



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I hope you and your family enjoyed a blessed and joyous Easter break. It was a wonderful opportunity to take time to reflect, think and pray. I am grateful to be part of the Notre Dame Academy community providing our students with and NDA education that both challenges the mind and shapes the soul.

Congratulations to Mr. Greife and his students who attended the state contest for National History Day. As you will see below, many of them were very successful at the state level and are advancing to the national competition in June.

Our third quarter B.E.S.T. Award winners are listed below. Their commitment to their education and their diligence in the classroom is to be commended. Congratulations to each of these dedicated students.

On Tuesday we held our annual Athletic Signing for our student athletes. We are blessed with a rich tradition of excellence in our athletic program. This elite group of athletes is a testament to our outstanding athletic program. We congratulate each of these student athletes and wish them well in their college careers.

Our Uganda Pandas club is hosting a 5K on Saturday, May 6. The Go For Gulu 5K is will benefit four children sponsored through the Unified for Uganda foundation. The U4U family believes that every child should have access to education. I encourage you to consider participating in this event. You can register online [HERE](#).

Next Friday, May 5, is a very special day here at Notre Dame Academy as we will celebrate our annual May Crowning. This is an important day on which we honor our patroness, Mary, and reflect on our educational mission as a school dedicated to Mary.

In addition to our May Crowning ceremony, we will celebrate the ground breaking of our *Excellence Without Boundaries* campaign on May 5. As you know, this campaign will take our 20th century building, which has served us so well over the years, into the 21st century where it will continue to provide an optimum environment for our NDA community to learn and thrive. I would like to thank those of you who have already shown your generous support for our *Excellence Without Boundaries* campaign. I ask those of you who have not yet made a pledge of support to consider helping us reach our \$7 million goal with a gift to the campaign. You can find out more about the campaign and an online gift intent form [HERE](#).

I hope you have a wonderful week and I thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

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 this Friday, April 28.

Attention Seniors

A reminder that this week, April 24-28, the Teen Leadership Club (TLC) will be collecting items from the Seniors to support the Notre Dame Urban Education Center. Each month from January thru April we will have a different grade donating items,

and April is the Seniors' turn. The after school program at the Urban Ed Center assists around 55 students daily and the sisters like to provide a snack and drink because the children are always hungry when they come! 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 ◀

Fr. Michael Henningen will be here to celebrate Mass at 7:20 on Friday morning. All are welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS

NDA STUDENTS ADVANCE TO NHD NATIONAL COMPETITION ◀

The state contest for National History Day was held at the University of Kentucky last Saturday. The following Notre Dame students and their projects qualified to move on to the national contest at the University of Maryland, June 11-15:

- Jenna Cayze - Individual Documentary on "Standing Up With a Paintbrush: Art During the Holocaust"
- Natalie Gerdes - Individual Exhibit on "Wangari Maathai"
- Isabel Coomes, Onali Fernando, Angela Kyntchev, Olivia Ossege, Anna Resing - Group Documentary on "Sirimavo Bandaranaike: A Woman Respected"
- Emma Donaghy, Megan Heeb, Bella Howard, Hanna Sweeney - Group Documentary on "The Buddhist Crisis: Taking a Stand Against Religious Discrimination"

Also, Lydia Bruns, Theresa Berling, and Gracie Bernhard won the Kentucky Foundation Award for Women's History for their group website on "Sophie Scholl, A Human Rights Activist."

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Best Award Winners

Congratulations to the latest BEST Award Recipients. This is voted on each quarter by teachers for students who are dedicated and hard working in the classrooms.

Freshman: Sarah Klear

Sophomore: Isabella Coomes

Junior: Maya Corts

Senior: Liz Urban



Regional Youth Leadership Representatives

Congratulations to Morgan Weltzer and Elly Piatt who were chosen to represent NDA in the Regional Youth Leadership Program. This Program works with the NKy. Chamber of Commerce to help students explore various businesses and learn leadership/networking skills.



YEARBOOK: ORDER BY FRIDAY BEFORE PRICE GOES UP! ◀

Parents, Friday is the last day to order the 2016-17 yearbook at the early price of \$60. Order your daughter's now by following this link. [this link](#).

SENIOR PARENTS: SAY YOU LOVE HER WITH A YEARBOOK AD ◀

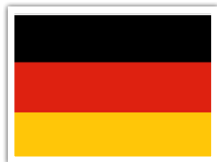
You're understandably proud of your daughter. Why not say it with a recognition ad in the 2016-17 yearbook? Priced at \$45 and up, they're easy and fun to design at [jostens.com](#) or by following [this link](#).

Important Cafeteria News

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 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.



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 **May 8**. All are welcome!



Join us at Skyline for **NDA Benefit Night - May 4 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](#).



NDA BABY DAY ◀

Thank you to all of our faculty, staff, parents, friends, alumnae and future Pandas for participating in this year's Baby Day hosted by the NDA Psychology Classes!





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>

NDA SUMMER TENNIS CAMP ADDED TO SCHEDULE ◀

The Notre Dame Academy Tennis Camp Summer 2017 has just been added to our schedule of summer opportunities!

WHO: Any girl entering grades 4-9, all levels

DATES: June 5-8

TIME: 5-7pm

WHERE: NDA Tennis Courts (rain or shine). If it is raining, the camp will either be held in NDA's gym, or made up on Friday.

COST: \$100 per camp, includes a T-Shirt (\$5.00 price increase if you pay the day of the camp)

SIGNUP DEADLINE: Friday June 2 by 12:00 p.m. You can sign up [HERE](#).

* There must be at least 4 participants signed up BY 12pm on June 2, or the camp will be canceled.

BRING WITH YOU: tennis racquet and water jug **CAMP GOAL:** Fundamental stroke development and basic strategies

CONTACT: The camp will be run by NDA Head Coach Lyndsey Molony-Maynard, USPTA Elite Professional. Any questions can be emailed to Lyndsey at maynardl@ndapandas.org.



NDA SUMMER ART ◀

Just a reminder that the forms and payment for the Summer Art class for High School students are due by May 26. For information please check out:

<http://www.ndapandas.org/admissions/summer-enrichment-programs.aspx>

and if you have any questions, please send them to: eckerlem@ndapandas.org

Another reminder that the form and payment for the Junior High Art Class is due by May 26. For more information please check out:

<https://sites.google.com/site/ndajuniorhighsummerstudioart/>

and if you have any questions, please send them to: eckerlem@ndapandas.org

BAMBOOTIQUE CLEARANCE SALE

It is 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 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Thursdays 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Fridays 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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.



NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

Athletic Signing for Senior Athletes

Notre Dame Academy hosted an Athletic Signing for its outstanding senior student athletes yesterday. These NDA student athletes made their college decisions final by signing letters of intent to continue their sports careers at college!



Harper Lamb	Centre	Soccer
Riley Shelton	SCAD	Soccer
Audrey Nienaber	Centre	Soccer
Ellie Vandergriff	Bellarmine	Soccer
Sidney Spivey	Spring Hill College	Soccer
Emily Schutzman	Indiana Bloomington	Rowing
Gabby Hacker	Ohio State	Rowing
Cori Ladanyi	Ohio Dominican University	Fast pitch
Maire Shannon Malloy	San Diego State University	Rowing
Briana Baker	Louisville	Rowing
Carlee Jones	Eastern Michigan Univeristy	Swimming
Amanda Smith	University of Missouri	Swimming
Sam Glass	Ohio University	Swimming
Kennedy Baugh	Trine University	Fastpitch
Alecia Redford	Northern Kentucky University	Bowling
Carlie Brooks	Wilmington College	Cross Country
Allison Gribben	University of Kentucky	Track and Field

LACROSSE

The JV Lacrosse Team competed in the state Braveheart Tournament April 21-23, held at Sacred Heart in Louisville. Despite the rain and cold, they persevered and won four games against Eastern, North Oldham, Collins, and (first seed) Assumption. This placed them in the final championship on Sunday. They battled Sacred Heart, and earned first runner up, the furthest NDA has ever made it in this annual competition. Additionally, the Pandas participated in exciting Braveheart rounds, which is one field player and one goalie from each team going head-to-head. It was a memorable weekend for NDA LAX!



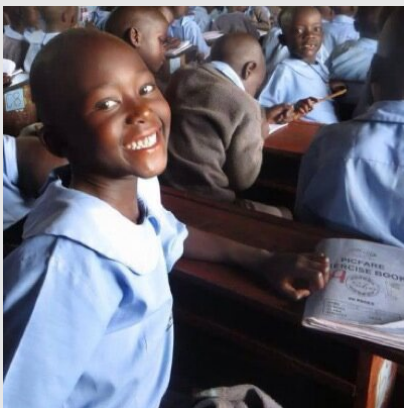
NDA GOLF OUTING ◀

NDA Golf Outing: Friday July 28, 2017 at The Plantation at Twin Oaks. Registration begins at 9:45 am. 11:00 am "Shot Gun" start. Registration: \$100/person, \$400/foursome. Includes: gift, cart, green fees, unlimited refreshments, lunch on course and fabulous buffet dinner (\$35 for dinner only). Priority game package \$25/ golfer. To register go to ndapandas.org. Search Athletics. Golf Outing.

GO 4 GULU 5K



Unified
for
Uganda



MAY 6, 2017

Runners begin at 8:30

Walkers begin at 8:45

Onsite registration begins at 7:30

Register online by April 23rd to receive a free t-shirt

To register go to:

schumacherj9.wixsite.com/uganda-pandas

Cost is \$25

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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 cooneyo@ndapandas.org.



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

► Important dates

April 26	Junior Prestige Portrait Session
April 28	Grade Officer Elections Marine Biology Field Trip
April 29	Incoming Freshmen Language and Math Placement Tests
May 1	AP Exams begin
May 1	Diocese Teacher Recognition Luncheon
May 5	May Crowing/Ground Breaking Ceremony Drama Banquet
May 6	Uganda Pandas 5K
May 7	NDA/CCH Band Concert
May 10	Academic Signing 4:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- NDUEC In Need of Summer Volunteers
- Serra Club for Vocations, Florence Freedom Fundraiser
- National Catholic Youth Conference
- Work Study Opportunities for the Sisters of Notre Dame



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