



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings parents!

Spring has arrived and is inspiring a feeling of excitement and energy throughout our campus. I hope you have had an opportunity to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather God has blessed us with over the last few days.

We have some very good news to share with you this week. Six of our students were accepted to participate in the 2016 Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program. We also had seven students who were accepted to participate in the 2016 Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts program and five others who were selected as alternates for the GSA program. Additionally, we had one student nominated to participate in the 2016 Kentucky Governor's School for Entrepreneurs program. You can find the impressive list of names in the information below. Congratulations to these students, their teachers and their parents on this wonderful accomplishment.

Congratulations also to our April Student of the Month, Caroline Fedders. Caroline is a senior at NDA who is always willing to lend a helping hand to her fellow Pandas. You can read more about Caroline below.

Our Sophomore Ring Ceremony will be held this evening at 7:00 p.m. This evening marks a special moment for our sophomores as they receive their class rings - an important reminder of their years at NDA.

Students will have the day off school this Friday. Our annual Junior/Senior prom will be held that evening at the Hilton Netherland Hotel followed by our After Prom at Five Seasons. Please remember that students must be dressed appropriately to be admitted to the event. 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.

Thank you to all of you who recently attended one of our *Excellence Without Boundaries: Empowering 21st Century Women* Parent Information Sessions. There are only a couple more more opportunities for you to to attend a parent session. If you have not already signed up, please do so [HERE](#). I highly encourage you to take time out of your busy schedule to come and see our exciting plans for the future of NDA.

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### 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 24 at 6:00 p.m. All proceeds from t-shirt and ticket sales will support Leukemia research. Tickets will be \$10 at the gate (tickets free for anyone 10 years of age or younger). Festivities begin on Notre Dame's campus at 5:00 p.m. with a "Meat and Greet" and the opportunity to mingle with students from across the river. Beat Ursula and Beat Cancer!

### Student Council News

Good luck to the Freshmen Sophomores, and Juniors who are running for Student Council Class Co-President. Elections for these positions take place next Friday, April 29.



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

### April - Caroline Fedders

Congratulations to this month's Student of the Month, Caroline Fedders. Caroline is a very involved senior at Notre Dame Academy who is best known for her willingness to help her classmates. Find out more about Caroline [HERE](#).

## ATTENTION SENIORS ◀

A representative from Herff Jones Graduate Service will be at NDA tomorrow - Thursday, April 21, 2016, during your daughter's lunch period to deliver their cap and gown for graduation.

## 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 27, 2016. 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 **9:40 -10:20 am** and **11:20 am-12 Noon**.

Please contact Michele Johnson at [johnsonm@ndapandas.org](mailto: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 see first hand whether theories/concepts hold true in the "real world." 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 this year. If you are interested in showcasing your child or grandchild, 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





## PPC NEWS ◀

### After Prom Fundraiser

It's your last chance to help raise funds for this year's After Prom! Come in to the Skyline at 1730 Dixie Highway in Ft. Wright **TODAY** between 3:00 and 9:00 p.m. Bring in the coupons [HERE](#), show it on your smartphone, or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 20% of the

proceeds will be donated to Notre Dame Academy.



**The After Prom Committee** is asking for your help to ensure that After Prom is a fun and memorable event for all. We are looking for volunteers to help us on Friday, April 22 as well as for donations of prizes, desserts, and snacks.

### After Prom PRIZES

All of the girls are eligible to win prizes just by attending After Prom! Last year, some of the prizes that were won were TVs, an iPad, designer purses, and Reds tickets. Cash donations will be used to purchase additional items. All donations can be dropped off at the school office or contact Jackie Klosterman at [jackie.klosterman@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.klosterman@gmail.com) or 859-468-6747.

### After Prom VOLUNTEERS & FOOD DONATIONS

We are using VolunteerSpot to organize our sign-ups. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our After Prom invitation page on Volunteer Spot: <http://vols.pt/4xyhSK>
2. Enter your email address – you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password
3. Sign up! – VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.

NOTE: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Julie Darpel at [julixdarpel@gmail.com](mailto:julixdarpel@gmail.com) or 859-240-6366 and she can sign you up manually.

### PPC Meetings

Please note, the Panda Parent Club will not meet in April. The last PPC meeting of the school year will be held on May 10, 2016. We hope to see you there!

## NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

**There will be an Athletic Signing** on April 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium to honor the student athletes that will be pursuing their athletic endeavours at the collegiate level.

**Softball** - NDA's Softball Pandas defeated Boone Co. 9-5 last night.

**Tennis** - Our Tennis Pandas have senior day today verse Ryle starting at 3:30 with senior festivities around 5. JV Lacrosse takes on Little Miami tonight at 6:30 at NDA.

## 2016 NDA GOLF OUTING ◀

NDA's Golf outing will be held on July 29 at Twin Oaks. It will be an 11 a.m. shot gun start. All proceeds benefit ALL of the NDA Athletic teams. Sign up at today [HERE](#). Sponsorship opportunities available [HERE](#).



Important  
Cafeteria  
News

## 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](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org). Thank you!

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

The 2016 Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts had over 1,700 students applied for 256 positions. Notre Dame Academy has 7 students nominated to various Art Forms, and 5 students named as Alternates. This is an amazing show of strength of the Fine Arts program here at NDA, and the talent of our students.



### **Congratulations to our following nominated students:**

Architecture & Design  
Emma Wainscott

Creative Writing  
Fiona Blackburn  
Abbie Guard

Dance  
Courtney Ziegelmeyer  
Alternate - Andria Buren

Drama

Alternate - Kendall Crawford  
Alternate - Laura Dinn  
Alternate - Anne Simendinger

New Media

Johanna Armstrong

Visual Arts

Paige Brunson  
Izzy Pope  
Alternate - Annie Lee



### **Congratulations to Notre Dame Academy's Nominees to the 2016 Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program! We are very proud of you!**

Sarah Draud  
Emma Duerstock  
Paige Montfort  
Jackie Noll  
Lauren Reinersman  
Meg Whelen



### **Congratulations to Notre Dame Academy's Nominee to the 2016 Kentucky Governor's School for Entrepreneurs!**

Olivia Marita

**Fortunately, there are still many other exciting summer opportunities for Kentucky's high school students and artists!**

[Other Summer Opportunities for the ARTS](#) (posted on website of Governor's School for the Arts)

[Kentucky Wesleyan Scholars Academy](#) (Leadership and Creative Writing)

[Summer Enrichment Programs](#) (posted on NDA's website: Academics, Counseling and Student Services)

### **Lunch and Learn**

We will have an informational *Lunch and Learn* session for any student interested in taking a class at Gateway for dual credit. Shelby Krentz from Gateway will be here on Thursday, April 28th to talk to students about the opportunities of taking a class for a very low cost. Students can bring their lunch to Alumnae Hall, get an application and ask any questions of the representative. Shelby Krentz is in charge of their High School College Credit Program (Regional Academy) and this will be her second NDA Lunch and Learn this year.



## **NDA SUMMER CLASSES ◀**

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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OUR PATRON

WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 4, 2016

7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

AT  
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S  
ALUMNAE HALL



### BAMBOOTIQUE OFFERS NEW ITEMS! ◀

Have you been to NDA's Bambootique lately? There are many new items that our Pandas are going crazy for! You can check out a few of the new items on our website [HERE](#) OR stop in the Bambootique and see them all first-hand!



**2016 Autumn Gala**  
**SAVE THE DATE:** **Saturday, September 24**  
**6:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.**



### SUMMER VOLUNTEERING AT NDUEC ◀

Mary Gray from the Notre Dame Urban Education Center will be at NDA after school today and tomorrow (Wednesday and Thursday) to speak with anyone interested in volunteering at the center this summer. Many hands are needed to help with their summer program. It runs 4 weeks during June. Volunteers work 1 day a week or 3 hours (if you would like to do a 2nd day each week - that is welcome as well). Please stop by the chapel to meet with Mary if you are interested in helping this summer.

### SND 4th OF JULY FESTIVAL ◀

The Sisters of Notre Dame need some reliable and hardworking volunteers at for their 4th of July Festival. You can find a volunteer form on our website [HERE](#). You can also find more information about the festival [HERE](#).



## NDA HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR GERMAN STUDENTS FOR FALL 2016 ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2016 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@ndapan-das.org](mailto:caccavarik@ndapan-das.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.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

April 20	Sophomore Ring Ceremony
April 22	No School - Prom
April 24	Orange and White Flag Football Game
May 2-13	AP Exams
May 4	May Crowning
	NDA Speaker Series: Our Lady Getting to Know Our Patron 7:00 p.m.
May 6	7th Grade Olympic Day
May 8	Band Concert
May 11	Academic Signing
May 12	Academic Awards
May 13	Spring Sports Pep Rally
	Choral Concert
May 17	Senior Send Off
May 18-20	Senior Exams
May 23-25	Exams
May 26	Cleaning Day
	Baccalaureate Mass
May 27	Senior Awards Breakfast
	Graduation

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- CareNet Banquet
- Cross the Bridge for Life
- Regional Pro-Life Mass
- Faces of Pro-Life Awards
- Marian Pilgrimage
- Serra Club Florence Freedom Doubleheader
- Pro-Life Mass and Prayerful Rosary procession to Planned Parenthood
- Sisters of Notre Dame July 4th Festival
- Work Study Positions Available with the Sisters of Notre Dame
- Part-time Job Opportunities for Students and Moms



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