



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 2018 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 2018 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 *Living the Gospel Empowered by Mary's Witness* 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 41st Academic Awards Ceremony. 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. I would like to congratulate the young women recognized at this event and thank them for using their God-given talents. These students have learned that achievement is measured not only by grades, scores and trophies; but also in the degree of commitment, service and hard work.

Speaking of hard work - tomorrow is cleaning day at NDA. I would like to thank the hardest working people at NDA, 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.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



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ACADEMY
CLASS OF 2018





May 23 - June 1

7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

June 4 - June 22

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

June 25 - July 6

OFFICE CLOSED

July 9 - August 10

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

Beginning August 13

7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

2018-2019 Student Council Homeroom Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who will serve as Homeroom Representatives next year:

Rising Seniors

Jordan Burwick
Annie Gronotte
Claire James
Fallon McAllister
Lauren Meese
Libby Smith

Rising Juniors

Chloe Collins
Chloe Esmeier
Becky Hammill
Josie Monfort
Ashley Nerswick
Allie Weidinger

Rising Sophomores

Sammy Arnold
Samantha Bailey
Emelia Campbell
Margaret Gartner
Maria Judy
Josie Lawrie
Jenna Shriver
Emma Summe

Uganda Pandas 5K: Go for Gulu

Just over \$2100 was raised last April at the Go for Gulu 5K hosted by NDA's NHS, Girl Up and Uganda Pandas clubs. Congratulations to our very own Kate Williams who took first place overall. The big winners are the students we are able to sponsor who attend our sister school in Buseesa, Uganda and those sponsored through Unified for Uganda in Northern Uganda. A huge thank you to the following sponsors for helping making the 5K a success:

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1st place finisher at the 5k - junior Kate Williams!

Orange and White Game

Congratulations to the NDA and St. Ursula communities for raising money for Leukemia research at Cincinnati Children's. Last week Student Council representatives from both schools presented a check to Children's hospital for \$6,310! Not only did we raise money for a great cause, but we joined our sisters across the river to remember Natalie Bradley – an Ursula student who lost her battle to Leukemia.



From left to right: Tara Widener (CBDI), Maria Danneman (NDA), Audrey Muck (NDA), Lily Ehemann (SUA), Annaliese Andsager (SUA), Audrey Felton (SUA), Meghan Greenwell (NDA), Jessica Beirl (NDA), Kasey Beckham (CBDI)

SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD WINNERS! ◀

Congratulations to our Social Studies students who recently received awards! Sophomores Kate Hail and Ella David came in second in the state at Kentucky's National History Day in the group documentary category in the senior division. Their project was on the Cuban Missile Crisis. They have qualified for the national level of the contest to be held at the University of Maryland in June.

Congratulations also to seniors Abby Couch, Maribeth Stafford, Grace Sullivan, and Mary Tierney who placed third in the state in the Stock Market Game for the spring semester.



AP BIO WELCOMES SPEAKER ◀

Dr. Clayton Lewis, a postdoctoral fellow at UC came to speak to Mrs. Proudfit's AP Biology students about his research recently. His work at UC has focused on the role of alternatively spliced tissue factor (asTF) in the progression of pancreatic cancer and therapeutically targeting asTF for the treatment of pancreatic cancer. asTF is a protein involved in cell signaling and the formation of vascular networks in tumors that is overexpressed in pancreatic cancer. Dr. Lewis is currently working to identify the specific regions of asTF that interact with and activate cell motility proteins called beta1 integrins. His research was very interesting to our NDA AP Biology students as it is relevant to several curricular topics such as alternative splicing of RNA and CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing technology.



MING WAIH WONG BURGESS

MAY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Notre Dame Academy Senior, Ming Wai Wong Burgess, who has been selected as May's Student of the Month. Ming Wai's Current Issues teacher, Mrs. Stratman says, she is "always so impressed with Ming Wai's work ethic as a student. She is very involved in class and gives 110% effort towards her studies. She is caring and empathetic, friendly and always smiling. Ming Wai always makes an effort to think the best of everyone she meets and is always willing to lend a hand when needed." Congratulations on your accomplishments, Ming Wai! We are proud to call you a Panda.

SOMETHING ABOUT MING WAIH



Ming Wai is the lead Tenor Sax player in NDA's Jazz Band. Although Jazz Band is optional for band members, "Ming Wai year after year has risen to the challenge," according to Mr. Cerimele, NDA's Band Director. He adds "the band will certainly miss Ming Wai as she is graduating this year. However, the ground work she has put in by helping new members, will last for years after she has graduated."

Ming Wai spends a lot of time with her family especially at their restaurant, Oriental Wok, in Hyde Park. One of the reasons Ming Wai chose the business school at the University of Cincinnati for her undergraduate studies is because she wanted to remain close to her family. She sees how involved her family is with the community, and Ming Wai wants to give back just like they have.



Ming Wai advises others Pandas to "be okay with asking questions, so you know what you're doing."

PANDAS PLEDGE TO BE HOPE FOR OTHERS ◀

Thanks to Gina Horner from @lifecentercincy and Debbie Pollino who recently came to NDA to talk to our students about organ donation. Many of our students decided to make a difference by pledging to become organ donors!



YEARBOOK SALES ◀

Buy a yearbook! Buy an ad for your senior to put in it! Yearbooks are still on sale through **FRIDAY, 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.

NDA ENGLISH STUDENT WINS CREATIVE WRITING AWARDS ◀

Congratulations to NDA's Maribeth Stafford! Maribeth recently won three awards at the Northern Kentucky Area High School Creative Writing Contest 2018. She won 3rd Prize in Poetry, 2nd Place in Essay and 1st Place in Fiction. Maribeth's English teacher is Ms. Lynn Dickman. The Northern Kentucky Area High School Creative Writing Contest is a special outreach program that seeks to foster a greater interest in the literary arts and to recognize area student achievements. It is open to all Northern Kentucky Area high school students.



MAY 30, 2018
6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

PANDA PERK ALERT! ◀

NDA alumnae Melissa Kirn '07, Michele Kirn '08, and Christine Kirn '09 are generously opening up their Grainwell Market Boutique for a private, after-hours, shopping night just for NDA alumnae!

Join us ONE week from today at Grainwell Market Boutique for our next Panda Perk event! Grab your NDA friends and enjoy beverages while shopping! You will receive 20% OFF a single item along with a chance to win prizes that we will be raffling off throughout the evening. Non-alum guests are welcome to attend if accompanied by an NDA alumna.



NDA SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES ◀

NDA has all sorts of Summer Enrichment Opportunities. You can find information about them online [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.



LEARN A BAND INSTRUMENT THIS SUMMER! ◀

Did you know that colleges offer scholarship money to students who play band instruments!

Join us on Tuesday and Thursday mornings this summer to learn a band instrument for free. No experience needed!



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 Wednesday, May 30. If you do not receive this email by next Tuesday or Wednesday, please email Marilyn Slaughter so she can follow-up with FACTS. slaughterm@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 Marilyn Slaughter in the NDA Business Office, 292-1844 or slaughterm@ndapandas.org.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



New Feature! Parent Toolbox!

A listing of relevant resources for Parents can now be found on the NDA website under Quicklinks and the Counseling and Student Services. One resource from there will be highlighted quarterly.

This month we highlight the book [Enough As She Is](#), by Rachel Simmons.

NDA Counselors and Administrators recently participated in a four-part webinar offered by Rachel, to learn more about ways to help teenage girls. (We highly recommend this book as great Summer Reading for Parents!) One thing you could do today is list the qualities that you would like your daughter to personify on one half of a paper, and on the other side of the paper list the ideas she is currently learning from achievement culture. (This will be very enlightening.)

Backed by vivid case studies, Rachel warns that we have raised a generation of young woman obsessed with achievement, who avoid healthy risks, over think setbacks, and suffer from 'imposter syndrome.' As they spend more time projecting an image of effortless perfection, some girls will withdraw from essential relationships that offer support and solace. She explains why just wanting our girls to "be happy" is a mistake. *Enough As She Is* offers practical ideas to help girls manage over thinking, resist the urge to compare, take healthy risks, avoid toxic messages, prioritize self-care, practice self-compassion, and seek support when they need it.

Summer Opportunities

For more summer opportunities visit our website:

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

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

Spring Sports Awards Night

The Spring Sports Awards Night will be Monday, June 4 at 7:00 pm in the Theatre. All Spring Athletes and their families are invited to attend.

Need a Sports Physical for Next Year?

Ortho Cincy is offering Sports Physicals at NO CHARGE on Saturday, June 2 and Saturday, September 29 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.

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](#).



SAVE THE DATE ◀

Mark your calendars for this year's NDA Gala! Last year's Gala was a sellout crowd and a full evening of entertainment! Save the date for Saturday, October 13, 2018 for this wonderful event which will once again be held at Summit Hills Country Club. Invitations will be mailed in early September. We hope to see you there!

► Important dates

May 24	4th Quarter Ends/Cleaning Day 8:30 a.m. Graduation practice at Northern KY Convention Center 11:30 a.m. Faculty/Staff Lunch - Alumnae Hall 7:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Mass - St. Agnes
25 Friday	NO SCHOOL 8:30 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Receptions 4:00 p.m. Graduation at NKY Convention Center
May 28	NDA Marching Band and Dance Team Park Hills Memorial Day Parade
May 31	9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. England/Ireland Trip Meeting
May 31	NDA String Ensemble to Perform at the NDUEC Dinner
June 4	Spring Sports Awards Ceremony 7-8:30 p.m.
June 4-7	NDA Leadership Summit
June 5	Panda Newbie Game Night
June 9	ACT at NDA
June 18-22	Freshmen Ipad set up sessions
June 26	Common Reader Planning Meeting
July 12	Freshmen Service Project
July 27	NDA Golf Outing
August 6	Faculty In-service and Diocesan Mass
August 20-24	Bridge Program
August 27	Freshmen Orientation
Aug. 27 - Aug. 30	Senior Retreat #1
August 28	Freshmen/Sophomore Parent Night
August 29	Junior/Senior Parent Night
August 30	All Faculty/Staff In-service
August 31	Faculty In-service
September 4	First Day of School!

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Cross the Bridge for Life
- Part-time Position Available
- Catechist Day of Reflection
- 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](#).

