



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

This is our final newsletter of the school year. I appreciate you taking the time to read the information that has been presented each week. Communication is a very important component of our partnership in your daughter's education.

I am grateful to our faculty, staff, students and parents for all they have done to make the 2018-19 school year such a success. I am amazed how willing you, our parents, are to help and contribute to NDA. Your generosity of time, talent and treasure is often reflected by the actions of your daughters.

I would like to congratulate our Class of 2019. As a class, they earned over \$16.8 million dollars in scholarships. An incredible 43% of them received offers of half tuition or more to the school they are attending in the fall. Our recent graduates will be attending 40 different colleges and universities in 13 different states. They have been well prepared academically and they have been empowered spiritually. I have no doubt that these young women will make a tremendous difference in the world!

I would also like to congratulate Anna Resing on receiving the 2019 NDA Distinguished Graduate Award from the Sisters of Notre Dame. This is a well deserved honor as Anna is certainly an outstanding witness to a Notre Dame Academy education.

We are once again requiring a common reading assignment for the coming school year. The book we will read is *I Choose to be Happy*, by Missy Jenkins Smith. Students are required to read this book prior to their return for the new school year in August. We will have activities and discussion groups as part of our Common Reader Day on October 9. There is a link to all other summer reading assignments below.

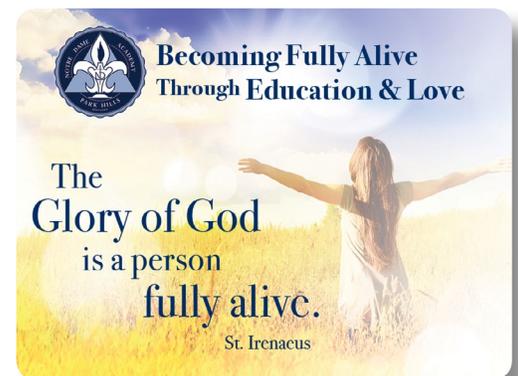
While we are all looking forward to the summer break, I am equally excited about the start of our next school year. As a community of lifelong learners rooted in the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame, we have a strong commitment to challenging students to do their best and providing them with the tools they need to be successful. NDA has been an educational leader in innovative and best practice in the competitive environment of education for well over a century and I see that continuing with the incorporation of Panda Prime Time next school year. Please see more information about Panda Prime Time below.

A special shout out and "thank you" in advance to Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Mary Rachel for once again organizing our annual Cleaning Day. This wonderful tradition not only helps keep our building in excellent condition, it also gives our students some ownership and responsibility in maintaining our school building which is a great life lesson.

We have had an amazing school year at NDA *Becoming Fully Alive Through Education and Love!* As we begin our summer break, we give thanks for the many ways in which God's Goodness and Provident Care have blessed our school this year. It is clear to me and I hope to each of you, that at NDA, we are part of a tradition larger than any one of us, a strong academic tradition of empowering young women to make a difference in the world. Thank you for partnering with us. I look forward to seeing our students in August and I wish you and your family a blessed and safe summer.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2019!

Good Luck!



Congratulations!



Go Make a Difference!



Class of 2019!





STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

2019-2020 School Year

Throughout the past two years NDA's school calendar and schedule have been adjusted to accommodate our building renovations. Now that construction has come to an end, it is time for us to take a



look at getting our calendar and schedule to a new normal for the 2019-2020 school year. Our faculty, staff and administration worked for several months on what our new normal should be.

As communicated earlier this school year, we will be implementing **Panda Prime Time** next school year. This will allow us to incorporate a flexible time period into the school day that would offer students many opportunities for enrichment, support, collaboration and personal learning. We believe that this added period will be a prime time for students to learn how to balance and organize time leading them to success in college and beyond. We will call the new 30-minute period **Panda Prime Time** and it will occur twice each week beginning next school year.

At NDA, we challenge our students to take ownership of their education. **Panda Prime Time** will provide our students with another opportunity for them to do just that. As I explained to our students earlier this year, while they may enjoy a bit more freedom during **Panda Prime Time**, they will also have more responsibility during that time period to accomplish what needs to be done.

In preparing a presentation about our new schedule and the concept of a flexible time period being added to the school day, we anticipated a large number of questions from our students. We therefore, put together a short video explaining what **Panda Prime Time** is how it will be incorporated into next year's daily schedule. If you have questions about Panda Prime Time, you can watch the video here: [PANDA PRIME TIME](#). If you have any further questions not answered in the video, feel free to contact me or Assistant Principal Amber Grayson.

We hope you see the tremendous value in **Panda Prime Time** and encourage you to talk to your daughter about this innovative concept. We truly believe that it will provide time for students to address academic, emotional and physical needs through a multitude of opportunities.

The daily schedules are highlighted below

Monday & Friday

Regular Schedule (R)
(47 Minute classes, 30 minute lunches)

8:00	-	8:47	1st Class
8:51	-	9:38	2nd Class
9:42	-	10:29	3rd Class
10:33	-	11:03	First Lunch
11:07	-	11:54	4th Class
10:33	-	11:20	4th Class
11:24	-	11:54	Second Lunch
11:58	-	12:45	5th Class
12:49	-	1:19	HOMEROOM
1:23	-	2:10	6th Class
2:14	-	3:01	7th Class

Tuesday & Thursday

Regular Schedule (R)
(47 Minute classes, 30 minute lunches)

8:00	-	8:47	1st Class
8:51	-	9:38	2nd Class
9:42	-	10:29	3rd Class
10:33	-	11:03	First Lunch
11:07	-	11:54	4th Class
10:33	-	11:20	4th Class
11:24	-	11:54	Second Lunch
11:58	-	12:45	5th Class
12:49	-	1:19	PANDA PRIME TIME
1:23	-	2:10	6th Class
2:14	-	3:01	7th Class

Wednesday

Delayed Schedule (D)
(43 Minute classes, 30 minute lunches)

9:00	-	9:43	1st Class
9:47	-	10:30	2nd Class
10:34	-	11:17	3rd Class
11:21	-	11:51	First Lunch
11:55	-	12:38	4th Class
11:21	-	12:04	4th Class
12:08	-	12:38	Second Lunch
12:43	-	1:27	5th Class
1:31	-	2:14	6th Class
2:18	-	3:01	7th Class

2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

2019-2020

August 19	First Day of School
September 2	No School: Labor Day
October 11	No School: Professional Development Day
October 18	1st Quarter Ends
November 1	No School: All Saints' Day
November 27-29	No School: Thanksgiving Break
December 9	No School: Immaculate Conception
December 18-20	Exams
December 23	2nd Quarter Ends
December 23 - January 3	No School: Christmas Break
January 20	No School: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 17	No School: Presidents' Day
March 13	3rd Quarter Ends
April 9 - 17	No School: Easter Break
May 18 - 20	Senior Exams
May 22	No School: Graduation
May 25	No School: Memorial Day
May 26-28	Exams
May 29	4th Quarter Ends/Cleaning Day

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ◀

- As you can see from the dates above, due to the completion of our Capital Campaign renovations at NDA, our school year will begin on **Monday, August 19**.
- **Semesters will be an even number of days** with mid-term exams held in **December**.
- On **Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays** and **Fridays**, we will **begin our school day at 8:00 a.m.** and **end at 3:01 p.m.** Classes on these days will last 47 minutes with 4 minutes in between for changing classes.
- We will continue our delayed start on **Wednesdays** with school **beginning at 9:00 a.m.** and **ending at 3:01 p.m.** Classes on these days will last 43 minutes with 4 minutes in between for changing classes.
- On **Mondays and Fridays**, students will have a **30-minute homeroom** following their 5th period classes.
- On **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, students will have a **30-minute Panda Prime Time** following their 5th period classes.
- We will have **announcements** each day following 5th period.

2018 Notre Dame Academy Distinguished Graduate Anna Resing ◀

Congratulations to Anna Resing who received the Distinguished Graduate Award from the Sisters of Notre Dame at this year's Senior Awards Breakfast. The Sisters of Notre Dame Distinguished Graduate Award recognizes graduates in schools sponsored by or affiliated with the Sisters of Notre Dame National Education Partnership, as being outstanding witnesses to Notre Dame education. The names of the award recipients are recorded each year in a book kept in the Motherhouse (international headquarters) of the Sisters in Rome, Italy. It is placed on the altar dedicated to Sr. Maria Aloysia, the founder of the Coesfeld SNDs and an outstanding educator.



June 3 - 21	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
June 24 - July 9	OFFICE CLOSED
July 10 - August 2	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Beginning August 5	7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SUMMER READING ◀

Don't forget about your summer reading assignments!

Our Common Reader for the 2019-20 school year is *I Choose to be Happy*, by Missy Jenkins Smith. It is a very uplifting book even as it tackles the difficult topic of school shootings. The book was written for a teenage audience and includes many stories about the author's life since the shooting as they relate to the principles of listening, empathy, forgiveness, laughter, optimism and kindness.

We are very excited to announce that Missy Jenkins Smith will join us for our Common Reader Day on October 9 along with her co-author, William Croyle.

Other summer reading assignments can be found on our website [HERE](#).



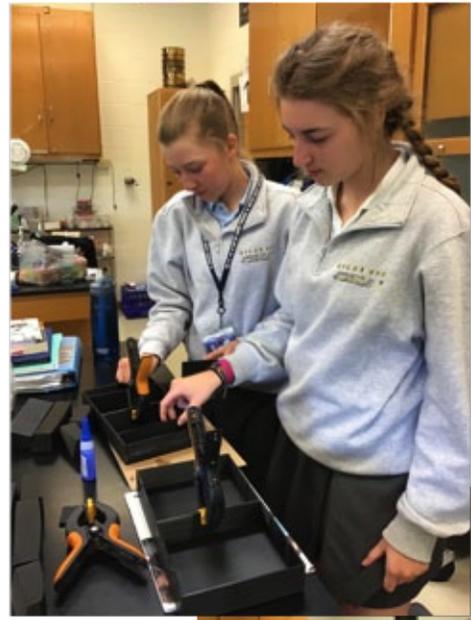
Important Reminder For Parents:

Please check your daughter's cafeteria account balance as there are many overdue account balances. You can check PayPams for your balance.

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS: 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. **Thank you!**

S.T.E.M. AT NDA ◀

The Introduction to Engineering students recently completed two exciting projects, a rapid prototype for a local business and a gear train. Both projects used the 3D printer purchased with Panda Paw money. It's great to see our Engineering Pandas doing STEM!



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

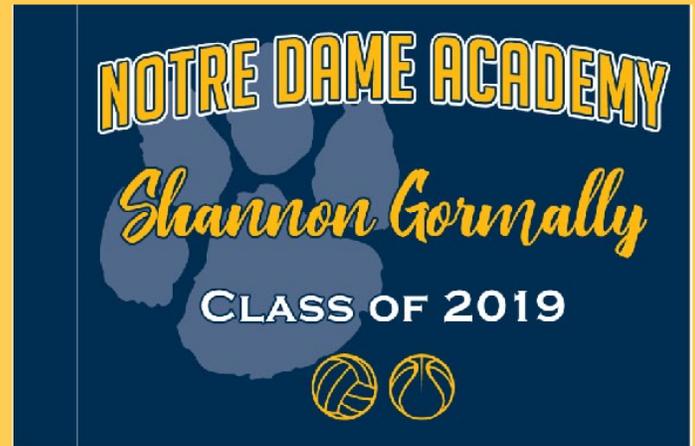
Spring Sports Awards Night

The Spring Sports Awards Night will be Tuesday, June 11 at 7:00 pm in the Theatre. All Spring Athletes, their family and friends are invited to attend. Come join us to celebrate the many accomplishments of our Spring Teams and Athletes.

Do you want to support NDA Athletics?

You can do so by playing in this year's Golf Outing at Summit Hills Country Club on Friday, August 2, 2019 OR You can sponsor the golf outing! At the \$250 sponsorship level, you will receive an awesome keepsake Golf Outing Flag that you can personalize for your Panda! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and Sponsorship Form and thanks for your support!

Sponsor the golf outing at
the \$250 level to receive a
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MESSAGE FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ◀

Dear Parents,

The Notre Dame Academy athletic department is excited to announce some updates for the upcoming school year, particularly regarding your daughter's KHSAA physicals and how they should be submitted. First, the athletic department will be partnering with an online program called FinalForms, which will enable you and your student athlete to complete and file MOST athletic forms electronically. A hard copy of the St. Elizabeth Trainer Authorization form will be turned in.

With FinalForms you will be able to submit /upload athletic forms online, in particular, the KHSAA physical. FinalForms is a secure site and is utilized by most athletic departments in Cincinnati and throughout Ohio. We believe this will be a great tool for our parents, trainers, coaches and overall athletic department to manage all the athletic forms such as the KHSAA physicals. We are asking that all parents of NDA athletes use FinalForms.

The instructions to sign up for FinalForms will be sent out in the next few weeks. FinalForms will be available beginning June 21, 2019.

Next, please see the attached flyer regarding physicals being offered by OrthoCincy on June 15 at their Edgewood location at no charge. Please note a sports physical does not replace your annual visit to your primary care physician.

Note: if you start planning your athlete's physical and complete it between May 1 and July 10 it will be good for the entire school year and for all sports seasons.

[OrthoCincy Flyer](#)
[KHSAA Physical Form](#)

Finally, I will be sending an email out later this week with information regarding our Coupon Book Fundraiser. We had a great deal of insightful feedback after last year and will be announcing some major adjustments to the fundraiser.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Have a great summer!

Go Pandas!
Myanna Webster

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NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

2019 GOLF OUTING

Friday, August 2, 2019 - Summit Hills Country Club

Come out to celebrate Notre Dame Academy in their 21st annual Golf Outing. We encourage all types of groups to play: all men, all ladies or a mixed foursome.

Don't have a golfing partner? Sign up and we can assign you to a group. You do not need to have an affiliation to Notre Dame Academy, just come out and support by golfing. **Everyone is welcome!!**

Any skill level is welcome, this is about having **FUN!**

Format will be a **Four Person Scramble**

Cost is **\$150 per player**

REGISTER HERE

Schedule for the Day:

7:00 – 7:45 am Registration, Ball Drop and Auction Ticket Sales

8:00 am: Shotgun Start

Noon: Reception, Lunch, Ball Drop and Auction Ticket Sales

SUMMER Opportunities!

Whether you are

Artistic

ATHLETIC

Musical

Dramatic

or you are just looking for

Something Fun

to do this summer,

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

has all sorts of opportunities for you!

For registration forms and further information about summer programs at NDA, go to:

www.ndapandas.org



Did you know...?

- Your Sisters of Notre Dame have been hosting a 4th of July Festival since 1922?
- The NDA parking lot is filled with cars and tents on the 4th of July?
- Notre Dame Academy in Park Hills and your sister school in Buseesa, Uganda receive funding from the 4th of July Festival? Other recipients include Notre Dame Urban Education Center, Julie Learning Center, and SND Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation initiatives.
- You can earn service hours by helping with the festival?

Become a volunteer with the Sisters of Notre Dame 4th of July Festival!

When: Thursday, July 4th

Where: Sisters of Notre Dame
1601 Dixie Hwy, Park Hills

How: Amy at 859-291-2040 or amcelheney@sndky.org
www.sndky.org/festival



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NDA PARENT TOOLBOX? ◀



If you are looking for a good read over the break, or even some interesting articles, there are many good ideas (Untangled, Under Pressure, The Confidence Code, anxiety, friends, teens and technology, etc.), in [NDA Parent Tool Box!](#)

\$ 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 the end of the day on Friday, May 31. If you do not receive this email from FACTS, please notify Marilyn Slaughter at NDA so that she can follow-up with FACTS.

Once you receive the FACTS email, we urge you to log in to your FACTS account to verify your billing and payment information for the 2019-2020 school year. Payment plans will be finalized by Friday, June 14.

If your daughter receives an Academic scholarship based on GPA, those awards may 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.



Seven Hills Women's Health Centers

Seven Hills Women's Health Centers, a physician owned medical practice, is the leader in women's health care in the tri-state area. Our providers offer compassionate and comprehensive women's health care for women of all ages. With 12 physicians, 2 midwives and 2 nurse practitioners serving the Northern Kentucky community across three convenient office locations, our care is easily accessible. Visit us at womenshealthcenters.com to find a provider near you. We're proud to support the Notre Dame Academy. Several of our physicians and their daughters are part of the NDA family!

- Dr. Emily Woeste, 1994
- Dr. Meredith Donnelly, 1995
- Jeanne Setters, APRN, 1982
- Liz Kirkwood Adair, 1998
- Rachel Kirkwood, 2002
- Kelsey Darpel, 2011
- Kendall Darpel, 2014

- Emma Jacobs, 2014
- Emily Jackson, 2016
- Caroline Jackson, 2018
- Paige Donnelly, 2022
- Addy Woeste, 2022
- Ava Jacobs, 2023
- Kimberly Woeste, 2024



GALA TABLE CAPTAINS STILL NEEDED ◀

We are still looking for GALA TABLE CAPTAINS/dedicated parents who are willing to help fill a table of 10. The job of table captain is quite simple and costs nothing! All table captains are supplied with a “how to” basket, full of essentials needed to fill their table: NDA address book, gala post cards, pens, and, if desired, stamps.

The table captain simply chooses and invites friends and family (invitees don't have to be from NDA, all are welcome) to join them at the gala! There is NO financial obligation to pay for your table reservations! You simply secure a positive response from at least 10, get them to reserve their spot at your table and ultimately FILL that table :) If interested, please contact Holly Danneman at hgdmd6@gmail.com



▶ Important dates

May 28 - 30	Exams
May 31	Cleaning Day
	4th Quarter Ends
	Faculty/Staff Luncheon
June 6	Panda Welcome Night
July 29 - August 1	NDA Leadership Summit
August 5 - 9	Summer Bridge Program
August 12	Freshmen and New Student Orientation
August 13	Freshman Parent Night
August 14	Sophomore, Junior and Senior Parent Night
August 19	First Day of School

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Have you checked out the Community News section of our website lately? It has all sorts of great information for you about things happening in our community!

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

- 14th Annual Cross the Bridge for Life
- Notre Dame Urban Education Center
- Work Study positions available
- Serra Club Florence Freedom Doubleheader
- Save the Date - The Marriage Journey

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

