



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

We are off to a great start this school year at Notre Dame Academy *Cultivating Hope and Happiness, Strengthened by God's Love*. I hope things are going well for your daughters in these first two weeks of school.

This is an exciting week for us at NDA as we are incorporating PANDA PRIME TIME into our schedule. You may remember that we introduced this innovative concept to our students and parents last school year. At NDA, we are a community of lifelong learners with a strong commitment to challenging students to do their best and providing them with the tools they need to be successful. Therefore, we have decided to incorporate this flexible time period into the school day that will 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. This new 30-minute period we call PANDA PRIME TIME will occur twice each week beginning tomorrow.

I encourage you to talk to your daughter about yesterday's presentation regarding PANDA PRIME TIME. I truly believe that it will provide time for students to address academic, emotional, physical and spiritual needs through a multitude of opportunities. If you have questions about PANDA PRIME TIME feel free to contact me or Assistant Principal Amber Grayson.

I am privileged to witness our students living life to the fullest each and every day throughout our campus. I see it in the classrooms, on the field, in the theatre and even in the cafeteria. I see your daughters thriving as they learn the true value of an NDA education which inspires them to share their God-given gifts. Thank you for partnering with us in this important work and for your continued support of Notre Dame Academy.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE



ALICE



ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS ◀

Next week's Diocesan Senior Mass has been added to your FinalForms account. In order to attend the Mass, parents and students must sign off in FinalForms on the Activity Permission Form tab. Permissions are due by Friday morning, August 30 so please take care of this ASAP. You can find your FinalForms account [HERE](#).

NDA DRESS CODE ◀

NDA's dress 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 semi-formal atmosphere needed for a disciplined learning environment; provide a uniform manner of dressing which minimizes social differences that may exist among students. Click [HERE](#) to learn what NDA's school uniform consists of.

Hawaiian Mixer ◀

The first Mixer, hosted by Student Council, will take place at NDA on Saturday, September 14 from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Students must arrive by 9:00 p.m. and are allowed to leave at any time. All students are welcome to attend!

A.L.I.C.E. TRAINING ◀

This past Monday, Freshmen attended a school safety session that focused primarily on ALICE which is NDA's response to an active threat situation. The ALICE program defines response options during active threat situation and mentally prepares our school community to respond in ways that will increase chances of survival. You can read more about ALICE at NDA [HERE](#).

CLUB ORIENTATION ◀

Club Orientation is Friday, September 13 and a highlight of the year! During this time, all Pandas will learn about the many clubs and activities available at Notre Dame Academy. Clubs and activities offer wonderful ways for all Pandas to develop their interests, give back to the community, make new friends and have fun. All students are encouraged to take part in the fun by joining at least one club or activity this year.

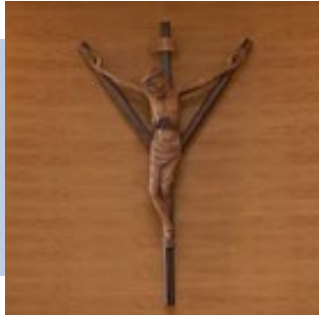
PICTURE DAY ◀

Picture Day is next Friday, September 6, and [order forms](#) will be sent home this Friday. Payment is due to LifeTouch with the form on Picture Day. Students may be out of uniform for their school picture; however, they may not wear a V-neck or any low cut top, or one that has writing on it. Shorts or skirts must be of appropriate length. Students will still need to have picture taken if not buying a packet. Their updated school ID will go in their lanyards. Seniors are not able to order pictures, but a picture will be taken for their transcripts.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PARENT ACCOUNTS FOR POWERSCHOOL UNIFIED CLASSROOM ◀

Parents, please [CLICK HERE](#) to read an important message from NDA Registrar/Data Systems Manager Raymond Schlosser regarding PowerSchool Unified Classroom.



CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

At NDA, we celebrate our Catholic Identity everyday by living the Gospel message of Jesus through kindness and generosity to others, respect for life, community service and striving to use our God given gifts. Take a look at all our Campus Ministry Department has to offer students [HERE](#).



EXPLORING ENGINEERING AT GE AVIATION ◀

The General Electric Engineering Explorers program has been attended by Pandas who have found the program beneficial and helpful in determining their possible interest in the field of engineering. To find out more about the GE Engineering Explorers program and the next informational meeting click [HERE](#).



WELCOME! ◀

Notre Dame Academy families enjoy hosting students from around the world! You can read about this year's exchange students from our sister school in Vechta, Germany as well as summer exchange students from Spain hosted by some of our recent alumnae [HERE](#).



GIRL SCOUTS STEM OPPORTUNITY ◀

On Saturday, November 9, Girl Scouts are hosting the 15th annual Girls in Engineering, Math and Science at Morehead State University. You can learn more about the STEAM activities and workshops for girls to participate in at this event [HERE](#).



LAST GREECE 2020 INFORMATIONAL MEETING ◀

For all those still interested in traveling on the 2020 Greece this summer and have not enrolled on the trip yet, we will hold one last informational meeting before closing registration on September 30. This meeting will be held on Tuesday September 10 at 7 p.m. in Alumnae Hall. Please remember that these trips are only open to students.



WELCOME TO THE PANDA FAMILY ◀

We have some good news to share! NDA Religion teacher Megan Abbott and her family welcomed John Joseph “JJ” Abbott on Wednesday, August 21, at 8:12 p.m. He was a healthy 7 pounds 15 ounces and 21 inches long. Teresa Clare is adjusting well to her new role as big sister!



NDA GSE TEAM WINS HEALTHCARE PITCH COMPETITION ◀

Congratulations to a team of NDA entrepreneurs who recently won the first annual Healthcare Pitch Competition at Northern Kentucky University. Read more about their win and business start-up [HERE](#).

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY ◀

NDA is seeking any 5th - 8th grade girls to participate on the NDA Middle School Team. The team practices 3 days per week from 4:00-5:00 p.m. usually at NDA or the shelter house near Dress Pavilion in Devou Park. Practices are encouraged but not mandatory as the coach is aware a lot of students participate in many activities. The team competes in 6-7 meets a year with distances of approximately 2 miles for 7th/8th graders and approximately 1 mile for 5th/6th graders. The practice schedule can be found on the NDA website. Head coach Jim Parsons can be contacted at cell 859-802-1008 or parsonsj@ndapandas.org.



KHSAA PHYSICAL ◀

The KHSAA has changed from a four page physical to a six page physical. If you are getting your daughter's physical after 8/1/19, please make sure you use the [six page physical](#) found on our website.

**PLAY LIKE
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PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY ◀

Notre Dame Academy will be hosting a Play Like a Champion Today Parent-Training on October 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Notre Dame Academy Theater for freshman student-athlete parents/guardians. It is a Diocesan requirement for all incoming freshmen student-athletes to have at least one parent/guardian attend the PLACT Parent training. PLACT will last approximately 1 hour in length and is a research based program through the University of Notre Dame which will focus on the overall culture of high school sports.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



JET COLLEGE FAIR IS COMING TO NDA ◀

JET College Fair is coming to NDA on Tuesday, September 10, from 3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in Alumnae Hall. See the list of the 10 Jesuit colleges and universities holding the mini-college fair at NDA [HERE](#).



NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR ◀

The National Association of College Admission Counselors will be having a National College Fair on: SATURDAY, September 14 from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the Duke Energy Convention Center. Visit the official Cincinnati National College Fair site [HERE](#) for more details.



TORCHPREP AT NDA ◀

Students can get information about TorchPrep ACT prep at NDA [HERE](#).



College Rep Visits

2019-20 College Rep Visits ◀

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch periods. You can find a list of upcoming visits [HERE](#).



DRUG FREE CLUB INFORMATION ◀

The time is NOW sign up for Drug Free Clubs of America (DFCA) - unless a student was signed up for all 4 years as a Freshman! For more information [CLICK HERE](#).



GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL PROGRAMS ◀

Juniors interested in applying to the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program (GSP), can attend an Informational Meeting after school on Thursday September 5 in Alumnae Hall. You can find more information on GSP, GSA and GSE [HERE](#).



SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 12! ◀

Planning for the 2019 Autumn Gala is in full swing, and the committees are working hard to provide an even greater experience for all. The 2019 Autumn Gala will be held on Saturday, October 12 at Summit Hills Country Club and will feature an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, a gourmet sit-down dinner, specialty games, and silent and live auctions.

Read more about The Golden Ticket and a sampling of some of the items that will be offered in the Live and Silent Auctions [HERE](#).



ALUMNAE NEWS ◀

Alumnae Mass

All are welcome to join us at our monthly Alumnae and Friends Masses in our new *Mary, Mother of the World* Chapel with a continental breakfast to follow. You can read about upcoming Alumnae Masses [HERE](#).

Alumnae Day

Our 3rd Annual Alumnae Day will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019. For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

*Women Making
A Difference*

WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

The Women Making a Difference award program recognizes Notre Dame Academy alumnae who have made significant contributions to their families and their communities through service, professional, and philanthropic efforts. We are currently accepting nominations for the 2020 Award Ceremony. Nominations are due no later than Friday, September 27. For more information on nominating a deserving alumna please [CLICK HERE](#).

**COMMUNITY
NEWS**

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Work Study Positions Available
- Smiles and Miles 5K and FROG Hop
- SAVE THE DATE – “THE MARRIAGE JOURNEY”
- Living Your Strengths: Taking Your Life to the Next Level
- Yoga Sol Classes
- SWORKIT Youth Initiative
- Diocese of Covington Bible Study
- Special Tumbling Offer for NDA Students



► Important dates

September

2	No School: Labor Day
6	Picture Day
11	Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents Parent Mini Night
13	Club Orientation
14	Student Council Fall Mixer
20	Fall Sports Pep Rally
21	NDA Alumnae Day
24	Naturalization Ceremony at NDA
25	Alumnae Mass Donor Scholarship Breakfast

October

1	SND Foundations Day
2	Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents
3	Parent Teacher Conferences
4	Grandparents' Day Mass
6	Golden Girls Celebration Mass and Brunch
9	Common Reader Day
10	Junior Retreat
11	No School: Faculty Professional Development
12	Autumn Gala
16	SO/JR PSAT Freshman Retreat #1
18-20	Fall Play
21-24	Senior Retreat #2
30	Alumnae Mass