



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings parents!

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.

We have had an amazing school year at NDA *Living our Stories of God's Goodness!* 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. I am grateful to our faculty, staff, students and parents for welcoming me during my first year at NDA and for making the 2015-16 school year such a success. I wish our graduates the very best as they continue to live their *Stories of God's Goodness* making a difference in the world!

I would like to congratulate Emily Walter on receiving the 2016 NDA Distinguished Graduate Award from the Sisters of Notre Dame. This is a well deserved honor as Emily is certainly an outstanding witness to Notre Dame education.

Notre Dame Academy recently received the May Jefferson Award for Outstanding Public Service. This award was earned by three of our freshmen: Sydney Sparks, Claire James and Fallon McAllister. Congratulations to these students and thank you for living our mission and making a difference in the lives of others.

Our spring athletes had a great season and they are to be commended for their successful competitions and hard work. The Spring Awards Banquet for the student athletes and their parents will be held next Monday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m.

As announced earlier this year, we are once again requiring a common reading assignment for the coming school year. The book we will read is *A Pearl in the Storm* by Tori Murden McClure. 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 opening activities for the 2016-17 school year. There is a link to all other summer reading assignments below.

I find that I am ending the school year much like I began it - truly impressed with our students and their enthusiasm for education. 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



Continuing Their Stories of God's Goodness

Panda Pomp & Circumstance...





INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

Google Instructions for the Class of 2016



The information seniors need to transfer their ndapandas.org data out of their account is located on our website [HERE](#).



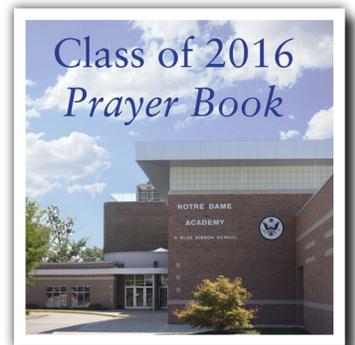
STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

2016-17 SCHOOL CALENDER

As you plan for the coming school year please note that the holiday schedule is available on our website [HERE](#).

Class of 2016 Prayer Book ◀

A collection of prayers submitted by your Panda sisters and compiled is now online [HERE](#). If you would like your own copy in PDF format, please email Mr. Glynn, glynnr@ndapandas.org.



Regular Business Hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. | Until June 17

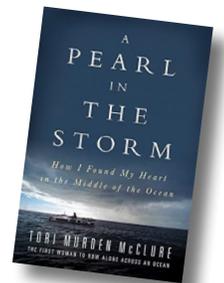
Summer Hours 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | June 20 - July 15

Regular Business Hours will resume on July 18.

Offices will be closed on July 4.

SUMMER READING ◀

Don't forget about your summer reading assignments! Our Common Reader for the 2016-17 school year is *A Pearl in the Storm* by Tori Murden McClure. 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!**



2016 Notre Dame Academy Distinguished Graduate ◀ *Emily Walter*

Congratulations to NDA senior Emily Walter who received the Distinguished Graduate Award from the Sisters of Notre Dame at this year's Senior Awards Luncheon. 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.

FRESHMAN TAKE ACTION AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN HAITI ◀

Children, Inc.'s Service Learning Program is pleased to announce that Notre Dame Academy received the May Jefferson Award for Outstanding Public Service for their service learning project entitled, "Where am I Wearing?" The Jefferson Award Foundation is a prestigious national organization encouraging and honoring community service in America. Founded in 1972 by Robert Taft, Sam Beard and Jacqueline Kennedy Onnasis, they introduced their own public service awards based on the simple premise that each person can make a difference.

This award is offered to acknowledge the contributions made by three freshman students in Ms. Amanda Staggs' class: **Sydney Sparks, Claire James and Fallon McAllister**. The students learned about child slavery in Haiti and decided they needed to take action. The freshman raised \$750 through a Valentine candy sale to support two children with an education and provide supplemental services through the organization, Restavek Freedom. Because of the efforts of these caring Notre Dame Academy students, young children have been saved from the harsh living conditions in Haiti's slave industry and have been given the opportunity for a new life.



NAVIGO SCHOLARS ◀

Congratulations to Stephanie Meyer, Emma Nurre, Ashley Wright and Alenna Fletcher. These students were chosen by Navigo Scholars Program to participate in a career program with US Bank and the Northern Kentucky Education Council. This program gives students the opportunity to get hands on business experience at US Bank in their Information Security areas. The students were chosen, based on their application and interest in the technology field. They will be working with a Coach assigned to them from US Bank to learn about this field and may be offered possible internships in the future.

Pictured: NDA Principal Mr. Jack VonHandorf, Stephanie Meyer, Emma Nurre, Ashley Wright, Alenna Fletcher and Tim Hanner - President of NaviGo - College and Career Prep Services.



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT ◀

NDA religion teacher Dr. Dan Martin's commentary entitled *Alexis de Tocqueville, John Courtney Murray and the Value of Catholicism in the United States*, was recently featured in The Messenger. If you didn't have a chance to read this insightful article, you can find it [HERE](#) on page 4.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Still looking for something to do that is fun and educational this summer? Check out our website for summer enrichment programs [HERE](#).



PARENTS,

Please encourage students to check their emails periodically this summer. There may still scheduling issues that could arise and the counselors may need to contact the students.



2016 NDA GOLF OUTING ◀

NDA's Golf outing will be held on July 29 at Twin Oaks. It will be an 11 a.m. shot gun start. All proceeds benefit ALL of the NDA Athletic teams. Sign up at today [HERE](#). Sponsorship opportunities available [HERE](#).

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

SOFTBALL

Softball season came to an end last night when our Softball Pandas fell to Ryle in the regional semi-finals. Congratulations on a good season Pandas!

TRACK AND FIELD

History made in NDA track! Allison Gribben sets a new PR and SCHOOL RECORD with a throw of 34'9.5" breaking her coaches record of 33'4.5".

SPRING SPORTS PROGRAM

This year's Spring Sports Program will be held Monday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the theatre.



NDA ROWERS HEADED TO NATIONALS ◀

Our Pandas that row for Cincinnati Junior Rowing Club did extremely well this past weekend at the MidWest Championships held locally at Harsha Lake, in Bethel, OH. All the Varsity rowers and Freshman (novice/first year rower) Olivia Vonderhaar are going to the Youth Nationals in Princeton June 10-12. Here is the list of Varsity rowers, clearly a talented group of women:

Briana Baker
Ryan Cleves
Gabby Hacker

Mary Shannon Malloy
Emily Schutzman
Ashley Wright

These ladies each won at least one gold medal this past weekend in their events and earned a spot going to Nationals.



GOT MUSIC? ◀

Did you know that universities and colleges offer scholarship money to students who can play a band instrument?

Join us on Tuesday and Thursday mornings this summer to learn for free. **WE BEGIN TOMORROW, June 2nd.**

WHO: Any Panda or Colonel (future Panda or Colonel) who would like to learn a Band Instrument (grades 7 - 12)

WHY: Friends, Fun, Get Involved, Learning a wind instrument will help with your other music, 1/2 fine arts credit for Band next year

WHEN: We begin on Thursday Morning 8 - 9 am June 2nd (Schedule Conflicts are OK)

BRING: You may use a school instrument OR bring your own. Willis and Wert Music rent horns.

FIRST MORNING: First Day is a little Chaotic. I'll have helpers and greeters on Thursday

WHERE: At the Notre Dame Academy Band Room

COST: NONE (I do, however, teach private lessons on Tues and Thur in the summer... primarily guitar and wind instruments)

GET EXCITED about instrumental music this summer 2016! **Email Mr. Greg Cerimele at cerimeleg@ndapandas.org for more information.**



Don't forget to mark your calendar for the 2016-17 NDA Autumn Gala. This important NDA event will take place on Saturday, September 24 at NDA.

Also, if you would like serve as an event sponsor through your own business or employer, or would like to advertise your business, you can find detailed information regarding event sponsorships and advertising is listed [HERE](#).



at NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

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! Check them out at:

www.ndapandas.org

IMPORTANT DATES:

June 6	Spring Sports Award Ceremony 7:00 p.m.
June 6, 7, 8	iPad Set Up Meetings for Incoming Freshmen
June 23, 24	iPad Set Up Meetings for Incoming Freshmen
August 3	Junior/Senior Parent Night 6:30 p.m.
August 4	Freshman/Sophomore Parent Night 6:30 p.m.
August 10	First Day of School

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Craig Underwood Memorial 5K Run and Walk
- Thank You Paul Michels and Michels Contructions, Inc.
- DCCH Center for Children and Families - Meet and Greet - June 2
- Our Lady's Blue Army - June 4
- Carrabbas Care Days for DCCH - June 7 and 8
- Cross the Bridge for Life - June 5
- Regional Pro-Life Mass - June 14
- Serra Club Florence Freedom Doubleheader - June 22
- Sisters of Notre Dame July 4th Festival
- Life's a Ball - Faces of Pro-Life Awards - August 20
- Work Study Positions Available with the Sisters of Notre Dame
- Part-time Job Opportunities for Students and Moms

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

