



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings parents!

I hope you are having an enjoyable and relaxing summer. It is hard to believe the 2016-17 school year is only three weeks away!

It is always nice to have the change of pace in the summer months but as our break comes to and end, we anxiously await the energy our students bring to the building. Several events at NDA this summer have brought that energy. Many of our students participated in our Leadership Summit in June led by NDA alumna Sue Wehrman. We look forward to our students incorporating what they learned into their leadership roles at school and we are excited about the leadership that the class of 2017 will be providing our student body. Our Peer Ministry Team spent time planning for the upcoming year and will be providing our community with some new ideas and activities. Incoming freshman attended iPad orientation sessions so they are ready to hit the ground running on their orientation day on August 1. Finally, NDA fall athletes have started practices on campus as well.

Our faculty and staff were also very busy this summer. I would like to thank those who traveled abroad to provide our students unique educational experiences. Many of our faculty members attended classes or other professional development opportunities and we look forward to the ideas they will share. I would like to extend a special thank you to Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Rachel as well as our maintenance team who have worked diligently to get the building ready for the 2016-17 school year.

We continue our Common Reader Initiative and I hope your daughters are enjoying the book *A Pearl in the Storm*. The Common Reader Committee, led by our Student Services Team and our Athletic Department, is busy planning for the Common Reader Day scheduled for Wednesday, August 24. Thanks to all the faculty and students who attended the first of many planning meetings.

Please note a few business items that follow, most importantly, the **Parent Information Meetings**. These meetings will be held on **Wednesday, August 3** (Juniors and Seniors) and **Thursday, August 4** (Freshmen and Sophomores). The meetings will begin at **6:30 p.m.** in the NDA Theatre and last approximately one hour. The meeting agenda will include information on academics, student life, campus ministry, counseling, instructional technology, our Panda Parent Club and student schedules will be handed out. Grade level specific information will be included each night. **It is very important that each family is represented at these meetings.** Please note that on both back to school parent meeting nights, we will have a reception with light appetizers starting at 5:30 p.m. Also at this time, Joseph Beth Booksellers will be selling the required English novels for the school year at discounted prices.

The calendar for the 2016-17 school year can be found on our website [HERE](#). Also, please see the important list of dates regarding the beginning of school in the list below.

I look forward to welcoming our students and families for the 2016-17 school year when we will focus on the second educational principal of the Sisters of Notre Dame: *The human dignity of each person as an image of God*. This school year, through respectful listening we will build relationships leading to unity and community. Until then, enjoy your summer with family and friends and I will see you in early August for the Parent Information Meetings.

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



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR INCOMING AND RETURNING FAMILIES:

Junior/Senior Parents - Wednesday, August 3, 6:30 p.m. in the theatre

Freshman/Sophomore Parents - Thursday August 4, 6:30 p.m. in the theatre

*(Freshman are encouraged to attend **Panda Welcome** in the cafeteria while their parents are in the informational meeting.)*

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## FALL CLASS SCHEDULES:

Copies of schedules will also be handed out at the upcoming Parent Information Meetings.

## 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR:

The calendar for the 2016-17 school year can be found at our website [HERE](#). Also, please see the important list of dates regarding the beginning of school in the list below.

## FAMILY DIRECTORIES:

Each year we provide a directory of contact information for our families. This will be made available at the beginning of the school year. Please watch for an email regarding this directory and permission to publish your information.

## SUMMER READING:

You can find all of NDA's summer reading assignments [HERE](#).

## REMINDERS FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN & TRANSFER STUDENTS

- All incoming freshmen need to turn in their **immunization forms** by Monday, August 1.
- **FRESHMAN/NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION** is an important part of the transition process for students. This year's Freshman/New Student Orientation will be held on **Monday, August 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for incoming freshmen and from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for transfer students**. Lunch will be provided. The orientation program will include information about the daily schedule, course requirements, opportunities for co-curricular involvement and the use of the iPad. Your daughter will have the opportunity to meet current and new students and start to develop some important relationships. Students will be expected to bring their iPads to the Freshman/New Student Orientation.
- If you are the parent of an incoming freshman or a sophomore transferring to NDA, please plan to attend the **Parent Information Meeting on August 4 at 6:30 p.m.** in the theater. Freshman are encouraged to attend **Panda Welcome** in the cafeteria while their parents are in the informational meeting. If you are the parent of a junior or senior transferring to NDA, please plan to attend the **Parent Information Meeting on August 3 at 6:30 p.m.** in the theater. At the parent meeting you will receive important information about the school year and how we will help your daughter in making the transition to NDA. Student schedules will be distributed at this meeting as well as information about accessing Power School (online grading and records) accounts.
- **NDA BRIDGE PROGRAM (For Incoming Freshmen)**  
This program assists freshmen in gaining some Math, English and study skills before the start of the school year. It will be held at Notre Dame Academy from Tuesday, August 2, 2016 - Friday, August 5, 2016. It begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m. To register or for more information email: Mrs. Christine Monohan • NDA Academic Counselor • [monohanc@ndapandas.org](mailto:monohanc@ndapandas.org).

### DANCE PANDAS ◀

Come audition for Dance Pandas! A new dance group that will blend the former Dance and Pom Teams, Dance Pandas allows dancers to strengthen their skills across a variety of dance styles and perform at school and community events. Members of Dance Pandas will have the opportunity to perform in the NDA Showcase and choir concerts, as well as at NDA basketball games and Covington Catholic football games. Styles of dance included in our 2016-2017 season will include Pom, Jazz, Lyrical and Tumbling among others, but dancers need not be proficient in all styles to participate. Rehearsals will be held after school, with dancers only required to attend rehearsals for the dances in which they are cast. A full schedule is available [HERE](#).

Those interested can sign up for the clinic [HERE](#). Please have your schedule in front of you before you begin.

#### **Wednesday, August 3, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Learning Clinic in the Auditorium**

Come learn everything you need to audition for Dance Pandas and sign up for your August 5 audition slot. Meet current members of the team and practice routines. Those interested in auditioning must attend the clinic for consideration.

#### **Friday, August 5, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Auditions in the Theatre**

Small groups perform their audition combinations in 15 minute time slots in the theatre. Dancers should arrive warmed up and ready to go.

We look forward to seeing you there! Questions? Contact Ms. Stark at [starkk@ndapandas.org](mailto:starkk@ndapandas.org).



### NDA LEADERSHIP SUMMIT ◀

Last month, 18 Pandas completed Notre Dame Academy's second annual Leadership Summit hosted by 1981 graduate, Sue Wehrman who currently serves as the Global Leadership Strategist at General Electric Power and Water Division. Ms. Wehrman engaged many other community members in an effort to support our young, female leaders. NDA thanks the following individuals for their help in making this year's Summit a success:

Deborah Chudzik '86: Leadership as Trust  
Dan Joyner: The Six Conversations  
Lauren Tubesing: Women in the Workforce  
Amber Grayson and Pee Wee's Restaurant: Business Meal Etiquette  
Laura Koehl '75: Women in the Workforce

Ms. Wehrman and the above facilitators challenged the developing leaders to grow as strategic thinkers and effective communicators while refining their skills to successfully lead teams, committees and clubs. Ms. Wehrman comments that "the NDA leaders who attended the Leadership Summit displayed an impressive level of passion and pragmatism towards learning the elements of leadership. After each summit, I walk away inspired by the enthusiasm of the summit and look forward to the next year with another great group of young leaders."

*Pictured back row left to right: Kylie Moellering, Abby Christopher, Anna Resing, Morgan Rains, Camryn Diebold, Bridget Wall, Julia Hughes*

*Middle row: Fallon McAllister, Taylor Eiting, Annie Muck, Lauren Lawler, Grace Harmeling, Olivia Cooney, Sue Wehrman '81*

*Front row: Caitlyn Zieleniewski, Audrey Muck, Liz Urban, Ellie Kathman*

*Not pictured: Jessica Beirl*



## UNIFORM POLICY ◀

Begin preparing for the 2016-17 school year by taking a look at NDA's uniform policy.

Notre Dame Academy has a school uniform that consists of:

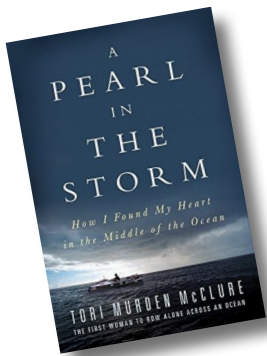
- a gray uniform skirt (the skirt must fit properly, be zipped and buttoned, hemmed appropriately and free of stains, rips, and/or holes). Students are encouraged to purchase a new skirt if it no longer zips, has tears, holes, or stains.
- a white or light blue NDA banded shirt for freshmen through seniors
- solid white, gray, black or navy blue socks
- appropriate shoes that have a back to them



Optional items that may be purchased and worn with the uniform include:

- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy pullover sweater
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy sweatshirt
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy fleece
- a navy blue blazer with NDA's emblem for special occasions such as Mass, award ceremonies, etc.
- gray, black, or navy blue leggings
- black dress slacks and a white blouse for designated events

No colored undergarments or undergarments with visible writing that detracts from the uniform may be worn under the uniform blouse. If a student chooses to wear a T-shirt under the uniform shirt, it must be a plain white V-neck and may not be visible. No slacks may be worn under the uniform during the school day. Students may wear the uniform sweater or sweatshirt during the school day. No other sweaters or sweatshirts are acceptable.



## 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](#).

## NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀



### 2016 NDA GOLF OUTING

NDA's Golf outing will be held on July 29 at Twin Oaks with an 11 a.m. shot gun start. Proceeds benefit ALL of the NDA Athletic teams and are greatly appreciated. Sign up at today [HERE](#). Sponsorship opportunities available [HERE](#). We look forward to another great event and hope to see you there!

## FRESHMAN ATHLETE PARENT ORIENTATION

Freshman Athlete Parent Orientation for parents of freshmen and new students is August 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Theater and Alumnae Hall. It is recommended that at least one parent attend.



### NDA HIRES ALUMNA TO LEAD VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

Notre Dame Academy has hired Mia (Bradford) Cooper to lead its varsity basketball program. Cooper, a Notre Dame Academy alumna, graduated from NDA in 2000 and was a three-year starter for the Pandas basketball team. She went on to play basketball at Northern Kentucky University, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice and a minor in psychology. Cooper began her coaching career at the grade school level before working her way up to the high school ranks. She led Heritage Academy to the Kentucky Christian School state title in 2015 and most recently coached at Ludlow High School.



The 2016 Autumn Gala will be held on **Saturday, September 24** at Notre Dame Academy. It will feature cocktails, a gourmet sit-down dinner, specialty raffles, a Bourbon Tasting Bar, Keepsake Photos, Signature Cocktail, and enhanced Live and Silent Auction items. An open bar will be available throughout the evening.

We are confident that the 2016 Autumn Gala will again provide an exciting evening of friendship and fellowship for the parents, alumnae, and supporters of Notre Dame Academy. We're hoping we can count on your attendance and support this year. Questions regarding the Gala can be directed to Nancy Goeke 859. 292.1851 [goeken@ndapandas.org](mailto:goeken@ndapandas.org) or Taffy Hebbeler 859.250.5020 [taffheb@fuse.net](mailto:taffheb@fuse.net).

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**AUGUST 2, 2016**  
**7:00 - 8:00 P.M.**  
 NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S  
 ALUMNAE HALL  
 TO REGISTER ONLINE:  
[\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#)

► Important dates: Opening of School Year

July 29	18th Annual NDA Golf Outing
August 1	Freshman/New Student Orientation 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
August 2	NDA Bridge Program
August 3	Junior/Senior Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Welcome reception 5:30 p.m.)
August 4	Freshmen/Sophomore Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Welcome reception 5:30 p.m.)
<b>August 10</b>	<b>First Day of 2016-17 School Year</b>
August 31	Freshman Athlete Parent Orientation 6:30 p.m.

**COMMUNITY NEWS** ◀

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

- Kelsey Ann Sorrell Memorial Golf Outing and Social
- Life's a Ball - Faces of Pro-Life Awards - August 20

For a complete list of community new click [HERE](#).

