



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

We are finally in the homestretch of summer! I hope you daughters are as anxious to begin the new school year as I am. While it has been an interesting and very busy summer with all of the capital campaign renovations, we all miss the energy and enthusiasm the students bring to our campus. We are working hard to get things ready for their return. I would like to thank those of you who have signed up to help get the first floor classrooms ready for the students. There are a few volunteer spots left if you have some free time and would like to lend a helping hand. You can find that sign-up link below.

There is a tremendous amount of important information for parents in this issue of the Panda Press Weekly. Please take the time to read through all of the items below. Most importantly, the **Parent Information Meetings** are scheduled for next week. These meetings will be held on **Tuesday, August 29** (Freshmen and Sophomores) and **Wednesday, August 30** (Juniors and Seniors). 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. You can see the required reading lists by class and teacher below.

If you are looking for important dates for this school year, the calendar for the 2017-18 school year can be found on our website [HERE](#). Please note: first semester exam dates were changed to accommodate the March for Life trip.

I look forward to seeing the smiles of our Pandas returning to NDA on September 5! Enjoy these last days of summer and thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR INCOMING AND RETURNING FAMILIES:

Freshman/Sophomore Parents - Tuesday, August 29, 6:30 p.m. in the theatre

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

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**\*\* Also:** If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate a gift to the Autumn Gala, Gala committee members will be on hand at the back to school nights. Donations can include: gift cards, restaurant gift certificates, tickets to theater or events, children's toys, household items, jewelry or even cash.

## FALL CLASS SCHEDULES:

Fall class schedules are available online as of August 21.

## 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR:

The calendar for the 2017-18 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

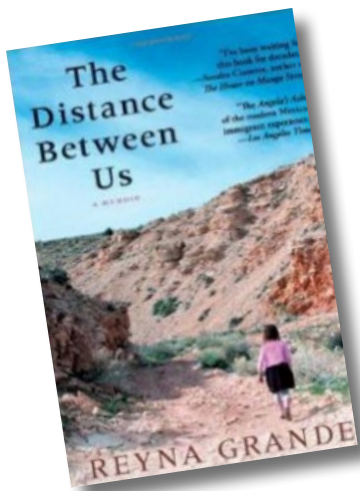
- All incoming freshmen need to turn in their **immunization forms** by Friday, September 1.
- **FRESHMAN/NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION** is an important part of the transition process for students. This year's Freshman/New Student Orientation will be held on **Monday, August 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for incoming freshmen and from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 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. Students are not required to wear uniforms for orientation. Dress is casual.
- If you are the parent of an incoming freshman or a sophomore transferring to NDA, please plan to attend the **Parent Information Meeting** on **Tuesday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m.** in the theater. If you are the parent of a junior or senior transferring to NDA, please plan to attend the **Parent Information Meeting** on **Wednesday, August 30 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.

# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Student Council Planning Meeting

The 28 elected members of NDA's Student Council kicked off their planning for the 2017-2018 school year at a meeting this past Monday. From Freshmen Orientation to our School Goals and Theme, the Student Council walked away prepared for a very successful and fun year. The meeting concluded with hallway decorating and an eclipse viewing party with many faculty, staff and Sisters in attendance.



## SUMMER READING ◀

Don't forget about your daughter's summer reading assignments! Our Common Reader for the 2017-18 school year is *The Distance Between Us* by Reyna Grande. This is a story of independence, culture, and the important role family plays in one's life. It is an eye-opening memoir about migration from Mexico to the United States. *The Distance Between Us* has the power to change minds and hearts.

Please note: we will not be using the young audience edition but the edition you see in the picture to the right.

The Common Reader Committee (CRC) held their first meeting on August 9, so planning is underway for the Common Reader Day scheduled for Friday, November 3. The day will include a small group discussion, breakout sessions and a question and answer session with the author of *The Distance Between Us*, Reyna Grande who will visit Notre Dame Academy on this day. The multiple choice common assessment will take place mid-September, and students will be informed of the this date when school resumes in

September. To prepare for the Common Reader Day and the common assessment, students are encouraged to answer the reading questions found in the back of their books.

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



## REQUIRED READING LISTS ◀

Below are the required reading lists by class and teacher. Joseph Beth Booksellers will be selling the required English novels for the school year at discounted prices at the Back to School Parent Nights on August 29 and 30.

### David Jackson

#### Grade 11 CP

1. The Great Gatsby - Fitzgerald
2. Beloved - Morrison
3. Huckleberry Finn - Twain

#### Grade 12 CP

1. Frankenstein - Shelley
2. Brave New World - Huxley
3. Wit - Edson
4. Jane Eyre - Bronte

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1. Frankenstein - Shelley
2. Brave New World - Huxley
3. Wit - Edson
4. Jane Eyre - Bronte
5. Silas Marner - Eliot

### Rory Glynn

#### Grade 10 CP

1. Catcher in the Rye - Salinger
2. The Book Thief - Zusak

### Gurrie Frisbee

#### Grade 9 CP

1. D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths
2. Night - Wiesel
3. Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare - No Fear Shakespeare Edition
4. To Kill A Mockingbird - Lee

#### Brit Lit CP

1. Grendel - Gardner
2. Hamlet - Shakespeare (Washington Square Press Edition)
3. Frankenstein - Shelley
4. Brave New World - Huxley
5. Wit - Edson

#### AP Language

1. Four Classic American Novels, editor, Thorpe (should include The Scarlet Letter, The Red Badge of Courage, Huckleberry Finn, and The Bean Trees)
2. Daisy Miller - James
3. The Awakening - Chopin
4. The Great Gatsby - Fitzgerald
5. The Grapes of Wrath - Steinbeck
6. The House of Mirth - Wharton

### Michael Cerimele

#### Grade 9 CP

1. Secret Life of Bees - Sue Monk Kidd
2. Night - Wiesel
3. Romeo and Juliet - Shakespeare - No Fear Shakespeare Edition
4. To Kill A Mockingbird - Lee

### Michael Byrd

#### Grade 10 CP

1. Things Fall Apart - Achebe
2. The Catcher in the Rye - Salinger
3. The Book Thief, - Zusak
4. Julius Caesar - Shakespeare, No Fear Shakespeare Edition
5. Tao Te Ching, Translated by Stephen Mitchell

#### Grade 11 Honors

1. The Great Gatsby - Fitzgerald
2. The Awakening - Chopin
3. The Grapes of Wrath - Steinbeck
4. The Scarlet Letter - Hawthorne
5. Their Eyes Were Watching God - Hurston
6. Huckleberry Finn - Twain

#### Grade 12 CP

1. Frankenstein - Shelley, Dover Edition
  2. Brave New World - Huxley
  3. Macbeth - Shakespeare, No Fear Shakespeare Edition
  4. Emma - Austen, Broadview Edition
- ISBN-10: 155111321X
5. Heart of Darkness - Conrad, Dover Edition
- ISBN-13: 978-1551113210

### Amanda Schultz

#### Grade 9 Honors

1. To Kill A Mockingbird - Lee
2. Romeo and Juliet - Shakespeare, No Fear Shakespeare Edition
3. Night - Wiesel
4. Fahrenheit 451 - Bradbury

#### Grade 10 CP

1. Julius Caesar - Shakespeare, No Fear Shakespeare Edition
2. Things Fall Apart - Achebe
3. The Catcher in the Rye - Salinger
4. The Book Thief - Zusak

#### Grade 11 CP

1. Of Mice and Men - Steinbeck
2. The Awakening - Chopin
3. Fences - Wilson
4. The Great Gatsby - Fitzgerald

### Lynn Dickman

#### Grade 10 Honors

1. A Thousand Splendid Suns - Hosseini
2. The Catcher in the Rye - Salinger
3. The Book Thief - Zusak
4. The Poisonwood Bible - Kingsolver
5. Julius Caesar - Shakespeare, No Fear Shakespeare Edition

#### Grade 12 Honors

1. Frankenstein - Shelley
2. Grendel - Gardner
3. Brave New World - Huxley
4. The Road - McCarthy

#### AP Lit

N/A

## UNIFORM POLICY ◀

All students at Notre Dame Academy are required to wear a school uniform, which emphasizes our traditional dress code. This code is intended to: encourage cleanliness, neatness and pride in one's appearance; foster respect for the way in which one presents herself to others; create a semiformal atmosphere needed for a disciplined learning environment; provide a uniform manner of dressing which minimizes social differences that may exist among students. By choosing to be a student at Notre Dame Academy, this code becomes the student's responsibility, and it is her responsibility to know the spirit of NDA's dress code and to be in compliance with that dress code while on school property. The cleanliness, length and neatness of the uniform skirt and uniform top reflect this pride. Students should rarely be out of uniform during the school day. Any exception requires a note from the parents and a permit from the school office to be presented to each teacher. Below is an updated listing of the NDA Uniform Policy for the 2017-18 school year.

### **Notre Dame Academy has a school uniform that consists of:**

- a gray uniform skirt OR uniform slacks (the skirt and/or slacks 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 or slacks 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
- nametag/lanyard - students will receive this on the first day of school



### **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

Students are expected to be in uniform throughout the school day and to wear the uniform skirt zipped and buttoned. It may not be rolled at the waist and may be no more than three inches above the knee. NDA encourages parents to check how the uniform fits at the beginning of each school year and to purchase a new one if necessary.

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.

Each Friday students are encouraged to wear NDA spiritwear with their gray skirt or slacks. A variety of NDA spiritwear items are available at the NDA Bambootique.

Schoolbelles is NDA's official uniform provider. NDA's number is S1935.



## SUMMER HOUSEKEEPING for your iPad ◀

Mrs. Mullee suggests that all students do a bit of summer housekeeping on their iPads before returning to school. She has created a slides presentation on Google for iPad cleanup. You can access it [HERE](#).



## RNVTNS VOL. III, # 3 Time Marches On ◀

Don't miss the latest installment of Sr. Dolores Giblin's Heritage Blog so you can read all about our recent renovations. You can access her blog [HERE](#).

## WE NEED YOUR HELP ◀

As you know, we have been under construction this summer with our *Excellence Without Boundaries* campaign renovations. We have accomplished quite a bit over the summer months but as with all construction, we have a great deal of clean-up to do to get ready for the students to return to the classrooms in September.

If you and/or your daughter would be willing to help us out with the clean-up, we have a few spots left and would really appreciate it! You can sign up online to help out [HERE](#).



## SUMMER BRIDGE STUDENTS' ECLIPSE EXPERIMENT ◀

The Summer Bridge students experimented with different ways to model the Great American Solar Eclipse on Monday. Here are some interesting pictures of their efforts!





## CAN YOU LEND A HELPING HAND? ◀

Do you have just one day a month to volunteer for two hours in the NDA cafeteria? Helping out is neither difficult nor time-consuming and our current volunteers have fun visiting the school and seeing their daughters, granddaughters and friends. Volunteers are also welcome to stick around after their two-hour shift for lunch with “the crew”. Grandparents in particular seem to love this job, so please consider asking your daughter’s grandparents if they would like to help out. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karen Brungs at 859.292.1856 or [brungsk@ndapandas.org](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org). The schedule is online and you can sign up [HERE](#).

## SHOW YOUR NDA SPIRIT ◀

If you are in need of NDA spirit wear - the Bambootique will be open from 5:30-8:00 p.m. on both Parent Information Nights - August 29 and 30.

## NDA STUDENT STUDIES INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN WASHINGTON D.C. ◀

Congratulations to NDA junior Julia Mae Hughes on completing the selective Georgetown University International Relations Institute for High School Students this June in Washington, D.C.!

Renowned as a center of international dialogue, Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. is a venue that international leaders often choose to state their positions and calls for action. Julia resided and studied at one of the oldest universities in the world, learned from distinguished faculty and gained valuable hands-on experience that helped her better understand and appreciate today’s global issues and challenges.

While learning and living in Washington, D.C. with high school students from across the United States, Julia visited places such as the Congress, foreign embassies, and the Organization of American States. Julia had the unique opportunity to participate in an international crisis simulation, listen to congressional briefings, eat with new friends at an International Dinner Night at different ethnic restaurants around the District, and hear from prominent organizations and key players in international diplomacy and crisis management, such as the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Counterterrorism Center, and the International Organization for Migration. She participated in an international crisis simulation, and analyzed challenges in the international system involving nuclear terrorism. With Georgetown University School of Foreign Service professors and guest lecturers, Julia discussed justice and order in the international system; international diplomacy and law, foreign policy, humanitarian crises, ethics, and economics.

Led by Prof. Arend of the Walsh School of Foreign Service and a member of the Council of Foreign Relations, the Georgetown University International Relations Institute taught Julia Mae Hughes how to continue to develop as a young woman making a difference. Special thanks to Ms. Chrissy Monohan and Georgetown University School of Foreign Service Alumnus Dr. Dan Martin for their encouragement and support in attending this unique and selective hands-on experience.



## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



### **AHEC Career Explorers Program:**

The 2017-18 AHEC Health Careers Explorers Program is once again taking applications. This program is focused on high school 9-11 graders who have an interest in the health care sector and want to learn about their various career options. Once a month, Oct-March, the group will meet at a St Elizabeth Healthcare campus and be introduced to different departments and careers that work together in the hospital to treat patients. Registration is open now through September 13th at the link below. You can also go there to get more information about the program. There are limited spots in the program.

<http://www.northcentralkyahec.org/explorers.html>

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### **NaviGo Prep Program for Seniors interested in Law or Cybersecurity:**

Over the last few years NaviGo Prep has sponsored students to interested in Law or Cybersecurity to learn more through a competitive Program. Please see the link below to apply for these two programs. We have had students made eligible to participate in both for previous school years. They require a commitment of time to attend the events. It also requires that an application for consideration is completed. This application is due September 6. Application: <http://navigoprep.com/scholars-applicants/>

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### **Fall Torch Prep Boot Camp**

Junior and Senior Students and Parents,

College is more selective and expensive than ever, but a great ACT® score can open doors to funding and admission. If your student is trying to get into the college of his/her choice or obtain scholarship money, and you're worried their ACT® score might hold them back, there is hope!

We are offering our students the opportunity to partner with TorchPrep™, an innovative test training program that cracks the code on improving ACT® scores. Through strategy-driven training focused on repetition, customization, and student motivation, TorchPrep™ will help your student overcome the ACT®.

TorchPrep™ has continually yielded outstanding ACT® score improvements for our students. TorchPrep™ is worth it!

#### **All Courses Include**

- \* 30 hours of Direct Training \* 4 Full-Length Simulated Tests \* Customized Study Plan \*
- \* TorchPrep Training Manual \* Testing Watch \* Guaranteed Results \*

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## **Course preparing for October 28th ACT® test**

### **5-WEEK BOOTCAMP at Notre Dame Academy**

Nine Total Sessions:

Thursdays: 9/21/17, 9/28/17, 10/5/17, 10/12/17, 10/19/17 6PM-9PM

Saturdays: 9/23/17, 9/30/17, OFF, 10/14/17, 10/21/17 10AM-2PM

Early Registration Deadline: 9/11/2017

**[SIGN UP HERE](#)**

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## Grade School Night!

### NDA SOCCER GRADE SCHOOL NIGHT

Do you know any future Pandas? Don't forget to remind them about this year's Soccer Grade School Night on Wednesday, August 30 beginning at 5:00 p.m with JV and Varsity at 6:30. Come cheer on the Pandas as they take on Cooper High School. Gradeschoolers can get their [FREE ADMISSION PASS HERE](#).

**Wednesday, August 30, 2017**

**JV - 5:00 p.m. | Varsity 6:30 p.m.**

### FRESHMAN ATHLETIC PARENT MEETING

The Freshman Athletic Parent Meeting is September 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the theater. It is strongly encouraged that freshmen parents attend this meeting. An overview of athletics, expectations and valuable information and dates will be shared at this time.

### ATTENTION ALL ATHLETES

Each student athlete must participate in the fruit sale by selling 12 boxes of fruit each school year that she participates in athletics at NDA or paying \$20/box for unsold boxes. Each student and parent must work a 2 hour shift the weekend of the fruit sale and deliver all boxes that they sell. All proceeds from the fruit sale insure the operation of the athletic department.

Begin Selling Fruit: October 13

Fruit Sale Delivery to the school: December 1

Fruit Sale Pick Up for you to pick up and deliver your sold fruit boxes: December 2nd and 3rd

All payments Due: December 7

### CINCINNATI JUNIOR ROWING CLUB FALL OPEN HOUSE

Interested in learning more about the sport of rowing? Please join CJRC on September 13 for their fall Open House. Rowing is a fun, team sport and you can get started immediately. No previous experience is necessary and there are no tryouts!

**WHO:** Any High School age student interested in rowing

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Sept 13th @ 7:00 pm

**WHERE:** Cincinnati Junior Rowing Club, Riverboat Row, Newport, Ky 41071

**WHAT:** Meet the coaches and team, see the boats and get more information on CJRC

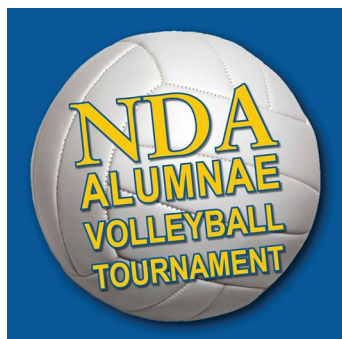
Fall practice for new rowers will start a couple of days after the Open House. For more information please contact boy's coach Greg Hull ([greg@cjrc.us](mailto:greg@cjrc.us)) or girl's coach Andy Piepmeier ([andy@cjrc.us](mailto:andy@cjrc.us)) or visit our website at [cjrc.us](http://cjrc.us).

### ATTENTION NDA ALUMNAE - SIGN UP NOW! ◀

Get your team together for the first ever NDA Alumnae Volleyball Tournament on **September 16!** This fun event is open to any and all alums! You do not have to participate in the tournament to be a part of the day. Get your team together and sign up today! We are offering different levels of play so pick the one that is best for your team. Teams of 4-6 players. Remember this is an event for all alums of all ages. \$60/team, \$10/spectator. Cost includes: volleyball play, food, drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), games, give aways and more! To sign up, use the links below or call 859-292-1852.

[TEAM REGISTRATION](#)

[SPECTATOR REGISTRATION](#)





## SAVE THE DATE! ◀

The 2017 Autumn Gala will be held on **Saturday, October 14 at Summit Hills Country Club**. 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.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate a gift to the Autumn Gala, Gala committee members will be on hand at the back to school nights. Donations can include: gift cards, restaurant gift certificates, tickets to theater or events, children's toys, household items, jewelry or even cash!

We are confident that the 2017 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).



## HIITON DR. IS ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC! ◀

Notre Dame Academy presents a special performance by Elisabeth von Trapp, granddaughter of Maria von Trapp, whose story inspired *The Sound of Music*. This special event will be held on **Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 p.m.** at NDA. Admission is \$25 - Tickets will go on sale September 18 by calling the NDA Advancement Office at 859.292.7729. Seating is limited.

## ▶ Important dates

August 21-25	NDA Bridge Program
August 28	Freshman/New Student Orientation 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
August 29	Freshmen/Sophomore Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Welcome reception 5:30 p.m.)
August 30	Junior/Senior Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Welcome reception 5:30 p.m.)
<b>September 5</b>	<b>First Day of 2017-18 School Year</b>

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- **Community Service Hours Available** - Hopebox Derby 2017
- Request for Concussion Research Study Participants
- Breaking Open the World - Diocesan Catechist Day of Reflection
- National Catholic Youth Conference
- River Cities Relay - **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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

