



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Yesterday, vocational speaker Susan Conroy spoke to our community. She shared her personal experiences serving the poorest of the poor with Mother Teresa and her Missionaries of Charity in India. Her presentation to our students was filled with Mother Teresa's own words of wisdom and messages of mercy. She reminded our students that all they need in this world are hands to serve and hearts to love. She told the students to hold on to the light of faith and that they can always have courage with God at their side.

Congratulations to our Theatre Pandas on the tremendous success of their spring musical, *Jane Eyre, A Musical Drama*. The production was very professional and enjoyable for all who attended.

Congratulations also to Mrs. Goldcamp on being selected as the 2017 High School Teacher of the Year by the Cincinnati Section of the American Chemical Society. I would also like to extend our congratulations to one of our students teachers, Mr. Greg Warner, who was one of the winners at the Eighth Annual Student Research Forum at Thomas More College.

Our Sophomore Ring Ceremony will be held this evening. This marks a special moment for our sophomores as they receive their class rings - an important reminder of their years at NDA.

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.

As we prepare for spring break and the remainder of the school year, we have much news to share. Please take the time to read all of the important information below.

I am encouraged by light of faith among us at NDA: our students, parents, faculty and staff. I have tremendous respect for our faculty and staff and I thank them for living the mission of NDA and always doing their best to help us provide a safe and productive learning environment for our students. As always, I want to thank you, our parents, for your continued support of NDA.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Orange and White Flag Football Game

The Orange & White game against St. Ursula is this Sunday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Ursula. There will be a Meat & Greet starting at 4:30 p.m. where people can purchase burgers and other snacks and spend some time getting to know our friends from across the river! Tickets for the game are \$10 per person and will be on sale before and after school this week as well as at the game. We will also be selling wristbands for \$1. All proceeds go to Cincinnati Children's Hospital for Leukemia research.



Special Screening of HUSH

Please join us on Thursday, April 6 at 7:00pm for a special screening of HUSH at the Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Ave, Covington – across from the Cathedral. FREE admission & refreshments. This 90 min documentary was created by 'Pro-Choice' Director Punam Kumar Gill, 'Pro-Life Executive Producer Drew Martin and "neutral" Producer Joses Martin and they investigate the untold, long-term health effects of abortion on women. You can view the film Trailer at www.hushfilm.com/#trailer. Please RSVP to Faye Roch froch@covdio.org or contact Faye at the Pro-Life Office at 859-392-1500 for more information.

The connection between Abortion and Breast Cancer, Abortion and Premature Birth, and Abortion and Psychological Damage, are revealed in a way that will have a lasting effect on government and health care worldwide. It has to be seen to be believed. And it seems that we are not the only ones who see the virtue of this pleasantly surprising approach since the film has been honored with several awards from screenings at film festivals around the world. HUSH had its big screen debut as the official selection at Le Femme, an International Women's Film Festival in Beverley Hills this past year where their positioning statement is, "Films by women that everyone should see!" The film also won Silver at WORLDFEST in Houston Texas. Then it went on to win the Golden Award at the World Documentary Festival in Jakarta, as well as Best Documentary at Life Fest International in Los Angeles.

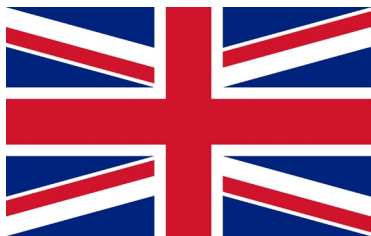
"Hush, which seems to me an objective overview of the situation, should be seen by pro-choice women, pro-life women and women who are simply concerned about themselves or their daughters achieving their reproductive goals with optimal chances for long-term health. That is to say, by pretty well all women."

- National Post



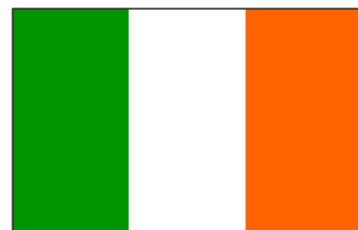
JOIN US ◀

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



SUMMER 2018 NDA TRIP ◀

There is a parent meeting on Thursday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Alumnae Hall for anyone interested in attending NDA's June 2018 trip to England and Ireland. This meeting is for parents and students. While there will be another meeting next fall, enrolling by 5/30 comes with a significant early bird discount (\$200 off) and ensures your spot on the trip (which is limited to 42 students).



ATTENTION SENIORS ◀

Graduate Services will be passing out caps, gowns and invitations on Tuesday, April 11 during lunch in the Auditorium.

ATTENTION JUNIORS ◀

Lifetouch will be having a meeting with all Juniors in the theatre on Wednesday, April 26 at 8:30 a.m.



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

The count down is on...There are only 2 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: Thank you to all who have taken care of their athletic fees and theatre fees through FACTS. If you are one of the few who still have an outstanding balance, please log in and take care of this right away. 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. This sports fee (\$250 for the first sport and \$75 for the 2nd) helps offset the cost of equipment, facilities upkeep 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.**



IMPORTANT REMINDER! ◀

Reminder to replenish your student's meal account:

Please check your daughter's cafeteria account balance as many currently have insufficient funds. You can check PayPams for your balance.

ATTENTION SENIORS: If you would like a refund of your cafeteria balance or to transfer your balance to a younger sister, please email Karen Brungs at brungsk@ndapandas.org. Thank you!



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>



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 **APRIL 10**. All are welcome!



Join us at Skyline for **NDA Benefit Night - Tomorrow - April 6 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Ft. Wright!** That evening 20% of all sales will be donated to NDA Dances and Events! You can access your coupons [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.



NDA BABY DAY ◀

Annual Baby Day Invitation to Faculty, Staff, Parents, Friends & Alums

Greetings from the NDA Psychology Classes!

The Psychology classes are once again hosting the annual "Baby Day" activities on Wednesday, April 12, 2017. This event will be held in Alumnae Hall this year so that we will have plenty of room to accommodate a larger number of children and so that parents & grandparents will have easier access with no steps involved.

There are **two** 40 minute sessions available. The sessions are **10:15-10:55 am** and **11:30 am-12:10 p.m.**

Contact Michele Johnson at johnsonm@ndapandas.org, if you wish to participate. Please include the name(s) of your child/children and their ages. Newborn through kindergarten age, are welcome.

This opportunity allows students who have studied child development to put into practice the theories/concepts they have studied. The activities are loads of fun for the children and very educational for the psychology students. All sessions will be held in the Alumnae Hall. If you are interested in participating please use the email address above for more details.

It is necessary that you remain with your child or grandchild unless you are a faculty or staff member at NDA.

Thank you,
NDA Psychology Classes

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE ◀

Sign-ups for the 2017 National Catholic Youth Conference begin this week. NCYC is a powerful, biennial, three-day experience of prayer, community, catechesis and empowerment for Catholic teenagers. Once again NDA will travel with the Diocese of Covington to Indianapolis, Indiana on November 16-19 and join with 25,000 of their peers and chaperones from across the United States. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Van Auken at vanaukent@ndapandas.org and go to the following website <http://www.nfcym.org/> to learn more.



NDA HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR GERMAN STUDENTS FOR FALL 2017 ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2017 enrollment. We are again working with our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta) to arrange for 2 German exchange students to study at NDA for the fall semester. At this time we are seeking families who would consider hosting these students. Please email Mrs. Katie Caccavari at caccavarik@ndapandas.org, if you would be interested in more information about this opportunity. Your reply is not a commitment, but would help us to know which families would consider supporting our international

student enrollment by serving as a host family. Thank you for your interest.

FREE OLD BOOKS ◀

All of the books that have been in storage must go because the space is needed for the construction this summer. We have had a used book dealer, the Sisters of Notre Dame, and the faculty take books they wanted. We are now offering these books to our students and parents. Old books are not only interesting but can be used for many crafts - Just Google old book crafts

These books will be available during school days from 7:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. We would like to have them cleared out before spring break so please come in or send your student to the library before Tuesday, April 11. If you have any questions or suggestions for these books please contact Barb Benkert benkertb@ndapandas.org.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

ARCHERY

The Panda Archers finished the season with the KHSAA Regionals and the NASP State Tournament. At Regionals the Pandas came in 9th with a score of 3181. Lily Gamel was our top shot: coming in 7th place with her personal high score of 281. Other leading archers included Gabriella Ficke who placed 9th with her personal high score of 279, Erin Kirchner with a 278, Hope Feinauer with a 276, Claire Scheffter with her personal high score of 264, and Oli Marita who shot her personal best with a 261. Other archers who shot their personal best were Libby Roebker, Chloe Summe, and Megan Seligman. At the NASP State Tournament in Louisville, The Pandas and Colonels shot together: coming in 40th of 102 with our highest combined score of 3281. The Bullseye Champ Gabriella Ficke led the team with a 276, as did Kayla Torres, who shot her personal best score of the season. Other top shooters were Erin Kirchner with a 275, Hope Feinauer with a 274, Lily Gamel with a 272, and Emma Duerstock with 264. Results for the full rosters can be found on nasp-tournaments.org. Great finish to a great season!



Athletic Signing for Senior Athletes

NDA will be hosting a Senior signing for all senior athletes who have committed to play a sport in college. This event will take place on Tuesday, April 25th at 4:30 pm in the Auditorium. Any family, friends and coaches of these senior athletes who would like to show their support are welcome to attend this event.

▶ CONGRATULATIONS



HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR ◀

Congratulations to our very own Mrs. Goldcamp on being selected as the 2017 High School Teacher of the Year by the Cincinnati Section of the American Chemical Society. This is in recognition of her great work and inspirational teaching of AP Chemistry and Physical Science courses at Notre Dame Academy.

STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM WINNER ◀

Congratulations to Mr. Greg Warner who was one of the winners at the Eighth Annual Student Research Forum at Thomas More College. The forum provided an opportunity for students to showcase their innovative thinking skills and inquiry based learning.



SCIENCE SUCCESS AT STATE ◀

Congratulations to Catherine Meadows for placing 2nd in the Environmental Science category at the Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair at ECU this past weekend. NDA was well represented by science research students Catherine Meadows, Iris Rokvic, Libby Roebker, Morgan Welter, Molly Kleier, and Grace Meade.

NDA STUDENTS HEADED TO NATIONAL HISTORY DAY STATE COMPETITION ◀

Congratulations to Jenna Cayze on qualifying for the National History Day State competition! Jenna's name was inadvertently left off our list last week.



INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

Teachers and Technology by Molly Mullee

It's hard to find a teacher so excited about a lesson that she or he wants to continue a discussion later with the observer, only to make sure the observer also understood her lesson.

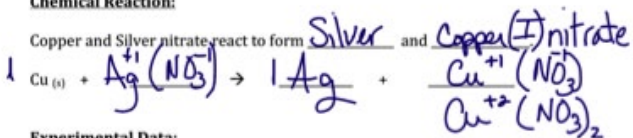


Such is the case in Diane Goldcamp's chemistry class. Mrs. Goldcamp, like her classroom neighbor Jen Ericson, love to make technology work for their students. Mrs. Goldcamp, reflects her notes using Notability for each of her sections of chemistry that day. She reviews the solutions interactively and color codes when necessary. I have seen this done in student notes dozens of times. After her interactive demonstration on "Mass to Mass",

Mass to Mass Demonstration!

If we weigh a piece of copper wire and place it in a graduated cylinder with 1 gram of Silver nitrate and 50mL of distilled water, how many grams of silver are produced?

Chemical Reaction:



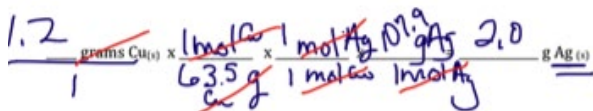
Experimental Data:

Day 1:

Mass of Copper wire = 1.2 g
 Mass of Silver nitrate = 1.1 g

Other Observations:

Predicted Yield or "Theoretical yields"



which she time-lapse videos (using the help of students), she posts her notes and videos from the class on her Canvas page for that course. This enables Mrs. Goldcamp, 's students to access them later if they didn't understand or require more reinforcement. For absent students, it is a huge relief to see both the notes and the experiment in video.

In a recent visit to Ms. Ericson's class, I noticed she was playing a video from her iPad and using Apple TV and also using a bluetooth speaker, which many think is not possible. Ms. Ericson had recently attended a Professional Development session offered after school to learn how to use an application called "Doceri" which allows teachers to use their iPad as a remote control whiteboard, controlling their laptop with the Airplay. She figured out a way to use the speaker so that it connected to the laptop as well so all was in sync. Ms. Ericson, said she played around with it and figured out she could easily accomplish this obstacle by using Doceri.

Both of these teachers are drinking the water they have been lead to,

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Updates for Senior Parents!

Please remind your senior to turn in copies of her acceptance and scholarship letters. See full list of updates from Ms. Burgei for Senior Parents here: [Senior Parent Updates](#)



Junior ACT Info

The junior class took the ACT in school on February 28. Many of the students have started to get their score reports back. These are mailed to their homes. ACT states that it can take up to 8 weeks from test date to get all scores mailed out to students. If a student registers for the June 10 test (deadline is May 5 without an extra late fee), she needs to make sure that she has her ACT ID number for the in school test if this is the first test taken. This can be found on the score report that is mailed to the student. If one does not have the score report, she can contact ACT. Click [here](#) for ACT contact info. Some students have still not paid the ACT test fee of \$42.50. Please submit this to NDA office if it has not been done already.

Health Career Summer Camp

Area Health Education Centers is having another 5 day summer camp June 12-16 at Gateway Community College in Edgewood. There will be discussions, shadowing and hands on activities with St.Elizabeth Hospital. Please visit the website for more info. Registration is currently open. Website: <http://www.northcentralkyahec.org/gateway-camp.html>

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.



It's time to clear out our clearance items!

For the remainder of the school year, all clearance items will be an additional **50% off** the already reduced price!



Stop in and check it out!

Mondays 10:30-12:30pm

Tuesdays 10:30-12:30pm

Wednesdays 11am-12:30pm

Thursdays 10:30am-12:30pm

Fridays 10:30am-12:30pm

Closed April 13-21, May 5, and May 12. Last day open for this school year is Friday, May 19.

No additional discounts will apply during this sale, including faculty/staff discounts.



SAVE THE DATE:
OCTOBER 14, 2017
AT SUMMIT HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

► Important dates

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| April 5 | Sophomore Ring Ceremony 7:00 p.m. |
| April 6 | Parent Meeting for 2018 England/Ireland trip - Alumnae Hall 6:30 p.m. |
| April 7 | Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. - Everyone is welcome! School Officer Elections Seniors - Breast Cancer Awareness Presentation in Theater |
| April 9 | Orange and White Flag Football Game |
| April 10 | Panda Parent Club Meeting - Faculty Room 7:00 p.m. |
| April 11 | Technology Field Trip to UC |
| April 12 | Holy Week Prayer Service 9:15 a.m. Baby Day |
| April 13-23 | Easter Break |
| April 13 | Holy Thursday |
| April 14 | Good Friday |
| April 16 | Easter |
| April 24 | Students return after Easter Break |
| April 25 | Athletic Signing |
| April 26 | Junior Prestige Portrait Session |
| May 1 | AP Exams begin |
| May 1 | Diocese Teacher Recognition Luncheon |
| May 10 | Academic Signing 4:00 p.m. |

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- National Catholic Youth Conference
- Notre Dame Urban Education Center Executive Director Search
- Work Study Opportunities for the Sisters of Notre Dame

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

