



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

The Easter Season is a special time of year. It is a season of grace and a time of joy and thanksgiving. Throughout this fifty day celebration, we recall the transformative power of the resurrection providing us with hope for our future. It's hard to believe that we have just a little over five weeks left in this school year. As we enter the final stretch, we encourage our students to be people of hope for the world.

Below you will find some exciting news from our President, Dr. Laura Koehl, about a new Strategic Plan for Notre Dame Academy. An important part of the strategic planning process is hearing from you, our parents. In order to get your input, we will be holding feedback sessions for NDA stakeholders on both May 2 and May 9. I encourage you to attend one of these sessions as your input is very valuable to the strategic planning process. As Dr. Koehl says in her letter below, we are dedicated to ensuring academic excellence and a holistic education rooted in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame to many future generations of NDA students. We take this responsibility very seriously and strive to continue to be educational leaders in innovation and best practice.

As part of our ongoing A.L.I.C.E. training to ensure safety on our campus, we will have an active threat drill this coming Monday morning. The purpose of the drill is to prepare our students to think strategically in the event of an active threat. The active threat drill will enable our NDA community to walk through the process of an active threat and review the strategies and response options needed to respond competently in such a situation. As part of the active threat drill, students will evacuate the building but will not report to our rally points, they will remain on our campus throughout the drill. There is additional information below regarding Monday's active threat drill. If you have any concerns regarding the active threat drill, please contact one of NDA's counselors

Enjoy this special time of year. As always, thank you for sending your daughters to Notre Dame Academy. We are blessed to have each and every one of them as part of our community *Living the Gospel Empowered by Mary's Witness!*

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



# Important Message For Parents From NDA President Dr. Laura Koehl

Dear Parents, Alumnae and Friends of NDA,

As we complete our *Excellence Without Boundaries* campaign and building project, it is time for a new Strategic Plan for NDA! Our Board of Directors has been working diligently on the creation of this new plan and we are very interested in your input.

The process began in January with several surveys that went out to our constituents. After receiving feedback from over 650 alumnae, parents, faculty, staff, students and community partners, we began the process of identifying our strategic priorities for the new plan. At this time we would like to share those with you and get your feedback.

We are holding feedback session on the following dates and times. We hope that you will consider attending one of these sessions. To sign up, please go to **THIS LINK**.

## Strategic Planning Feedback Sessions:

**May 2**    **4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**    **NDA Alumnae Hall**

**May 9**    **8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**    **St. Joseph Heights Meeting Room**

Your input is very valuable to our process. As we look to the future for NDA, we are committed to embracing the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. We must be intentional and strategic in meeting the needs of young women in this new century so that they can be transformative and compassionate leaders for our world. I look forward to sharing our ideas and goals with you and appreciate your time and insights. These sessions are open to anyone who wants to advance the mission of NDA – to follow the vision of the Sisters of Notre Dame in educating young women to make a difference on our world.

May you know God's goodness each day.

Dr. Laura Koehl

## STUDENT LIFE

### STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

#### Ongoing A.L.I.C.E. Training: Active Threat Drill

In our continuing efforts to ensure safety on our campus, we will have a long homeroom on Monday, April 23 to provide time for an active threat drill as part of our ongoing A.L.I.C.E. training. As you know, A.L.I.C.E. is an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. The A.L.I.C.E. program is one component of our school's comprehensive crisis plan and is the protocol NDA has in place in the event of an active shooter situation.

While the likelihood is low that such a tragedy would occur at Notre Dame Academy, our safety and survival in these situations depend on our awareness of the response options available. The A.L.I.C.E. program defines these response options and mentally prepares our school community to respond in ways that will increase chances of survival in violent shooter situations. The active threat drill will enable our NDA community to walk through the process of an active threat and review the strategies and response options needed to handle such a situation.

As part of the active threat drill, students will evacuate the building but will not report to our rally points, they will remain on our campus throughout the drill.

If you have any concerns regarding the active threat drill, please contact one of NDA's counselors:

Mrs. Monohan - [monohanc@ndapandas.org](mailto:monohanc@ndapandas.org)

Ms. Burgei - [burgeik@ndapandas.org](mailto:burgeik@ndapandas.org)

Mrs. Hildreth - [hildrethk@ndapandas.org](mailto:hildrethk@ndapandas.org)

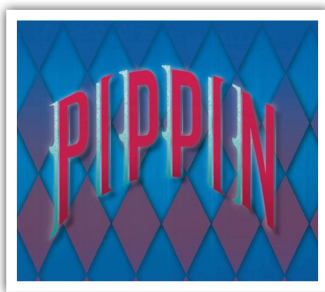
Mrs. Maggard - [maggard@ndapandas.org](mailto:maggard@ndapandas.org)

## IMPORTANT CAFETERIA INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS ◀

In order to give the construction crew as much lead time as possible to get started on all that needs to happen this summer with our *Excellence Without Boundaries* construction, **THE CAFETERIA WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MAY 4. STUDENTS WILL NEED TO PACK THEIR LUNCHES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 7.** Only snacks and drinks will be available for purchase from that time on.

## SOPHOMORE 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. Sophomore parents are invited to celebrate this event with their daughter. If you are a sophomore parent and your daughter 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. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP for the event.



## 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 show time. To purchase advanced tickets online [CLICK HERE](#).



## ATTENTION PARENTS OF STUDENTS TRAVELING WITH NDA TO ENGLAND AND IRELAND THIS SUMMER ◀

There will be a meeting for parents of students attending the summer trip to England and Ireland on April 24 at 7 p.m. in NDA's auditorium. At this meeting we will provide information about final preparations for the trip and answer any questions you may have. If you are unable to attend, you will receive an email the next day with the information covered.

## 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.

## SUMMER LEARNING BAND ◀

Summer Learning Band BEGINS June 5 from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. This is the perfect opportunity for any student who has ever had a desire to learn to play an instrument. It is an awesome endeavor to learn a wind instrument and play with the NDA/CCH Band! Students learning a second instrument are also welcome to attend. We have a number of instruments on which students can learn to play. For further information email Greg Cerimele at [cerimeleg@ndapandas.org](mailto:cerimeleg@ndapandas.org).



## 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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:priceb@ndapandas.org). We hope to have the final retreat lists ready to go by mid May.

# Prom Headquarters

IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
FOR JUNIOR & SENIOR  
PARENTS & STUDENTS

## PARENTS WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP FOR AFTER PROM ◀

### PRIZES

Parents we are asking for your help by donating gift cards or cash to buy gift cards to make the evening more fun and exciting for the girls. Some ideas would be Starbucks, Chick-fil-A, Movie Theaters, Sephora, Lush, Bath & Body, Panera, Chipotle, Spotify, iTunes, etc. All donations can be dropped off at the school office, attention Kristy Seither or Jojo Santos.

For the students, anyone who brings in a donation will be awarded a Panda Buck (valid for a FREE ice cream), compliments of Mr. VonHandorf!

### VOLUNTEERS & FOOD DONATIONS

Parents we need many volunteers to make After Prom a success! Please consider signing up to give a couple of hours of your time and/or to donate food. We are using SignUp.com 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 SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/vbuSMOH>
2. Enter your email address - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password.
3. Sign Up! - Choose your spots - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.

NOTE: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Aimee Dickhaus at [ddickhaus@yahoo.com](mailto:ddickhaus@yahoo.com) and she can sign you up manually.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support!  
The After Prom Committee



## NDA SUMMER CLASSES ◀

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

## 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](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org). The schedule is online and you can sign up [HERE](#).



## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ◀

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

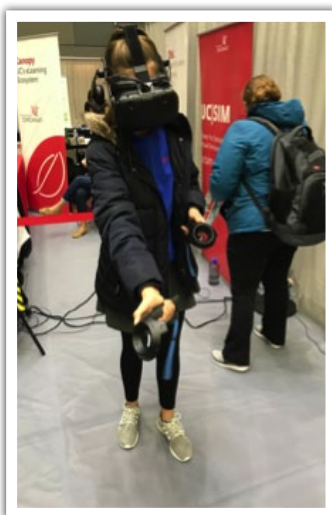


# INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

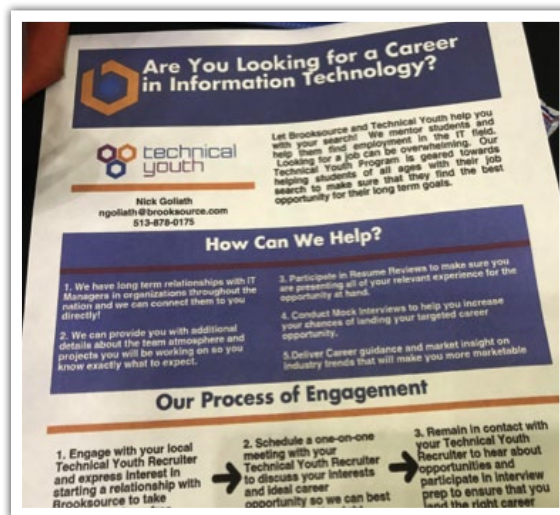
## SWAT/Media/Computer Science Students Attend UC Tech EXPO

On Tuesday, April 10, Molly Mullee, Nick Lander and Terri Perrino headed to the UC Tech Expo with some of their students to explore future possibilities.

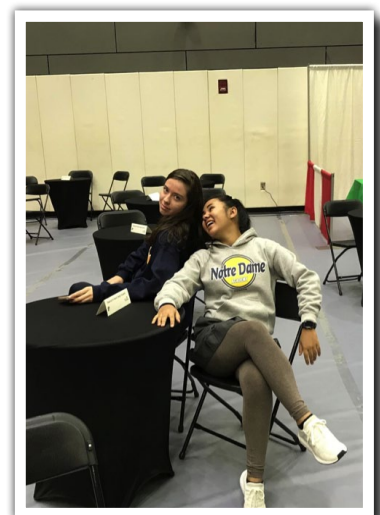
This public event allows attendees to explore projects while also providing opportunities to network with top IT professionals and faculty. The projects are focused on Cloud Solutions, Infrastructure and Networking Solutions, Cybersecurity, Mobile Development, Application Development, Virtual Reality and Gaming, and Data Management and Analysis. To top off the day, Harper Lamb NDA '17 and Katie Hellmann NDA '17 met us for lunch. Harper also served as our hostess/tour guide. It was a fabulous way to network and combine that as a "college visit".



Chloe Hasenkamp in VR



Opportunities



Juniors Sally Smith and Taylor Berling



### 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.

### 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.

## 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!

### 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](mailto:mcdermottm@ndapandas.org).

### 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](#).

Summer  
Sports  
Camps!



**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.

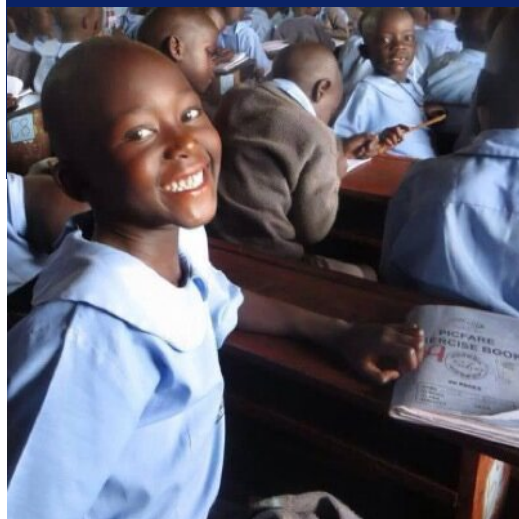
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 25, 2018**

\*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](mailto:burgeik@ndapandas.org).

# IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR THE GO 4 GULU 5K! <img alt="arrow" data-bbox="675 18 694 34"/>

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



### HOSTED AT NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

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](mailto:schumacherj@ndapandas.org) or [burkec@ndapandas.org](mailto:burkec@ndapandas.org)



## ▶ Important dates

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
April 29	Orange and White Game
May 4	Mass and May Crowning Choral Concert and Dance Team
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
May 28	NDA Marching Band and Dance Team Park Hills Memorial Day Parade

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- FC Youth Night Game
- Host Family Program
- School Cafeteria Manager Needed
- Positions Available for Students
- World Meeting of Families

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

