sophomore, Mary Camille Hagen, who won first place in the poetry category for Mount St. Joseph University's annual high school sophomore creative writing contest. Mary's teacher is Mr. Michael Byrd. Way to go Mary Camille!

## OVERTURE AWARDS WINNER ◀

We want to congratulate our Theatre Panda, Ellie O'Hara, on the amazing honor of winning the Overture Awards for Theatre in Downtown Cincinnati! Ellie competed against students from all over the Greater Cincinnati area in what is a highly difficult competition. It's an incredibly prestigious award and Notre Dame Academy is so proud of her hard work and talent!

## SPECIAL THANKS ◀

NDA's student led instrumental Chamber Ensemble did a wonderful job welcoming guests to our 2018 Women Making A Difference luncheon at the NKY Convention Center last Thursday!



## NDA SUMMER CLASSES ◀

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

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



### College Visit Ideas...

One of the best things students can be doing to prepare for finding the best college 'fit' for them is getting on college campuses. At NDA, students get a total of (5) College Visit Days to use throughout their Junior and Senior years. These days are 'excused' absences and students can use these days until April 30th of each Academic Year. [NDA COLLEGE VISIT POLICY](#)

Freshman and Sophomores are welcome to go on College Visits as well. These will just not be considered official college visits until Junior/Senior years.

We will highlight a few colleges and their Visit Programs each week. Scheduling college visits is usually as easy as filling out an online form:

#### #VisitTheVille

University of Louisville offers a [Campus Visit Program](#) Monday-Friday and select Saturdays, and include an admissions presentation and a student-led tour of campus.

If students just want to take a peek at a residence hall, they can [schedule a housing tour](#) with Campus Housing.

#### WKU Campus Visit Program

Just like people, college campuses have personalities. When you meet people, you typically take some time to get to know them, making sure your personalities are compatible. The WKU Campus Visit is your opportunity to "get to know" a college campus. This will help you make the best possible decision as you determine the path for your continued education. Link: <https://www.wku.edu/admissions/tours.php>



**NDA's Drug Free Club is sponsoring a FREE showing of the movie Wonder Friday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the NDA Theatre All are welcome!**

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

### 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

The Archers competed again at Covington Catholic, coming in 3rd place with a team score of 3222. Claire Scheffter shot her personal best of 287, coming in 1st place and setting a new school record. Gracie Siemer shot her personal best of 280 and came in 7th place. Other top scores include Jenna Wigger who shot her personal best score of 277, Alexis Hehman with a 275, Evelyn Cook with a 273, Madilyn Adamchik with a 268, and Megan Raab who shot her personal best score of 268. Full results can be found on [nasptournaments.org](http://nasptournaments.org). Great shooting, Pandas!



## FREE FINANCIAL ADVICE AT THE 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?

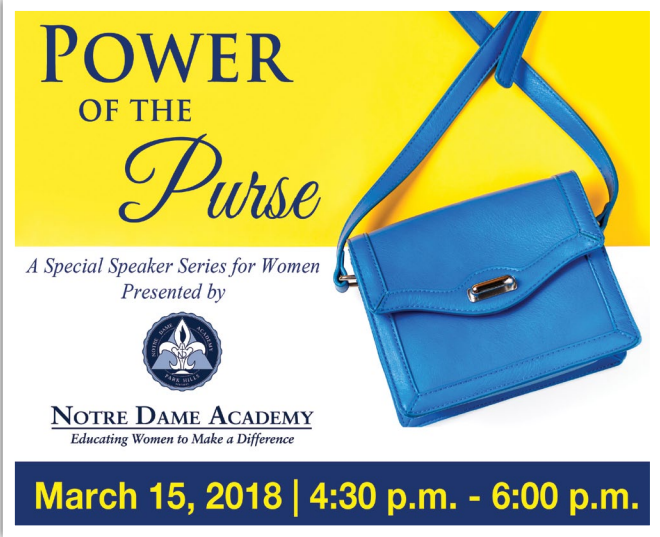
### The session will be moderated by **Jessica Birkenhauer Rawe '99** and our panel of experts will include:

- 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 ques-



**POWER**  
OF THE  
*Purse*

*A Special Speaker Series for Women*  
Presented by

  
**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY**  
*Educating Women to Make a Difference*

**March 15, 2018 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**



## 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!

## 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](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org). The schedule is online and you can sign up [HERE](#).



## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE GO 4 GULU 5K! ◀

The Go For Gulu 5k is benefitting four children sponsored through the Unified for Uganda foundation. The mission of the organization is to provide emotional and financial support for war town children in Northern Uganda. These children face various different setbacks preventing them from achieving academic success such as being orphaned, being forced to become head of household, HIV positive, and/or former abductee. Each student when sponsored receives a mentor to encourage academic success and behavioral success. Your donation goes to the priceless gift of education. The U4U family believes that every child should have access to education. Thank you for learning more about what this 5k is all about!

# GO 4 GULU 5K



## APRIL 21, 2018

Runners begin at 8:00

Walkers begin at 8:20

Onsite registration begins at 7:00

Register online by April 10th to receive a free t-shirt

To register go to: <http://ndaugandapandas5k-com5.webnode.com>

Cost is \$15



### HOSTED AT NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

All proceeds go to the education of four students through NDA's chapter of Unified for Uganda. With this sponsorship they receive their uniform, housing, tuition for school, and meals. If you or a company you know of would like to sponsor the race visit our website or contact [schumacherj@ndapandas.org](mailto:schumacherj@ndapandas.org) or [burkec@ndapandas.org](mailto:burkec@ndapandas.org)



## 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

21 University of Alabama Tuscaloosa

21 De Paul University

## ► Important dates

March 15	Power of the Purse Speaker Series
March 16	Third Quarter Ends
	FR Charism Presentation
	JR/SR Prom Information Session
	Drug Free Club Movie Night: Wonder - Theater 7:00 p.m.
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
	Panda Parent Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.
April 13	Baby Day

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Scholarship Tax Credit legislation
- School Cafeteria Manager Needed
- Positions Available for Students
- World Meeting of Families

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

