



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I hope you and your daughter enjoyed a wonderful Easter and spring break. Our construction crew took full advantage of the empty building and accomplished quite a bit last week. Here are a few highlights:

- The new exterior door in the Faculty Room was cut through, however, not yet functional. The windows in the wall adjoining the new Learning Center were bricked in as well.
- The interior windows in the new Library flex room/classroom were installed.
- Rooms are beginning to take shape in the Collaborative Learning Center as the studs went up for new walls.
- Workers are presently running the conduit for the new elevator in the first floor ceiling.
- The exterior wall for the chapel area has been removed and they are working on taking out the exterior walls where the new entrance to the chapel will be. You can see the new Chapel exterior taking shape including the placement of the new stained glass windows with the completion of the block wall.
- The lighting in the parking lot has switched over to the new system and with the new poles and LED lights.
- Work was completed on the heating system in the original building with installation of new air handler in the chapel and ventilators in the new spaces.

You can read even more about our construction progress in Sr. Mary Dolores Giblin's Heritage Blog [HERE](#).

As we enter this final stretch of the school year, we continue to support our students that they may be young women of faith, *Living the Gospel Empowered by Mary's Witness* each and every day. We do this in the classroom, in athletics and through many activities, especially our service opportunities. Our success is measured by how effectively our students live out their Catholic values. Their individual future educational plans and career path choices are not nearly as important as making sure that they become loving, intellectually competent, faithful leaders in our society. Please know that our NDA community is highly dedicated to our mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Ring Ceremony

The Sophomore Ring Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. 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 to the school office no later than Monday, April 23, so it can be included in the blessing and distribution. If your daughter did not order a ring - she is 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 receive an accurate count. If you have any questions - please contact Ms. Molly Proudfit at proudfitm@ndapandas.org.

Senior Graduation Meeting

This Friday during long homeroom, Seniors will attend a graduation information session. Graduation information can also be found [HERE](#) on our website, and senior parents should have received an email with this information prior to the Easter break.

CAFETERIA 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.



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This notice is just a reminder for you to send in the information required to receive financial aid for next school term. **The deadline is APRIL 15, 2018.**

You must first apply to the FACTS company (\$30 fee) by the end of this week. If you do not have this year's tax return form you may use the one you submitted last year. You can access the online form on the website [HERE](#).

Applications for grants and scholarships can also be found on the website [HERE](#). These are available to present students who have already applied to the FACTS company. Please remember that NDA scholarship applications are due Monday, April 16.

The third means of financial support is the Work Study Program at NDA. School jobs are available to families who have a financial need and are willing to work. These applications are on the website [HERE](#).

If you have any questions please call Sister Mary Paul Ann or Sister Mary Rachel at 859-292-7736

ATTENTION JUNIOR PARENTS ◀

Junior Parents: This week in Religion class your daughter will be receiving information and a registration form for her Senior Retreat. We know this is early - but one of the retreats takes place the week before school begins next year. All retreat registration forms must be returned by May 1. Please carefully read the letter and form and look over the dates with your daughter. Please consult with coaches, directors, employers etc when ranking your retreat options as it is difficult to change after the lists are complete. If you have any questions - please do not hesitate to contact me at priceb@ndapandas.org. We hope to have the final retreat lists ready to go by mid May.



DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ◀

Parents, did you know that NDA's daily announcements are posted each day on our website? You can find them [HERE](#).



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

Panda Test Prep

June 4 - 8, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



PANDA TEST PREP ◀

ACT Prep Course

June 4 - 8, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$300

This summer, Notre Dame Academy is kicking off its **Panda Test Prep Program** with an ACT Prep Course. The course will be held Monday, June 4 through Friday, June 8 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. each day. This ACT Prep Course is aligned with the June 9 and July 14 ACT test dates. The course will be taught by NDA faculty members and features:

- **Five 3-hour classes** - Monday, June 4 - Friday, June 8 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **Small Class Size** - Class will be limited to 20 students
- **Personalized Learning** - Curriculum will be tailored to the needs of students based on past standardized test scores (CERT and ACT) taken by participating students

Notre Dame Academy's ACT Prep Course will provide participating students with the following:

- Understanding of ACT test format
- ACT test-taking strategies
- Review of ACT test sections: Math, Science, English & Reading
- Experience taking actual ACT tests
- ACT Test prep workbook
- Confidence in knowledge & abilities
- Personalized instruction from NDA faculty members

ACT TEST PREP REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Students can register online at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/NotreDameAcademy1/NDAACTPrepClass>

Registration is limited to 20 students and will be handled on a first come, first served basis.

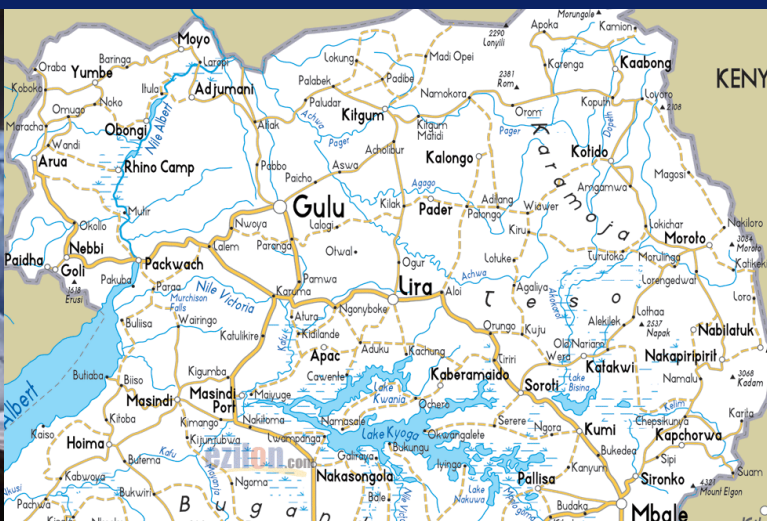
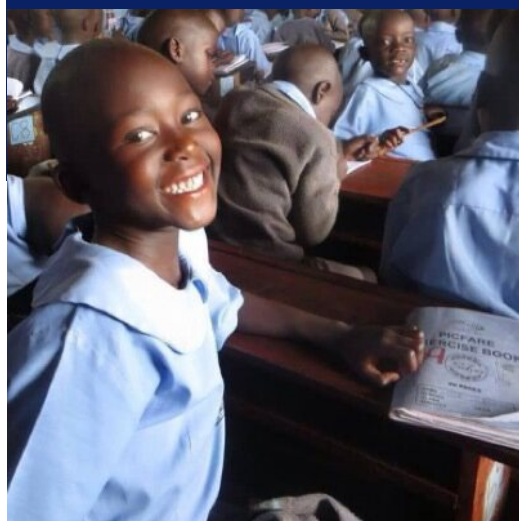
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 25, 2018

*If you have questions regarding NDA's Panda Test Prep or would like information regarding a financial need based scholarship for this ACT Test Prep Course, please contact Kelly Burgei at burgeik@ndapandas.org.

REGISTER FOR THE GO 4 GULU 5K!

The Go For Gulu 5k is benefitting students at our sister school in Uganda as well 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



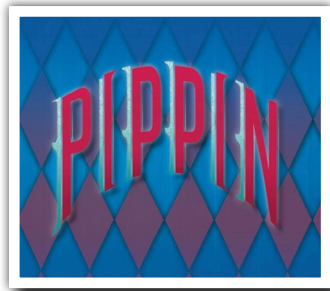
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All proceeds go to the education of four students through NDA's chapter of Unified for Uganda. With this sponsorship they receive their uniform, housing, tuition for school, and meals. If you or a company you know of would like to sponsor the race visit our website or contact schumacherj@ndapandas.org or burkec@ndapandas.org



MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

The Tuesday before spring break, our National English Honor Society (NEHS) members delivered 300 books they collected to students at Glenn O. Swing Elementary School in Covington. NEHS students also made personalized bookmarks for the students at Glenn O. Swing.



NDA & CCH PRESENT...PIPPIN ◀

Don't miss this year's spring musical, Pippin, April 20 - 22! Heir to the Frankish throne, the young prince Pippin is in search of the secret to true happiness and fulfillment. He seeks it in the glories of the battlefield, the temptations of the flesh and the intrigues of political power (after disposing of his father, King Charlemagne the Great). In the end, though, Pippin finds that happiness lies not in extraordinary endeavors, but rather in the unextraordinary moments that happen every day.

Equally poignant as a black box production or as a splashy, spectacle-driven extravaganza, Pippin's message is universal and will connect with audiences across the age spectrum.

Tickets for NDA/CCH shows may be purchased online or at our box office 30 minutes prior to showtime. To purchase advanced tickets online [CLICK HERE](#).



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR GERMAN STUDENTS FOR FALL 2018 ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2018 enrollment. We are again working with our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta). Notre Dame Academy has become such a great experience for the girls from Vechta that we have been asked to increase from 2 to 3 German exchange students 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 host families.

TEXTILES TEACHER HONORED ◀

Congratulations to NDA faculty member Mrs. Pat Brennan! She has been contacted by the State of Kentucky Director of Folk and Traditional Arts, Mark Brown, about her Underground Railroad Quilt. It is part of a traveling exhibit called *The Makings of a Master* and will be on display at the Boone County Library this summer from June through August. This is the beginning of the third year of it being on display. Also, she will be giving a talk about quilt making, it's history, the effect of the Folk Art Grant on her life and the lives of others on Friday June 8. She will also be receiving an honorarium from the Boone County Library for her presentation!



NDA SUMMER CLASSES ◀

NDA has all sorts of Summer Enrichment Opportunities. You can find information about our 2018 Summer Art Classes online [HERE](#).

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

BALL DROP

NDA Student Athletes can start selling ball drop tickets on Monday March 26! Tickets are \$10 for a chance to win \$1000 or second place of \$500 if we sell more than 500 tickets. The ball drop is at the golf outing on July 27. Students, sell your ball drop tickets and turn in with money to the front office or the athletic office by Wednesday March 28 for a chance to win 2 Lawn Seat Tickets to Kesha and Macklemore. We will also have gift card drawings on 4/13, 4/27, and 5/4. Whomever sells the most ball drop tickets will receive a mutually agreed upon prize! See Mrs. Webster for details. Reminder, make sure your name is on the ticket as a seller!

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Registration is now open for the 2018 - Summer Sports Camps Hosted at Notre Dame Academy

NDA is hosting several youth sports camps this summer. You can view more detailed information on the NDA website under the tab for [Athletics / Summer Camps](#).

Archery - June 4-6 - \$75.00 per camper

Grades 5-12 - 9:00am - 12:00pm

Basketball - June 18 -21 - \$75.00 per camper

Grades 3-5 - 9:30am - 11:30am

Grades 6-9 - 12:00 pm - 2:00pm

Lacrosse - June 4-7 - \$75.00 per camper

Grades 4-9 - 9:30am - 11:30am

Soccer June 11-14 \$90.00 per camper (\$75 for additional sibling)

Grades 1-9 - 8:00a - 11:00am

Volleyball July 10-12 - \$90.00 per camper

Grades 3-6 - 9:00am - 12:00pm

Grades 7-9 - 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Tennis - TBD

Make checks Payable to Notre Dame Academy

Memo Line - include the sport and child's name

Mail to : NDA Athletics - 1699 Hilton Dr., Park Hills, KY 41011

You can register from our website - or using this link below:

[Summer Camp Registration Form](#)

Summer
Sports
Camps!

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 24 at 4:30 p.m. 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.

VOLLEYBALL

If you are interested in playing volleyball next year at NDA and were unable to attend the meeting with Coach Molly McDermott on 4/10 please email her at mcdermottm@ndapandas.org.



Attention Drug Free Club Members - Scholarship Contest!

The Drug Free Clubs of America is sponsoring a scholarship contest. A top award of \$2,000 will be given with additional awards going to the 6 runner ups. The contest is open to ALL members from ANY grade!

To enter you must complete the following steps:

1. Pick up an application form from Mrs. Hildreth or Mrs. Maggard.
2. Complete the application form - this includes needing a parent signature.
3. Complete a short essay (one-page, typed, single spaced, 1-inch margins, arial font no bigger than 12) answering the following question: What can your community do to help steer young people away from drugs and alcohol? How has Drug Free Clubs of America played a role in your community, or what more could be done?
4. Make sure your essay has your grade, school, and name at the top of the page.
5. Turn in the above items by April 20, 2018.

Completed entries turned in by the deadline will be judged internally at NDA and the top 3 will advance to the final round which is judged by the DFCA staff.

U.S. Service Academy Day

Congressman Massie will be hosting a Military Academy Day on Saturday, April 28 at Crossroads Church in Florence. The event is free and open to any students/families. A representative from each Academy will be in attendance. For more information and to register: <https://massieforms.house.gov/forms/form/?ID=2970>

CLEP Exams

Over 2,900 colleges and universities grant credit for [CLEP](#) Exams. Each institution sets its own CLEP policy. CLEP Exams are available for ANY high school student to earn College Credits in the areas of Composition and Literature, World Languages, History and Social Sciences, Sciences, Mathematics, and Business. Visit the [website](#) for more information, or contact Mrs. Hildreth.

College Visits:

One of the best things students can do to prepare for finding the best college 'fit' for them is getting on college campuses.

At NDA, students get a total of (5) College Visit Days to use during Junior and Senior year. These days are 'excused' absences and students can use these days until April 30 of each Academic Year. Freshman and Sophomores are welcome to go on College Visits as well (these will just not be official college visit days). [NDA College Visit Policy](#)

Scheduling college visits is usually as easy as filling out an online form. Here are some ideas and links!

University of Louisville offers a [Campus Visit program](#) Monday-Friday and select Saturdays, and include an admissions presentation and a student-led tour of campus.

The WKU Campus Visit is your opportunity to "get to know" a college campus. This will help you make the best possible decision as you determine the path for your continued education. Link: [WKU Campus Visit Information](#).

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](#).

► Important dates

April 11	Out of Uniform Day in Support of Club Grants Prom registrations due
April 12	Baby Day World Language Honor Society inductions - Auditorium 3:00 p.m.
April 18	JR to the Play
April 19	Alumnae Dinner Theatre
April 20	Student Council Grade Level Officer Elections
April 20-22	Spring Musical: Pippin
April 21	Go for Gulu 5K
April 25	Sophomore Ring Ceremony
April 27	Midquarter
April 27	Prom
May 4	Choral Concert
May 6	Band Concert
May 7	AP Testing Begins
May 11	Spring Sports Pep Rally
May 16	Senior Alumnae Luncheon/Send Off
May 17, 18, 21	Senior Exams
May 17	Academic Awards
May 19	Theatre Exam Shows
May 21-23	Exams
May 24	4th Quarter Ends Cleaning Day
May 25	Graduation at NKYCC

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- FC Youth Night Game
- Host Family Program
- Call to Action Needed on Senate
- School Cafeteria Manager Needed
- Positions Available for Students
- World Meeting of Families
- Scholarship Tax Credit Law

You can find a complete list of community news [HERE](#).

