



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings parents,

I hope you and your family enjoyed a blessed and joyous Easter holiday. It is nice to have everyone back as we head into the final weeks of the fourth quarter and the school year.

I am very pleased to announce that NDA has selected a new Principal. Mr. Jack VonHandorf will join NDA on July 1st as the next Principal for our school. Please see the announcement at <http://www.ndapandas.org/news/2015/04/15/nda-names-new-principal.aspx>. Mr. VonHandorf has a deep commitment to the SND educational tradition and brings a wealth of educational experience to NDA. He has proven to be an accomplished teacher and trusted leader. I look forward to welcoming him to NDA and introducing him to our students, faculty, staff and parents.

I also have exciting news to share this week about the accomplishments of our students. As you will see from the information below we have an impressive list of students who were selected for the Governor's Scholar Program. Congratulations to our students who were selected for this prestigious program as they competed with students from around the state of Kentucky for this honor. Also, congratulations to Emma Duerstock, our April Student of the Month. Please see more about Emma's accomplishments in and out of the classroom in the section below.

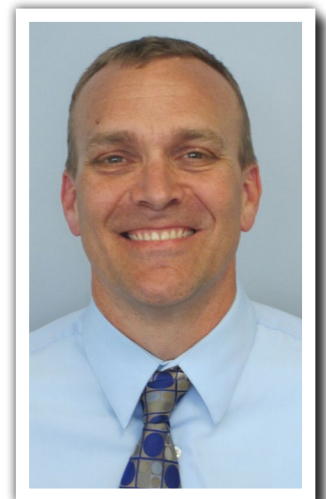
We are excited to welcome two exchange students from the Liebfrauenschule in Vechta Germany for the coming Fall semester. If you would be interested in being a host family for these students please let us know. Look for more information below about this opportunity.

Next Wednesday NDA will welcome Mr. Charles Marks, chastity speaker and theology teacher to address our student body. Mr. Marks is speaking at schools in the Diocese about the virtues of chastity and authentic love. More information about to his background and presentation can be found below.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

**Welcome to the
NDA Community
Mr. Jack VonHandorf!**





INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

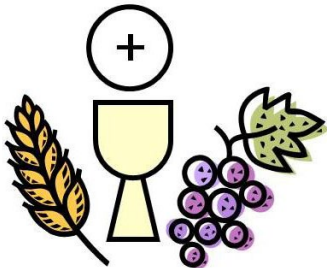
In the past few issues of the Panda Press we have featured The Technology Evolution Series, a Senior Perspective. Written by some of our NDA seniors, this is a series of descriptions illustrating how technology has changed at Notre Dame Academy during their four years. Read week 9 by Julie Davis [HERE](#).

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Sophomore Ring Ceremony

The Sophomore Ring Ceremony is scheduled for next Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00pm in the theatre. This is an opportunity for the sophomore class to come together and celebrate their class unity through the blessing and reception of their class rings. Parents are invited to celebrate this event with their daughter. If you ordered your ring through a company other than Herff Jones or are using an heirloom ring - please have this ring sent into Mrs. Proudfit no later than Monday, April 20, so it can be included in the blessing and distribution. If your daughter did not order a ring - they are still welcome and encouraged to join us in this celebration. A reception will follow the ceremony in Alumnae Hall. An invitation with an RSVP will be sent to your daughters, so we can provide an accurate count. If you have any questions - please contact Mrs. Bridget Price or Mrs. Molly Proudfit.



JOIN US FOR MASS ◀

Please join us for Mass on Friday mornings at 7:15 a.m. in our Chapel. This is a wonderful opportunity for our NDA community to celebrate the Mass together. We welcome students, faculty, staff and visitors from our community!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

April - Emma Duerstock

Notre Dame Sophomore Emma Duerstock is described by her English teacher, Mrs. Bricking as “industrious, self-motivated, thoughtful and involved.” Mrs. Bricking also adds that “Emma is always prepared and chooses to take on projects that require extra time and effort.” For these reasons and many more, Emma has earned the recognition of April’s Student of the Month.

Emma, currently rehearsing for this weekend’s spring musical, keeps very busy with extra-curricular and service activities. Besides the theatre program, Emma is a member of the Latin Club Honor Society, Panda Tones (NDA’s audition choir), Varsity Archery Team, Interact Club and school Mass music group. Emma was selected by faculty to serve as a Latin tutor, which she does on a weekly basis. She has also earned first honors every semester of her high school career. Outside of

NDA, Emma keeps very busy serving her parish community as a cantor, soloist, lead altar server and youth group member at St. Timothy’s Parish.

For the past two years, Emma has represented NDA at the English Speaking Union’s Shakespeare contest. Emma embraces the Classics as she believes they “open you up to a different type of acting” and teaches people to have empathy for one another. With such an appreciation, it is no wonder Emma placed among the top 6 students for the last two years. Congratulations, Emma on earning this recognition and NDA’s Student of the Month. We are proud to call you a Panda!

NDA & CCH PRESENT *Little Shop of Horrors* ◀

Don't miss this year's spring play, *Little Shop of Horrors* by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman. Showtimes are Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m., as well as Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#).



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS RE-ENROLLMENT ◀

Parents, thank you for being a part of Kroger's Community Rewards program. This is just friendly reminder that the new cycle for Kroger Community Rewards begins May 1 and you will be able to re-enroll beginning today, April 1, and running through April 30. If you need assistance with your online account, please call our tech team at: 1-866-221-4141.

ANNUAL BABY DAY ◀

The Psychology classes were excited to welcome back some of our recent and not so recent grads with their little one's for today's annual Baby Day. We will have pictures of the event in next week's Panda Press Weekly.



AFTER PROM ◀

Junior and Senior Parents,

After Prom is right around the corner. Myself, Joelle Michels, and Tammy Ziegelmeier are on the prize committee for the After Prom. We are asking for your help by donating prizes to make the evening even more fun and exciting for the girls. Last year some of the prizes we had were TV's, \$100 cash, Reds tickets, mini refrigerator, and a lot of gift cards to places all over the area. All donations can be dropped off in the school office or you can contact me and I will pick it up. The more we get, the more prizes we will have available for the girls to win!

Thank you,
Tricia Kennedy

After Prom is a fun part of the prom experience for our Juniors and Seniors. We need many parent volunteers to make the event a success! Please consider signing up to volunteer or chaperone on Friday, April 24th! We're using VolunteerSpot (the leading online Sign-up and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming Sign-ups.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our Sign-Up on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/NH9QuS>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on VolunteerSpot.

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone.

2015 NDA GOLF OUTING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ◀

If you are interested in serving on the committee or volunteering for the Notre Dame Boosters 17th annual Golf outing please contact the AD, Myanna Webster, at webstern@ndapandas.org. The outing will take place at Twin Oaks golf course on July 31, 2015.

BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

Have you had a chance to stop in and check out the latest items in the Bambootique? We've got a few new things as well as LOTS of items that have been marked down in the hopes of clearing out the inventory in preparation for next school year. Come check us out! If anyone is interested in working in the shop, please email Aimee Dickhaus at ddickhaus@yahoo.com with your availability - we can always use more help!

CONGRATULATIONS!

NDA STUDENTS NAMES KENTUCKY GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS ◀

Notre Dame Academy is proud to announce that seven NDA students have been named Governor's Scholars for 2015 and one has been named as an alternate.

Notre Dame Academy juniors Courtney Blank, Mariah Bezold, Kirsten Richards, Kelsey Sucher, Lily Thaman, Emily Walter and Madeline Wermeling have all been selected to participate in the 2015 Governor's Scholars Program. Carly Gross has been selected as an alternate.

The Governor's Scholars Program is a six-week summer residential program that recognizes exceptional high school students in Kentucky. The program strives to enhance Kentucky's next generation of civic and economic leaders. GSP provides academic and personal growth through the balance of a strong liberal arts program with a full co-curricular and residential life experience.



*Back Row: Lily Thaman, Madeline Wermeling, Kirsten Richards, Emily Walter, Courtney Blank
Front Row: Kelsey Sucher, Mariah Bezold, Carly Gross*

NDA THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL STUDENTS ◀

Congratulations to all of our Honor Roll students for the third quarter. To see the complete list [CLICK HERE](#).



CHASTITY SPEAKER TO VISIT NDA ◀

Mr. Charles Marks will be at NDA next Wednesday, April 22, to speak to the entire student body. Mr. Marks is a passionate Catholic speaker dedicated to sharing the Gospel - especially the universal call to holiness and to love in a culture that has forgotten what love is. He challenges teens to live a life of chastity and authentic love. He will also be making a public appearance on Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 at Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington (across from Cathedral Basilica).

Here is a bit of background information about Mr. Marks: Born and raised in San Diego, California, Charles fell in love with Christ during his high school years through a radical encounter with Christ in the Eucharist. He graduated from Franciscan University and is currently pursuing his MA in Theology from the Augustine Institute in Denver, Colorado. Since college graduation, Charles has worked as a Chastity speaker, Theology teacher and campus minister. Charles currently works as a youth minister in Cincinnati. He resides in Northern Kentucky with his wife and two daughters.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Spring College Fair:

Xavier University is having their annual Spring College Fair which exhibits over 100 colleges from around the country. If you are able to attend, I highly recommend this as a great opportunity to learn more about the wide variety of colleges and post-secondary options available. The Event is FREE. No RSVP Needed.



Link to event's website: <http://www.xavier.edu/undergraduate-admission/collegefair/>

AP Exam Payment - Due April 20th

For students taking AP Exams this coming May, payment is due Monday, April 20th. The cost is \$96.00 per Exam. Please make checks payable to: NDA. Also, please include the name of the student in the Memo of the check. Payment can be turned in to Ms. Burgei or Mrs. Schmidt. Questions: Contact Ms. Burgei at (859) 292-1830 or burgeik@ndapandas.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT? ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2015 enrollment. We are working with our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta) to arrange for 2 German exchange students. We are also working with the Cambridge Institute to recruit students from China, Korea and/or Viet Nam. We are hoping to enroll 3-4 students through this program. At this time we are seeking families who would consider hosting any of 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.



BASS FISHING NEWS ◀

The Bass Fishing team is looking for people who own boats to be boat volunteers for tournaments. If you can help them out, please contact Pete Salkowski, Bass Fishing Team Coach, at salkowskip@ndapandas.org.



at NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Whether you are **Artistic** **ATHLETIC** **Musical** **Dramatic**
or you are just looking for **Something Fun**
to do this summer, NOTRE DAME ACADEMY has all
sorts of opportunities for you! Check them out at:

www.ndapandas.org

► Important dates:

April 16	Alumnae Dinner Theatre
April 17-19	Spring Play
April 18	Language and Math Placement Tests for Incoming Freshmen
April 22	Chastity Speaker at NDA Spring Athletic Signing Sophomore Ring Ceremony
April 23	Junior Parent Meeting
April 24	Early Dismissal - Prom
April 26	Orange and White Game at St. Ursula
April 30	Diocesan Teacher Recognition Luncheon
May 1	Mass and May Crowning
May 4	AP Testing begins
May 5	Incoming Freshmen Parent Meeting
May 8	7th Grade Olympics Choral Concert
May 10	Band Concert
May 13	Academic Signing
May 14	Academic Awards

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Wash for Life!
- Part-time Position for Students
- Stem Camps now open
- Sisters of Notre Dame Women's Weekend Retreat



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