



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

This Friday, one quarter of our student body will graduate and I would like to thank the Class of 2017 for their contributions to Notre Dame Academy. During their time at NDA, our graduates have strived to become women making a difference in the world. I am most grateful to the Class of 2017 for the way they have learned to live our mission and have led our community this school year. We look forward to celebrating these young women at our Baccalaureate Mass, Senior Breakfast and Graduation. I challenge our seniors to continue to *Embrace Dignity in Self, Others and Community* as they begin the next chapter of their lives and I sincerely thank them and all those who have supported them these past four years.

This past Thursday evening our community celebrated the long-standing tradition of academic excellence at NDA at our 40th Academic Awards Ceremony. A total of 206 students from among our freshmen, sophomores, juniors and incoming freshmen were recognized at the event. The large number of students present at this year's awards ceremony is a testament to the diligence of our students and the dedication and caliber of our faculty.

Congratulations to our Student Council Homeroom Representatives who were elected by their peers to serve for the 2017-18 school year. Please see the list of school officers below. We are grateful for their willingness to serve our school in this important way.

I would like to congratulate Libby Roebker and Emma Nurre. Both of these young women have an exciting year ahead of them. Libby has been accepted into the Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science and Emma has received a scholarship from the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program to study in Germany. You can read more about their plans for next school year below.

Although our Softball Pandas have not yet finished their season, the rest of our spring teams have just finished very successful seasons. We congratulate each of the teams and invite all of our spring athletes to celebrate together at our Spring Sports Banquet on June 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the theatre.

Tomorrow is cleaning day at NDA. I would like to thank Sister Paul Ann and Sister Mary Rachel for organizing this time-honored tradition. Thanks also to our students and faculty for helping us in this important effort.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Bill Stamm and his family on their latest addition, Irene Marie Stamm. We will keep Bill and his family in our prayers and look forward to seeing the newest member of the panda family!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### 2017-2018 Student Council Homeroom Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as Homeroom Representatives for the 2017-2018 school year:

#### Senior Homeroom Representatives

Abby Bruns  
Alenna Fletcher  
Lauren Judy  
Annie Muck  
Sally Bishop  
Abby Tierney

#### Junior Homeroom Representatives

Theresa Berling  
Claire James  
Fallon McAllister  
Elly Piatt  
Addyson Stansel  
Emily Thaman

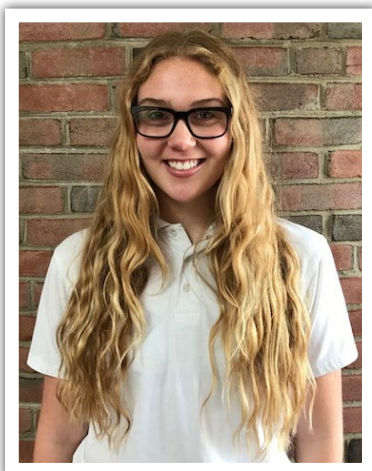
#### Sophomore Homeroom Representatives

Phoebe Boyle  
Chloe Esmeier  
Becky Hammill  
Ashley Nerswick  
Sommer Shields  
Allie Weidinger



#### Libby Roebker to attend Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science

Rising Junior Libby Roebker will attend the Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science starting in the fall. Gatton Academy is a selective program that allows students to finish their last two years of high school while simultaneously starting their first two years of college. Acceptance to the Gatton Academy includes a scholarship covering the full cost of attendance to Western Kentucky University, including tuition, room and board, and a study abroad stipend. Students live on WKU's campus and graduate with at least 60 hours of college credit. Courses are taught by WKU professors and students have opportunities to pursue research in their areas of interest and study abroad with the other 94 Gatton Academy students enrolled in the class of 2019.



#### Emma Nurre to Study in Germany

Rising senior, Emma Nurre is a recipient of a scholarship for the prestigious Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program. The Congress-Bundestag Program, which is administered by the U.S. Department of State, was inaugurated in 1983 through a bilateral agreement between the U.S. Congress and the German Parliament, Bundestag. Emma will complete her senior year credits abroad while living with a German host family and attending a German high school right outside the city of Cologne. Emma's 10-month educational adventure begins this August. Emma states, "There are many things that are daunting about leaving for ten months, but I cannot explain how much more eager that makes me feel! I look forward to sharing my journey and experiences with everyone back home."



May 30 - June 2	7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
June 5 - June 22	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
June 23 - July 14	CLOSED (Dead Period)
July 17 - August 11	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Beginning August 14	7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



## IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

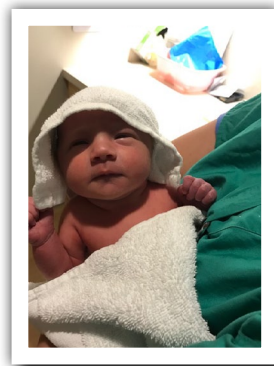
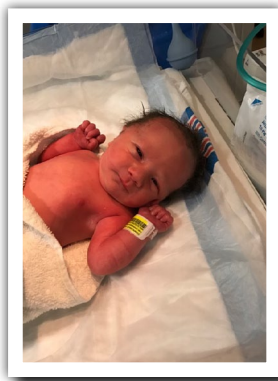
Please watch your email for an invitation/re-enrollment information from FACTS. All billing has been processed at this time. The email comes directly from FACTS Management not from NDA so please check your spam folder if you do not see it by Monday, May 29. If you do not receive this email by next Monday or Tuesday, please email Laura Hehman so she can follow-up with FACTS. [hehmanl@ndapandas.org](mailto:hehmanl@ndapandas.org)

Once you receive the email we urge you to log in right away to make sure we have all the correct information. If your daughter receives an Academic scholarship based on GPA, those will not be posted until after grades are finalized, all other scholarships, work study and financial aid should show on your bill. Also if you want to change your payment plan that can be done at this point though FACTS.

Please direct any questions to Laura Hehman in the NDA Business Office, 292-1844 or [hehmanl@ndapandas.org](mailto:hehmanl@ndapandas.org).

## WELCOME TO THE PANDA FAMILY ◀

Congratulations to the Stamm family on the latest addition to their family. Irene Marie Stamm was born at 5:47 p.m. 5/22, weighing 6lb 3 oz, 20 inches long. Mr. Stamm reports that her name means "peace" and that she was born with a full head of dark hair. Welcome to the Panda family Irene!



## SENIOR YEARBOOK ADS: LAST WEEKS TO ORDER! ◀

Senior parents, you're understandably proud of your daughter. Why not say it with a recognition ad in the 2016-17 NDA yearbook? Ads start at just \$45. They're easy and fun to design at [jostens.com](http://jostens.com) or by following [this link](#). Deadline is June 15.

# ACADEMIC AWARDS



## NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

**The Spring Sports Awards Night** will be Tuesday, **June 6** at 7:00 pm in the Theatre. All Spring Athletes and their families are invited to attend.

### Need a Sports Physical for Next Year?

Commonwealth Orthopaedic Centers is offering Sports Physicals at NO CHARGE on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at their Edgewood location. Please bring the completed KHSAA Physical form signed with a parent's signature. You can download the form [HERE](#).

### Athletic Camps

Reminder to all that NDA is offering many Summer Sports Camps. Go to our website under [Athletics/Summer Camps](#) to register today. The Tennis Camp is the first camp of the summer - it begins on June 5.

### TENNIS

Congratulations to our Tennis Pandas for finishing 5th place at State! Congrats to the following seniors who were selected for the All-State Team: - Kylie Moellering, Josephine Meyer-Hogan, and Cat Meadows.

### TRACK & FIELD

The NDA track & field team had a very successful Regional meet as they qualified 15 athletes in 11 events for the State Championships. Qualifying in the field events were Claire Butler high jump, Hannah Miller and Maddie McCauley in the pole vault, Allison Gribben and Brianna Seibert in the discus, and Allison Gribben in the shot put. In the running events Elly Piatt, Erika Nageleisen, Camryn Scaringi, and Kate Williams in the 3200m relay, Brooke Ziegler in the 100m hurdles, Grace Lawler, Claire Butler, Gabbe Tate, and Julia Day in the 800m relay, Hanna Halverstadt, Gabbe Tate, Hanna Miller, and Claire Butler in the 400m relay, Erika Nageleisen in the 300m hurdles, Karen Horner in the 3200m run, and Hanna Halverstadt, Claire Butler, Julia Day, and Erika Nageleisen in the 1600m relay. At the state meet the Pandas had many personal bests! Scoring in the state meet were Hannah Miller tied for 4th in the pole vault beating her own NDA school record with 10' .0", Allison Gribbin placed 4th in the discus, and Allison placed 5th in the shot put at 38' 8.5" beating her own NDA school record. Congratulations to all!

### LACROSSE

Lacrosse ended their season with a loss this weekend at state making it to the Elite 8. Congratulations to Abby Sammons, Katherine Shearer and Grace Whitacre for being named to the All-Region Team. Congratulations Lacrosse Pandas on a great season!

### SOFTBALL

Congratulations to our Softball team for defeating Beechwood and Holy Cross Monday to win the District Tournament! Both Lindsey Meier and Annie Lee had multiple hits to help the Pandas secure the District title. Congratulations to Erica Huston and Lauren Durstock for making the All-District Team and Kennedy Baugh for being the All-District Team MVP! The Region tournament begins this Monday at NCC's home field, Bartlett Field. Good luck Softball Pandas!



## 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](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 a host family.



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

## 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.



## 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](http://ndapandas.org). Search Athletics. Golf Outing.

## SENIOR PARENT REMINDERS ◀

The **Finance Office** would like to remind all Senior parents that all tuition and fees must be current for your daughter to graduate. Please log into your FACTS account and make sure that you are up to date.

The **Cafeteria Manager** would like to remind you that 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!



## PPC NEWS ◀

The **Panda Parent Club** is in need of a parent to take over the Teacher Appreciation Committee and the Hospitality committee for next school year. If you would like to learn more about these positions contact Lori Alcantara at [alcantaralori3@gmail.com](mailto:alcantaralori3@gmail.com) or Leanne Kirn at [kirn1@ndapandas.org](mailto:kirn1@ndapandas.org).



## ► Important dates

May 24	Exams Graduation Practice at NDA
May 25	Cleaning Day Last Day of School Faculty/Staff Luncheon Graduation Practice at NKY Convention Center Baccalaureate Mass - St. Agnes Church - 7:00 p.m.
May 26	Senior Breakfast - Receptions, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Graduation - Northern KY Convention Center, 4:00 p.m.
June 5	iPad Orientation for incoming freshmen 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alumnae Hall
June 6	iPad Orientation for incoming freshmen 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alumnae Hall Spring Sports Awards Ceremony
June 7	iPad Orientation for incoming freshmen 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alumnae Hall
June 8	Panda Newbie Game Night
June 10	ACT at NDA
June 15	iPad Orientation for incoming freshmen 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alumnae Hall
June 16	iPad Orientation for incoming freshmen 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alumnae Hall

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- NKY Hates Heroin Craig Underwood Memorial 5K
- Work Study Opportunities for the Sisters of Notre Dame
- SND Jubilee
- SND Pilgrimage Walk
- SND 4th of July Festival
- Stretch Your Heart: New Orleans
- NDUEC In Need of Summer Volunteers
- Serra Club for Vocations, Florence Freedom Fundraiser
- National Catholic Youth Conference



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