



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Spring has arrived and is inspiring a feeling of excitement and energy throughout our campus. Although it's still a bit chilly, I hope you have an opportunity to get outside and enjoy the sunshine.

Last Thursday, we celebrated *Women Making a Difference Day*. The day included a Career Fair, breakout sessions featuring many different career topics and an inspiring presentation by NDA alumna Lt. Col. Amy McGrath Henderson '93. I hope you had an opportunity to talk to your daughter about this special day and all of the career opportunities presented.

Yesterday we had a guest speaker, Sarah Panzou, who shared the painful and amazing story of her personal journey after being involved in a tragic drunk driving accident. She used her story to encourage our students to make good choices, respect the advice of their parents and be less judgmental of others. I hope your daughter shared some of her thoughts on the presentation with you. It was obvious that many were quite moved by Sarah's honesty, humility and sense of humor.

This is Body Peace Week at NDA. There are many activities this week to help promote a positive sense of self with our students. You can read more about these activities below in the Student Services section.

Students will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. this Friday. Our annual Junior/Senior prom will be held Friday evening at the Hilton Netherland Hotel followed by our After Prom here at NDA. Please note: **anyone attending Prom must be in attendance for the day's duration on Friday**. Also please remember that students must be dressed appropriately to be admitted to the prom. Students must abide by the NDA Student Code of Conduct which is also highlighted in the prom agreement form they each signed. I am truly grateful to the students, faculty and parents who have put so much time and energy into planning these events to ensure a fun, safe and entertaining evening for our students and their guests!

We strive to educate our students at NDA through 21st century collaborative learning. This is a critical element of their education and an important skill for them to take with them when they move on from NDA. Mrs. Mullee has shared a perfect example of NDA's 21st century collaborative learning below. I am very proud of our community and the ways in which they embrace not only collaborative learning but also 21st century technology.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for *Jane Eyre, A Musical Drama*. The performances will be held March 31 - April 2. You can find more information about the show and how to purchase tickets below.

Notre Dame Academy students are fortunate to have the opportunity to apply for a variety of annual scholarships. If you are interested in applying for one of these scholarships for the 2017-18 school year, please check our website for application information [HERE](#). The application deadline is April 15.

Our Panda Preview Night will be held Tuesday, March 28 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.

Finally, it is my pleasure to announce the latest addition to our Panda family - Arden Caroline Webster. Arden is the daughter of Athletic Director Myanna Webster and her husband Matt. We congratulate the Webster family and welcome Arden!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Prom and After Prom

Prom is scheduled for this **Friday, March 24 from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight** at the Hilton Netherland Hotel downtown Cincinnati. **School will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. on this day, and anyone attending Prom must be in attendance for the day's duration.** Immediately following this year's prom is our very own After Prom right here at NDA! This event will last from 12-3:30 a.m.

Orange and White Flag Football Game

Please join the NDA and St. Ursula communities at the Orange and White Flag Football Game taking place on Sunday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Ursula. This is a charity flag football game that we play against St. Ursula to help raise money and awareness for Leukemia Research. This will be our 3rd year participating in the game and this year hopefully we will have our first victory!

Attention Juniors

This week, March 20-24, the Teen Leadership Club (TLC) will be collecting items from the Juniors to support the Notre Dame Urban Education Center. TLC will be collecting individually packaged snacks and drinks such as peanut butter crackers, cookies, chips, pretzels, capri sun, etc. We would like to make a big donation because in our most recent correspondence with the Urban Ed Center, they indicated their cupboards were almost bare! Donations can be brought to school and placed in designated spots in the front lobby. If you donate, please make sure the portions are individually packaged. Thank you in advance for your generosity ~TLC



JOIN US ◀

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



INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

An Everyday Example of Real Life Collaboration by Molly Mullee

Students, teachers, sisters, and coaches are regulars in Room102 when they need assistance with a project. Today was no different; a group of 5 timid freshman cautiously entered Room 102 and asked how they could add a voiceover to their iMovie project. At least 4 seniors were in the room and they instantly began to give alternative options for this project. Some of the offered options were: Google slides, Prezi, Animoto, Canva, Thinglink, and more. The younger

students, Anna Tranter, Grace Winstel, Evelyn Wagner, Lucy Teller, and Gabrielle Weber, were excited by these options and listened thoughtfully. By the end of the decision making process, they chose to "Airdrop" the photos they were going to use in their video from Lucy's iPad to the Production Lab computer setup. This would allow them to use Final Cut Pro for their video making software. Next they wanted a specific song for their project. I happened to have the song 102's audio library. I "instashared" the song from my computer to the Production Lab computer so they could collect all of their media on one computer. Once it was all collected, they wanted to voiceover their photos while the song played in the background. Senior, Harper Lamb, assisted them while they used Final Cut Pro for the first time and they completed their project for Ms. Hillary Johnson's World Geography course. When the bell rang, they weren't quite ready to submit the project to Canvas. They decided on a plan quickly that would allow three of them to return right after school while the other two had sports. All of them were collaborating equally so this didn't bother any of them.

Sure enough, Lucy, Grace, and Gabby walked in to 102 together after school to complete the project. They mentioned that they had made a Google Slides presentation and wanted to insert the newly made video onto the final slide. I showed them how to export the project, and then upload it to Grace's Google Drive. Then we wondered how could we get the video to open once in the Google Drive App. We noticed that Grace was already playing the video from her iPad, but the rest of us could not open the newly shared file. Grace told us she had to save it to her "camera roll" on her iPad and play the video from the "camera roll".

Last, we brainstormed and figured out how to get the video inserted into the last slide and how to upload it to Canvas. We finished the last step from the production lab computer and then submitted it to Ms. Johnson's assignment upload link.

During the course of the day, by walking into Room 102, these five students took a bold move and made a fabulous group project collaboratively with seniors. This is an excellent example of 21st century collaborative learning.



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

The count down is on...There are only 3 weeks left to apply for financial aid,work study and scholarships.

All financial aid applications must be completed with FACTS by April 15th. Please be sure to log into FACTS and get this taken care of right away. If your taxes are not complete yet you can come back and add those to FACTS once they are complete.

If you are interested in doing work study you must fill out the FACTS grants and aid application as well as the work study application. Also be sure to check out the scholarship opportunities on our website.

Financial aid and work study do not roll over from year to year, you must reapply.

You can access the Financial Assistance page of the website [HERE](#) and Scholarship Information [HERE](#).

ALSO:

As was noted at the beginning of the year, we are using FACTS for the collection of athletic fees (\$250 1st sport, \$75 second sport) and theatre fees (\$50 per play) this year. If your daughter participates in either of these activities you must log into FACTS and make that payment. It is not automatically deducted like tuition.

Also please note the FACTS athletic fee is a separate fee from your team fees. Team fees are paid directly to NDA and are for specific team events such as meals, locker decorations etc.

All sports fees and theatre fees have been posted for the year. **Please take care of this before spring break so we are all set for the 4th quarter.**

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 OPPORTUNITIES ◀

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>

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Mark Your Calendar!



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Spring Musical

March 31 - April 2

JANE EYRE

A Musical Drama

Don't miss this incredible production filled with haunting, beautiful music set on the backdrop of Bronte's classic gothic romance.

The story is a lovely examination of the strength of faith and the nature of forgiveness and grace.

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM SR. PAUL ANN & SR. MARY RACHEL ◀

Dear Parents

Thank you very much for enrolling in the for Kroger Community Rewards program. Kroger is committed to helping Notre Dame Academy and our communities grow and prosper. Year after year, local schools, churches and other nonprofit organizations earn \$4 million in Greater Cincinnati, Dayton and Northern Kentucky through our Community Rewards program. We are blessed to be part of this program.



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We've got great news to share with you! Kroger listened to your feedback and they are making updates to our Community Rewards process and software. As of April 1, 2017, you will no longer have to re-enroll their Kroger Plus Card to earn dollars for your organization. We hope this will make it easier for you to support us through the Kroger Community Rewards program.

Please note: Due to this update, Kroger's Community Rewards administration staff will no longer be able to assist you in looking up prior quarterly donation totals. As always, if you are enrolled in the Community Rewards program, you can look up your most recent quarter donation earned online at www.kroger.com/communityrewards.

If you are not yet signed up for this wonderful rewards program, please consider signing up today at www.kroger.com/communityrewards. You'll start earning rewards for NDA right away on qualifying purchases made using your Kroger Plus Card!

Thank you for your support,

Sr. Paul Ann Hanneken, SND and Sr. Mary Rachel Nerone, SND



NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

NDA's NEWEST PANDA!

Congratulations to NDA Athletic Director Myanna Webster and her husband, Matt, on the birth of their daughter! Arden Caroline joined our Panda family Monday afternoon at 2:59 p.m. She weighed in at 8 lbs 13 oz, 21 inches long. Both Myanna and Arden are doing well and big brother Bryant was very curious about his baby sister!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Drug Free Club of America: Scholarship Contest

All of our Drug Free Club Members are encouraged to participate in the annual scholarship essay contest sponsored by Drug Free Clubs of America. (Last year, NDA students won \$4,000 in scholarships!)



The essay question to be answered in a one-page typed, single spaced essay, is:

HOW HAS BEING A MEMBER OF DRUG FREE CLUBS OF AMERICA HELPED OR CHANGED YOU, YOUR SCHOOL, YOUR FAMILY, AND/OR OTHERS YOU KNOW?



1st place wins a \$2000 scholarship!
TWO Runners-Up will be awarded \$1000 each
FOUR Finalists will receive \$500 each

Contest Information and Applications were emailed on March 14 to DFCA members and their parents; please let Mrs. Hildreth or Mrs. Maggard if you did not receive this email or if you have questions.

Completed essays and applications are due by APRIL 1, 2017 to Mrs. Hildreth or Mrs. Maggard. Winners will be announced on or around May 1, 2017.

Special Opportunity:

A counselor from Catholic Charities who specializes in adoption will speak to interested NDA students about unique issues, concerns, and challenges related to adoption that sometimes arise as students get older. This is a different opportunity to meet and talk with someone experienced in this area, to have questions answered, and to gain resources. We will meet on Wednesday April 26 at 8:00 a.m. (before school) in the NDA Chapel. Contact Mrs. Hildreth if interested.



Summer Opportunities for Artists:

GSA is just one of many great ways to develop as a young artist over the summer:

- [Summer Arts Opportunities](#)
- 2017 Accepted Summer Arts Program Guide [here](#)

NO-TRE DAME ACADEMY



Body Peace Week

This week is **Body Peace Week** here at NDA. We have various activities going on to help promote a positive sense of self such as our positive post-it wall, an opportunity to experience a self-compassion meditation before school and discussion starters at the lunch tables, to name a few. Please take some time to speak with your daughter about these things as your opinion matters (even though they might act like it doesn't). Talking about our bodies and how they look can be difficult so here are some suggestions from a PBS.com article:

Talk about who your daughter is instead of how she looks.

Steiner-Adair (Catherine Steiner-Adair works with girls and parents in her private practice and speaks about body image and eating disorders in workshops around the country) recommends that we compliment girls on qualities other than looks. "Parents so often say 'You look so pretty today,' but don't say things like, 'You were such a good friend today,' or 'You handled that frustration well.' It's very useful to compliment girls on their assertiveness and even their anger with statements like, 'You were brave to tell me how mad you were,' 'I like how you stand up for yourself,' 'You and I disagree and I respect your thinking,' or 'I never would have thought of that; you are so smart about these things.'"

Talk about what women look like in the media.

Girls' images of themselves are shaped by what they see around them, by brand names in magazines, and in particular, by TV shows that focus more on what women wear and how their bodies look than on what they can do. Steiner-Adair recommends parents limit, but not ban, girls' exposure to television and particularly commercials. Talk with girls about what they see to balance the effects of these images. It's never too early to begin this conversation. "By the age of two, kids are aware of brand names, so think of what the images selling those brands may be doing to them."



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 10**. All are welcome!



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 28

University of Alabama



Thomas More College



Morehead State University



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](#).



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

Panda Preview Night

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

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

This is a great opportunity to visit NDA’s campus and see what the **All-Girl Advantage** has to offer!

Panda Preview Night is for all 6th and 7th grade girls, and 8th grade girls who have not yet made a high school decision.

The program begins at 6:30 p.m. and offers two hours of sessions to learn about admission and financial aid, student support services and the academic experience at Notre Dame Academy.

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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](#).

▶ Important dates

March 22	Seniors at Playhouse in the Park
March 24	NDA Prom and After Prom - DISMISSAL at 11:30 a.m.
March 25	Scholastic Writing Awards 3:00 p.m. NDA Theatre
March 28	Panda Preview Night 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
March 29	Juniors at Cincinnati Shakespeare
March 30	Alumnae Dinner Theatre
March 30 & 31	National Spanish Exam
March 31-April 2	Spring Play
April 4	Vocations Speaker World Languages Induction
April 5	Sophomore Ring Ceremony
April 13-23	Easter Break
April 13	Holy Thursday
April 14	Good Friday
April 16	Easter
April 24	Students return after Easter Break

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Work Study Opportunities for the Sisters of Notre Dame

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

