



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Last Friday we celebrated our annual May Crowning Mass with the NDA community. It was a special day to honor our patroness, the Blessed Mother, and to reflect on NDA's educational mission as a school dedicated to Mary. This year the honor of crowning Mary went to Katelyn Noll with the honor of carrying Mary's crown in procession going to Caroline Garvey. Emily Farmer, Caitlyn Zieleniewski, Stephanie Meyer and Rachel Massie made up the honor guard. Congratulations to each of these students.

I am proud to announce the Class of 2018 valedictorian, Emily Farmer, and salutatorian, Lauren Judy. Congratulations to both of these young women for their diligence and dedication to academic excellence over the past four years at NDA.

As I mentioned last week, during the month of May I will be sharing a Marian reflection with you each week written by one of the Sisters of Notre Dame. This week I share [Feast of the Annunciation](#) written by Sister Mary Ruth Lubbers, SND. In her reflection, Sr. Mary Ruth speaks of Mary's openness to receiving God's Word and her willingness to say "yes" to Him. I hope you are as *empowered by Mary's witness* in this reflection as I am.

I would like to thank all of our parents who participated in one of our Strategic Plan Feedback sessions. Please know that your input is very valuable to us. Thank you for helping to advance the mission of NDA!

Just a reminder - 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 FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR THEREFORE STUDENTS WILL NEED TO PACK THEIR LUNCHES.** On Tuesday, May 15 we will have **FOOD TRUCK DAY** where students can preorder pretzels and Kona Ice. Students will enjoy an extended lunch on this day!

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Notre Dame Academy
is built on the
Four Educational Principles
of the Sisters of Notre Dame:



- The centrality of a good and provident God
- The human dignity of each person as an image of God
- The Notre Dame educator as a Gospel witness
- An integrated education for transformation

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Senior Send Off

On Wednesday, May 16 we will be sending off the Class of 2018! Seniors will not have classes on this day but are expected to report to school by 11:30 a.m. for a class picture by You See Photography, the Alumnae Luncheon and a prayer service led by our senior Peer Ministers. Following the prayer service, Seniors will join the rest of the school community for

the Senior Send Off in the Auditorium.

Attire for the seniors on this special day is dressy, classy and modest (short skirts/dresses are not permitted as well as spaghetti strap or strapless dresses and off the shoulder. NDA's dress code will apply, and any senior violating our dress code policy will need to change clothes in order to participate in the senior day's events.

Freshman through juniors will have all classes on this day, but the schedule will be adjusted.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view other graduation activities.

Seniors can wear their college tees with uniform skirts on Monday, May 14.



SENIOR BREAKFAST TRADITION ◀

Our seniors celebrated one of their last "late Wednesday" mornings with a special breakfast last week. We are going to miss these Pandas!

BEST OF THE CLASS ◀

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NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Educating Women to Make a Difference

CLASS of 2018



Emily Farmer
Valedictorian



Lauren Judy
Salutatorian

IMPORTANT CAFETERIA INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS ◀

PLEASE REMEMBER - THE CAFETERIA IS CLOSED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Only snacks and drinks will be available for purchase from that time on.

ALSO...

SENIOR PARENTS: Please check your daughter's account balance and let Cafeteria Manager Karen Brungs (brungsk@ndapandas.org) know if you would like a refund or transfer your balance. Thank you!

YEARBOOK SALES

Buy a yearbook! Buy an ad for your senior to put in it! Yearbooks are still on sale through May 25 by following [this link](#) or visiting jostensyearbooks.com.

Senior parents: You can purchase a recognition ad for your daughter in the 2018 yearbook. They're easy and fun to design, and prices start at just \$45. Use this link to get started! Deadline is June 15.



2020 - ATHENS AND THE GREEK ISLANDS TRIP ◀

Notre Dame Academy has announced our international trip for the summer of 2020, Athens and the Greek Islands!

For all NDA students interested in traveling to Greece in the summer of 2020, **we will be holding an informational meeting TONIGHT Wednesday, May 9 at 7 p.m.** in the NDA Auditorium. This meeting is open to both the students and the parents of those students interested in traveling. We encourage all those interested to attend the meeting as we will cover all of the pertinent information regarding this trip!

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW ◀

Tomorrow (Thursday) will be an out of uniform day in support of the SND 4th of July festival. The cost is \$5, and students will also get 5 raffle ticket chances. Dress out of uniform and show your support for the Sisters of Notre Dame and their ministries!

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.



NDA SUMMER CLASSES ◀

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

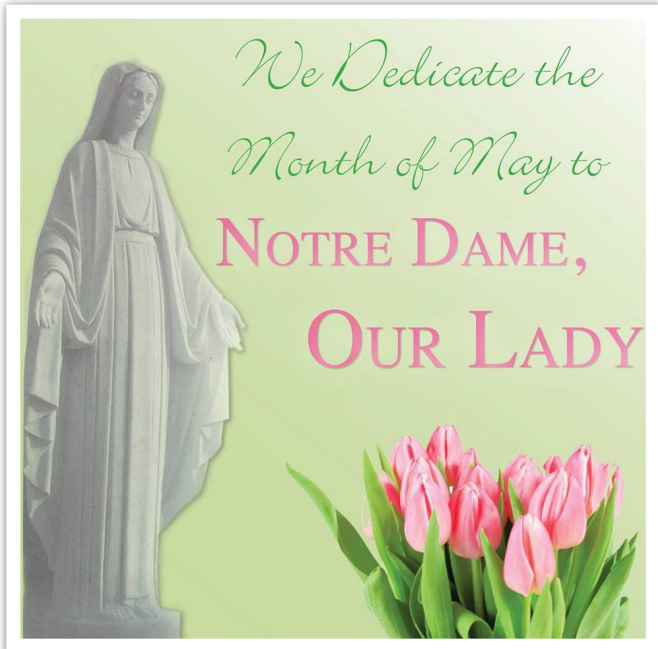
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS ◀

Information regarding graduation activities can be found on the NDA website [HERE](#). Please remember - the deadline for Senior Breakfast reservations is May 18. Thanks!



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.

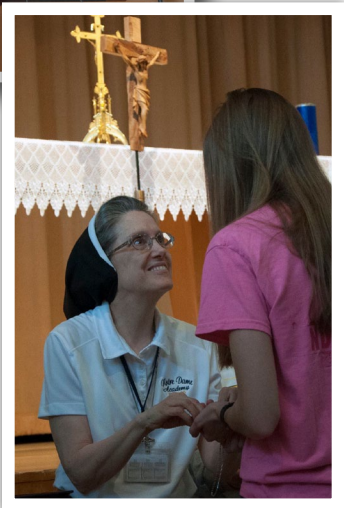


NDA HONORS PATRONESS ◀

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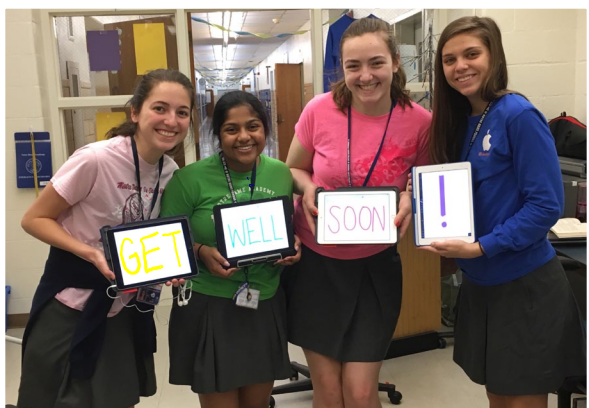
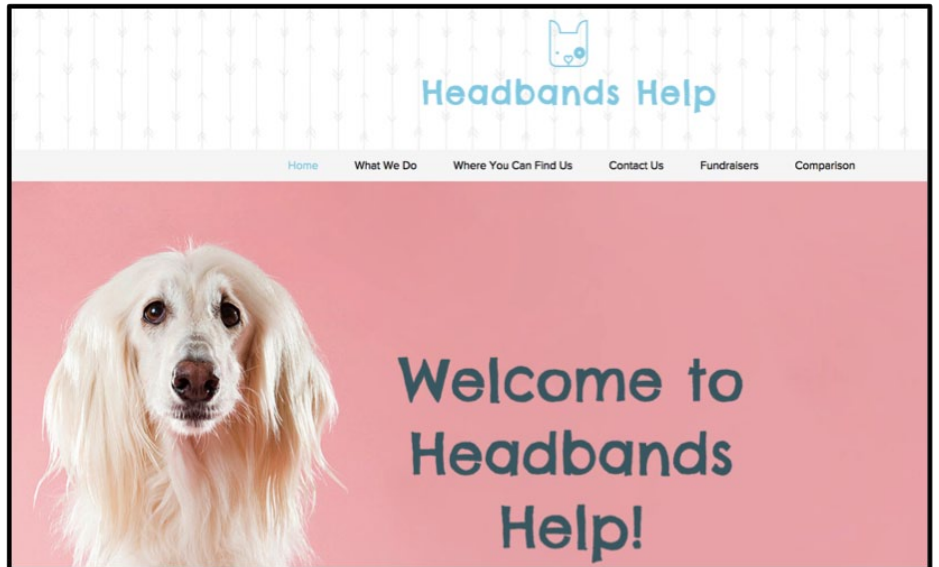
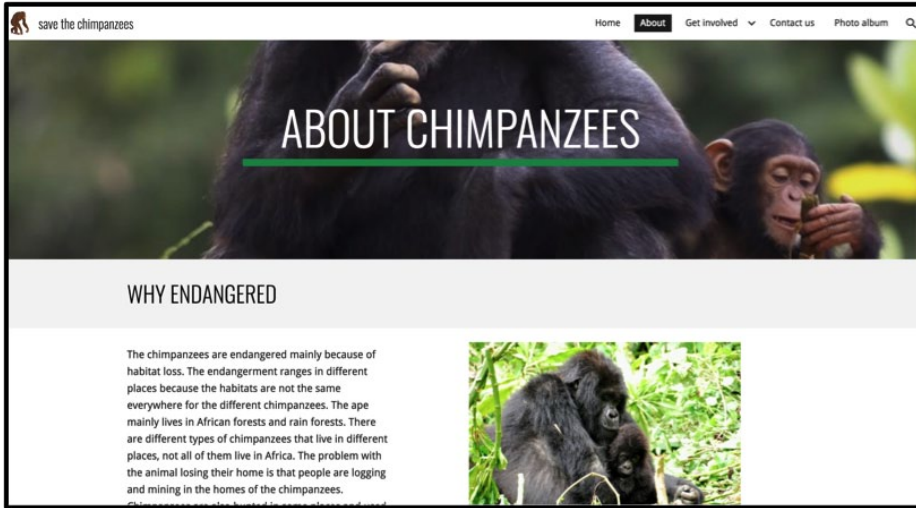


INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

Pandas Use Website Design to Make a Difference

Freshmen in the Technology & Communication class designed websites for fictitious non-profit organizations of their own creation. They had to use real world statistics, infographics, and embedded video in their websites to target positive impact and raise awareness. Students viewed each other's sites and voted for their favorite. Ava Hassan and Hannah Ransom's sites received the most votes. Hannah said that "Working on a website was super fun to do! I loved being able

to use my creativity to make a website that was unique to me." And Ava said that she chose to create a website about chimpanzee conservation "because I feel so strongly about them and all other animals."



SWAT Bids Mrs. Mullee Good Wishes!

Our very own Mrs. Molly Mullee recently had surgery on her arm which she injured earlier in the year. The operation was a success and now she begins the healing process with good wishes from her SWAT students and the entire NDA community!



SENIORS LEARN RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP ◀

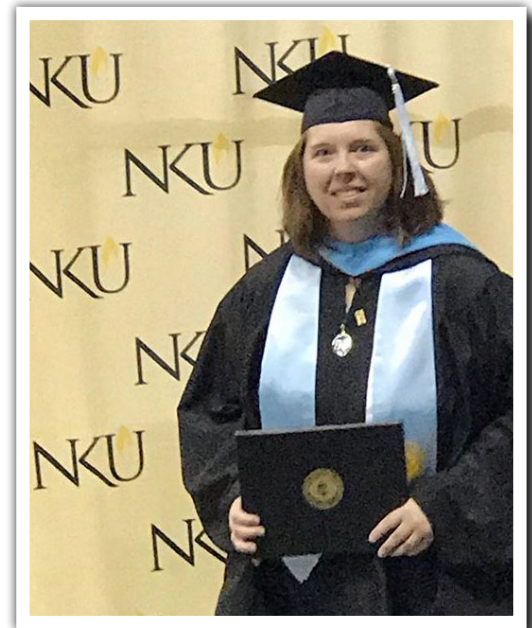
Last week, members of Rho Kappa, the social studies honor society, held a voter registration drive during NDA lunch mods. In preparation for the drive, several students visited the clerks offices in Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties to gather information and materials on the registration process. Students were on hand during the lunch mods to answer questions and help students fill out the voter registration cards. More than 2 dozen seniors registered to vote during our drive!

Other students researched the voting requirements and the procedures for filing absentee votes for all of the states in which our seniors will be attending college. This information will be collated and then given to each senior so that no matter where they are living for the next four years, **they can continue the tradition of Notre Dame Academy by making a difference with their vote!**



LIFE-LONG LEARNER ◀

Although NDA Intervention Specialist Ms. Jenifer Ericson already had a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree from Xavier University and a Master of Arts degree in Education and LBD certification from Georgetown College, she recently graduated from NKU with her Education Specialist Degree in Teaching and Leading with a concentration in English as a Second Language. She received her Rank I in teaching and is continuing her education at Concordia University in Chicago in the Doctoral Program for Leadership and Special Education. Congratulations Ms. Ericson!



OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT ◀

NDA Science teacher Mrs. Terri Perrino was recently chosen as the 2018 Outstanding Graduate Student by the Education Department at Thomas More College! She was chosen from all graduate programs across the entire college. Congratulations Mrs. Perrino!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



Exam Schedules

The current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will have exams on May 21, 22 and 23. The students were all emailed their schedules for exams several weeks ago. [Click here](#) for a link to the exam schedule. You need your daughter to share her current class schedule with you in order to see what exams she has at certain times.

Students that do not have an exam last may leave early and those that do not have one first may come in at homeroom. There may be a few students that do not have an exam on a day, and she may not come to school but will need to have a parent call the office to let them know she is out. Please note that most students will be finished by 12:30 p.m. on Monday and 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. If a student has to miss an exam, there is a fee to re-schedule the exam. Please see the [handbook](#) for information about our exam policy.

Senior exams will happen on May 17, 18 and 21. Seniors all have exam schedules and will know if one has to take an exam or may be exempt due to her current grade and attendance. Seniors do not need to report to school on days or times that they do not have an exam. Here is the link to the senior exam schedule: [Senior exams](#)

Health Career Summer Camp

Gateway and Area Health Education Center in NKY will be hosting a health career camp for freshmen, sophomores and juniors on June 11-13. The registration deadline is May 23. Please visit their website for more information:

www.northcentralkyahec.org

Summer Opportunities

For more summer opportunities visit our website:

<https://www.ndapandas.org/academics/counseling-and-student-services/summer-enrichment-programs.aspx>

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

SOFTBALL NEWS

Congratulations to our Softball Pandas! Varsity had games this week with victories over Brossart (15-3) and Holy Cross (14-2). JV also defeated Brossart. Check out this article which appeared on Cincinnati.com about NDA Softball - [Notre Dame prepares defense of regional softball title](#)

BALL DROP

Please help the golf outing fundraiser by selling some ball drop tickets! Ball Drop 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 27th.

Students turn in your tickets with money to the front office or the athletic office. We will also have gift card drawings on 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.

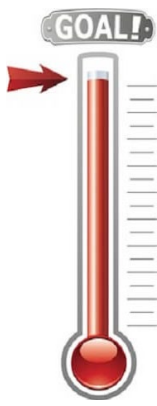
Please note: Tennis Camp was added and will be held 7/16-7/19 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

You can view more detailed information on the NDA website under the tab for [Athletics / Summer Camps](#).



DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ◀

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



ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE ◀

We are excited to announce that we are less than \$10,000 away from reaching our 2017-18 Annual Appeal goal of \$285,000. As of this week only 10% of current parents have given to our campaign. Help us reach our goal and increase our current parent participation by donating [HERE!](#) For any questions, contact our Director of Development Denise Bowman at 859-292-1849 or bowmand@ndapandas.org.

▶ Important dates

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| May 9 | Academic Signing 4:15 p.m. |
| May 11 | Spring Sports Pep Rally |
| May 16 | Senior Alumnae Luncheon/Send Off |
| May 17, 18, 21 | Senior Exams |
| May 17 | Academic Awards |
| May 18 | Theatre Exam Shows |
| May 19 | Theatre Banquet |
| 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
- Travel the World Without Leaving Home This Summer
- School Cafeteria Manager Needed
- Positions Available for Students
- World Meeting of Families

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

