



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

This morning our faculty and staff had the opportunity to hear a wonderful presentation about what it means to be a school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame by SND Provincial and former NDA faculty member Sr. Mary Ethel Parrott and former NDA President Sr. Mary Shauna Bankemper. They spoke about our founding story as well as the spirit and charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame providing us with valuable insights and context as we face the many challenges of our contemporary world in meeting the needs of our young women.

On Monday, March 12, we will have 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. On Wednesday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m., we will join schools in our Diocese for a prayer service honoring the victims of the recent school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High school in Parkland Florida and the impact this event has had on that school community and all students across our country.

We will have a conversation with our students about this upcoming prayer service during long homeroom this Monday where we hope to have constructive dialogue with our students regarding this crucial issue. Please know that our plans and decisions are guided by the tenets of faithful citizenship and the mission and educational principles of our sponsors, the Sisters of Notre Dame. As I told our faculty and staff members this morning, we are the bearers of hope to the students who are in front of us each day.

I ask that you take the time to have a discussion with your daughter about the measures we are taking at NDA to maintain a safe environment. I hope that you will encourage your daughter to use the information she learned in the Green Dot program to intervene in potentially harmful situations and be observant and attentive while at school and on social media. Through the active participation in our School Crisis Plan of our administration, faculty, staff, students and parents, we can ensure the safety of everyone in our community.

If you have any questions or concerns about our comprehensive crisis plan at Notre Dame Academy, please feel free to contact me at 859.261.4300 or by email at vonhandorfj@ndapandas.org.

Thank you for your continued support of NDA; please be assured that our priority is always the safety and well-being of our students, faculty and staff.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Notre Dame Academy
is built on the
Four Educational Principles
of the Sisters of Notre Dame:



- The centrality of a good and provident God
- The human dignity of each person as an image of God
- The Notre Dame educator as a Gospel witness
- An integrated education for transformation

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Student Council School Officer

Any current junior interested in running for School Officer for the 2018-2019 school year must turn in her application by the end of the day on Friday. Elections will take place on Friday, March 23.

Handbook Highlight

As we prepare for this weekend's Silver Bells Dance and Prom at the end of the April, it is important to revisit our dress code for special occasions. As our handbook states, "it is expected that students (and their guests) dress in a way that is acceptable for young women attending a Catholic high school. This includes appropriate dress or skirt length and coverage of the stomach, back, and chest areas." Dresses must be the appropriate length (go past fingertips when arms are at side), cover the front and back areas appropriately and avoid cutouts where the midriff or usually covered areas are exposed.



Quarterly Club Meetings

Many thanks to our Northern Kentucky Youth Advisory Board (NKYAB) members Angela Kynthev, Anna Resing, Julia Hughes and Onali Fernando for their contributions to this year's Club Leader Meetings. The four students were able to plan and coordinate meetings that were fun, educational and formative for our student leaders.

A huge thank you to Beth Nowak who presented to our student leaders last month. She shared her life experiences as well as the importance of serving others.



Beth Nowak with Onali Fernando and Anna Resing





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 ◀

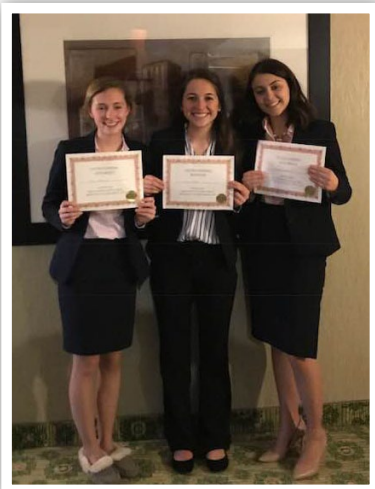
Financial Aid Applications:

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](#).

AND THE VERTICT IS... ◀

Congratulations to NDA's Mock Trial Team! After placing 1st in Regionals, the team came in an impressive 4th place in the Kentucky Mock Trial State Tournament, held this past weekend, March 2-4 at the Kenton County Justice Center. Under the sharp and knowledgeable guidance of NDA Alumnae Katelyn (Connor) Mollett '08 and Amy Hebbeler '09, the team catapulted to a 4th place finish in only it's third year of existence.

Team members include seniors, Abby Bruns and Olivia Bosch, juniors Libby Smith, Julia Hughes, and Elly Piatt, sophomores Natalie Gerdes and Mara Schutt and freshman Dani Shoemake. With outstanding performances, Elly Piatt took home NDA's Best Witness Award, while Olivia Bosch and Julia Hughes took home the team's Best Attorney Award.



NDA Mock Trial Team with Judge Allison Jones, who serves on the Kentucky Court of Appeals



PPC NEWS ◀

Help our Panda Parent Club in their efforts to host this year's Afterprom by eating at Dewey's Pizza on Tuesday March 13!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

BEST Award Winners:

Congratulations to our most recent winners that are voted on by their teachers for being hard workers and improved in the classroom.



Freshmen
Hana Kennedy

Sophomore:
Megan Seligman

Junior:
Casey Shelton

Senior:
Ashley Simpson



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!

Miami University Summer Scholars Program:

Miami will be hosting two sessions of our Summer Scholars Program this July. The Summer Scholars Program provides an early college experience for academically talented rising high school juniors and seniors. Students will attend an intense, two-week program on Miami's campus exploring a topic of their choice with an acclaimed Miami faculty member. Need-based scholarships are available for the program. More information regarding dates, deadlines, and the application is available at MiamiOH.edu/SummerScholars.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

BASKETBALL

Congratulations to Kelsey Johnson on receiving the "All District Team" award!



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.

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

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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!

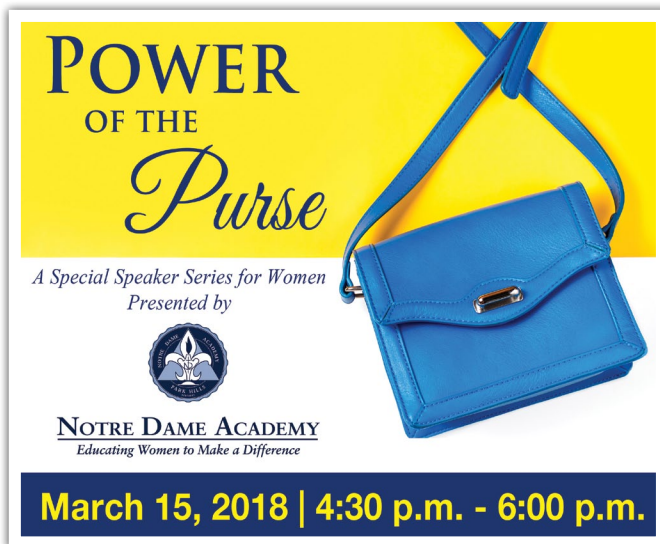


FREE FINANCIAL ADVICE AT THE POWER OF THE PURSE! ◀

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-



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. 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



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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 or 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

13 University of Kentucky

21 University of Alabama Tuscaloosa

21 De Paul University

▶ Important dates

March 8	Women Making a Difference Service Day/Luncheon - 11:00 a.m. Dismissal
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
	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](#).

