



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! As I told the students yesterday, finally - we are all here! I have been waiting a long time for this week. Nothing is better than seeing the huge smiles of our Pandas on the first day of school and hearing their loud screams as they welcome each other back to NDA!

This is Notre Dame Academy's 113th year and as always, we continue to educate our students in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame - believing in God's goodness and provident care. This year, as we focus on the fourth Educational Principal of the Sisters of Notre Dame, *An Integrated Education for Transformation*. In doing so, we will concentrate on ***Becoming fully alive through Education and Love***.

At our first all-school assembly yesterday, I spoke to the students about the importance of being present at school and engaging in the many activities that make up the school day. I encouraged them to find their passion and get involved and participate in high school. I also asked them to make an effort to reach out to everyone to help us continue to be an inclusive environment for all students at Notre Dame Academy. I talked to them about the importance of learning to be servant leaders and being kind to one another. I challenged them to be the best version of themselves, take healthy risks and to be resilient even when things do not work out as they expect them to. Finally, I told our students that my prayer for them is that they have a healthy high school experience in the 2018-19 school year.

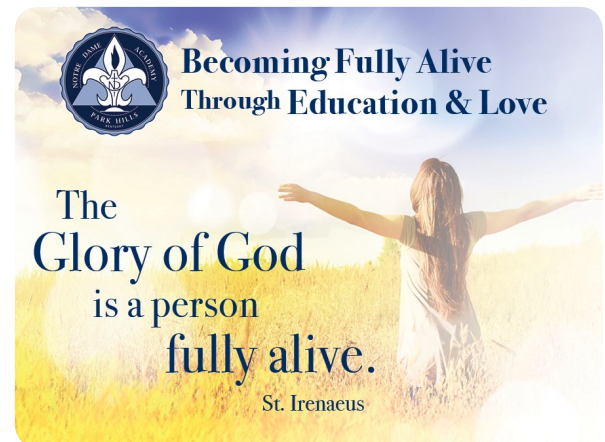
We are off to a great start of the school year. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you ever have any questions or concerns. Also, here are a couple of reminders to note:

- **THE KITCHEN WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FIRST MONTH OF SCHOOL.** From September 4 - October 1, students will need to pack their lunches.
- **Sophomore, Junior and Senior Parents**, if you haven't already filled out the Back to School forms, there are several forms on the website that need to be printed, completed and returned to school. These forms can be found [HERE](#).

On behalf of our faculty and staff, please accept my gratitude to you as parents for sending your daughters to NDA. We are blessed to have each and every one of them as part of our community and look forward to a healthy and productive school year.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





IMPORTANT PARKING AND AFTERNOON PICK-UP INFORMATION ◀

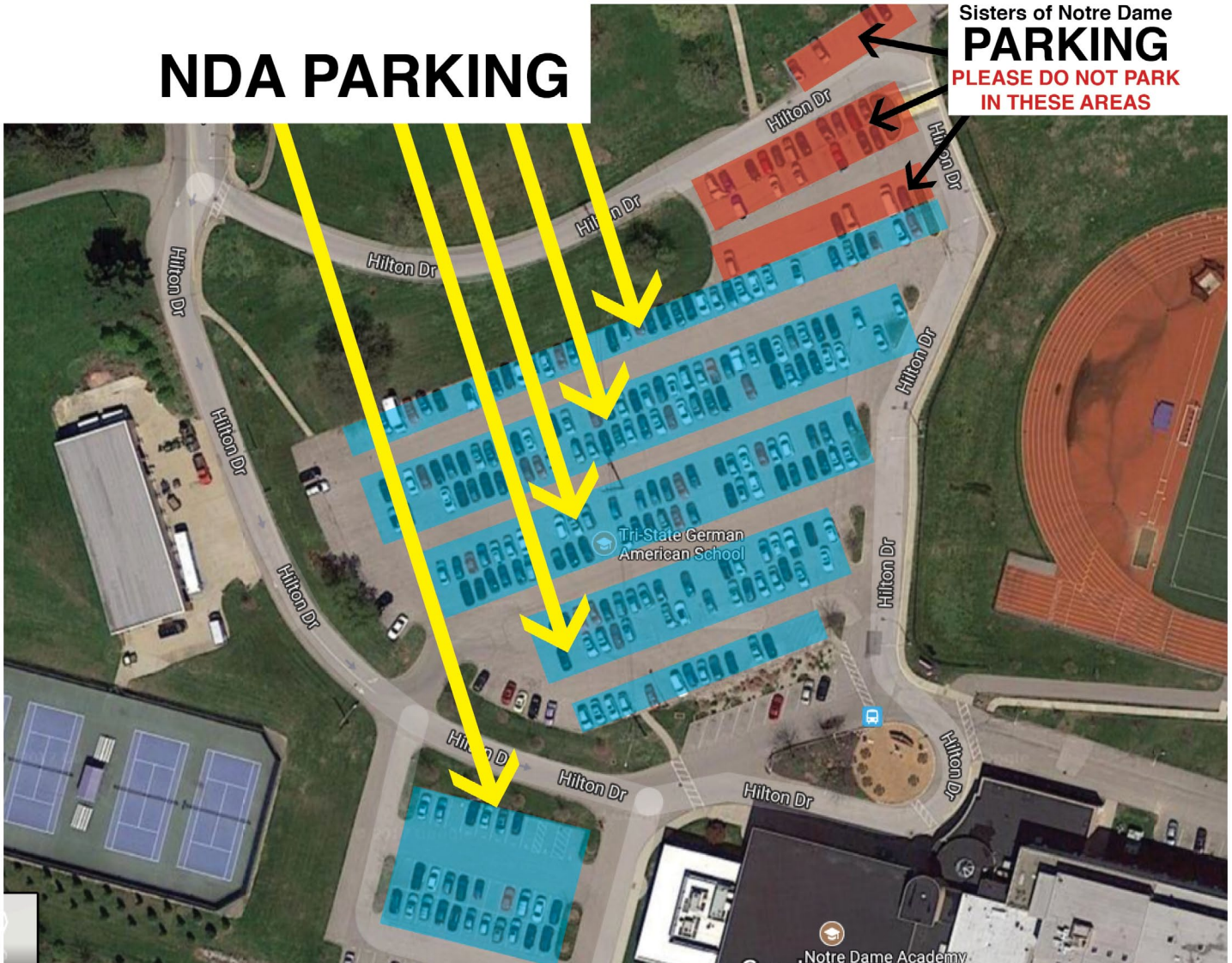
The back of our parking lot is shared with the Sisters of Notre Dame and Julie Learning Center. Signs have been installed and the spaces left unnumbered for the parking that is needed for the Sisters that live at St. Joseph Heights, their employees and the spaces needed for parents to pick up their children from Julie Learning Center. There is a shift change that takes place at 3:00 p.m. for the workers at the Heights. The Julie Learning Center has pickup that begins at approximately the same time as our dismissal.

If you are here to pick up your daughter after school, please park in a numbered spot and advise your daughter to meet you at the car. **For safety purposes and as advised by the Park Hills Fire Department, it is important to keep the aisles and all fire lanes clear.**

We certainly understand that the parking lot can be a frustration for some after school. We have worked with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 6 to look at solutions. They have added additional time to our light to help with our traffic flow at the end of the day.

Thanks for your help in this matter and for keeping the Notre Dame Academy campus safe for not only our students but for the children from St. Julie Learning Center and people at St. Joseph Heights.

NDA PARKING



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀



Attendance/Tardy Policy

Notre Dame Academy recognizes that student absences are sometimes necessary and tardies sometimes unavoidable. Our attendance policy allows a student to miss 16 class periods for a full credit course and 8 class periods for a half credit course before credit is lost due to missed class

time. If a student exceeds the allotted number of days, she will lose credit in that course. Extenuating circumstances, such as health issues, chronic illness, or surgery, may prevent a student from regularly attending class and cause her to miss more school than the policy permits. If this is the case, an "Excused Absence Form" must be completed and returned to the school office. Furthermore, arriving to school on time is an important habit for all students, and repeated tardies/late arrivals do result in detention. Contact Mrs. Grayson for any questions regarding this school policy.

Club Orientation

Club Orientation is next Friday, September 14! 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.

Spirit Wear Friday

Every Friday students are encouraged to wear their NDA spirit wear with their uniform skirts. A reminder to students to wear theirs this Friday!

Party at NDA!

The first day of school was a Party at NDA - check it out [HERE!](#)

THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to the many students, families, alumnae and friends of NDA who worked so hard to get our building ready for the first day of school. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank so much for making a difference in the lives of our NDA community!



MUSIC THURSDAY ◀

THREE big Events THURSDAY !

1. Any Panda interested in being involved in the music for the all school Mass this week, rehearsal will be held at 7:10 a.m. in the Band Room THURSDAY morning, September 6 (tomorrow) any Vocalists OR musicians are welcome. FRESHMEN ARE WELCOME!!!
2. PANDA TONES (chorus) auditions are THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL. Ms. Cummings would encourage all vocalist to try out!
3. NDA/CCH BAND rehearsal is THURSDAY 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME grades 8 - 12. We are really looking for a Panda to learn Electric Bass and/or the Marimba. All instruments are doable for almost anyone.



WELCOME TO THE PANDA FAMILY 8TH GRADERS! ◀

The 8th graders in the Algebra 1 class are now in their fourth week of class at NDA and are enjoying being back in the classroom. The class consists of students from Blessed Sacrament, St. Pius X, St. Agnes, and St. Joe's Crescent Spring. We are excited for them to join us this school year and welcome them to the Panda Family.



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

Required Athletic Forms

All Winter and Spring Athletes are required to turn in a KHSAA 4 page physical. In addition each athlete must turn in the 1 page St. Elizabeth Trainer Authorization Form. All 5 pages must be turned in before an athlete may participate in a sport at NDA.

The forms can be found on our website under Athletics / Athletics Information and forms. Or you can use the two links below:

[KHSAA Physical](#)

[St. Elizabeth Authorization of Health Information Form](#)

NDA Athletic Hall of Fame

NDA will host an NDA Athletic Hall of Fame induction next spring. You can nominate a deserving athlete here:

<https://www.ndapandas.org/athletics/hall-of-fame.aspx>



INTERESTED IN TRAVELING TO ITALY? ◀

Interested in traveling to Italy? We still have spots left on this summer's trip! We will be visiting Rome, Florence, Venice, and more! There will be a parent meeting for anyone still interested in signing up for the trip on Thursday, September 13 at 6:30 pm in Alumnae Hall. We will discuss the travel itinerary, costs, and how to sign up for the trip. If you are not able to attend the meeting, but are interested in signing up for the trip please email Mrs. Wagner at wagnerk@ndapandas.org. We hope to see you there!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

College Financial Aid Info Session

Tuesday, September 11

6:30 p.m.

NDA Theatre



A Financial Aid Specialist from NKU will be joining us for this night. He will offer valuable information on how to get the best possible college Financial Aid.

- Parents and students of all grade levels are welcome.
- Seniors and parents/guardians of seniors would especially benefit.
- Questions: Email Ms. Burgei @ burgeik@ndapandas.org



2018-19 College Rep Visits at NDA

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch periods. Below is a list of upcoming visits.

SEPTEMBER

17 UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA 

TUSCALOOSA

18 CENTRE COLLEGE 

20 UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY 

24 BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY 

MIDWAY UNIVERSITY 

25 BUTLER UNIVERSITY 

26 HANOVER COLLEGE 

MIAMI UNIVERSITY OXFORD 

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA HUNTSVILLE 

27 UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE 

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY 

OCTOBER

1 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



3 BALDWIN WALLACE UNIVERSITY 

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI 

11 UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON 

15 PENNSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY 

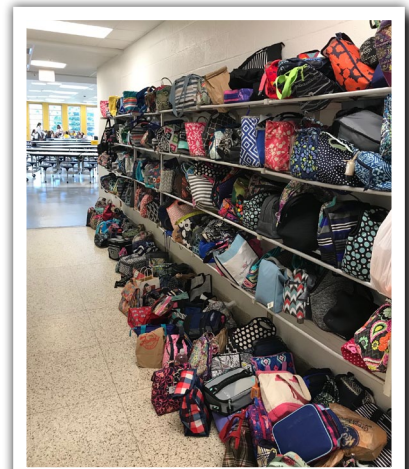
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ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY 

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SMILES AND MILES ◀

In loving memory of NDA grads Maria Schaffstein and Katie Stewart, please consider participating in this year's 5k run or walk and enjoy the after race celebration too!



Save THE Date
Sunday September 16, 2018

For the annual Maria Schaffstein Smiles & Miles run/walk benefitting the children of St. Agnes & the annual Katie Stewart Memorial Frog Hop.

Registration and race information can be found...
smilesandmilesmaria Facebook
www.runningtime.net
www.School.Saintagnes.com



ALUMNAE DAY ◀

We are having our 2nd annual Alumnae Day on September 29, 2018! This year will be having Basketball and Soccer in addition to the Volleyball tournament. We encourage all ages to participate whether you are just socializing and/or competing in the games!

ALUMNAE PANDA PERK ◀

Alums, enjoy your next Panda Perk Event at Pure Barre Fort Wright! The perk? One free class just for being an alumna! Any time that works best for you from September 2-15. To sign up, use [this link](#). Use promocode NDA2018 at checkout to get your FREE class!



September 2-15
Ft. Wright, KY

SAVE THE DATE ◀

Planning for the Gala is in full swing, and the committees are working hard to once again provide an incredible and memorable experience for all. **Last year this event was sold out so be sure to purchase your tickets early! You should be receiving your invitation in the mail soon!**

The 2018 Autumn Gala will be held on **Saturday, October 13 at Summit Hills Country Club**. It will feature cocktails, a gourmet sit-down dinner, specialty raffles, Keepsake Photos, Signature Cocktails, and enhanced Live and Silent Auction items. An open bar will be available throughout the evening.

This year we are excited to offer a new game, **The Golden Ticket**. The Golden Ticket offers a chance for you and a friend to win a trip to New York City (**airfare included**) in early December to see **Hamilton** on Broadway!



If you would like to sponsor the NDA 2018 Gala, please contact Nancy Goeke @ goeken@ndapandas.org.

► Important dates

September 7	Opening School Mass (9:20 a.m.)
September 11	Financial Aid Presentation
September 13	Northern Kentucky Health Careers Showcase Field Trip
September 13	Parent Meeting for 2019 Italy trip
September 14	Club Orientation/Food Truck Day
September 17	Senior Mass at the Cathedral
September 19	Common Reader Day
September 19	Parent Mini-Night
September 20	Blessed Sacrament Shadow Day
September 21	Fall Sports Pep Rally
September 25	St. Joe's Shadow Day
September 26	Donor Breakfast
September 28	Mid-quarter
September 28	Naturalization Ceremony in Theatre
September 29	Alumnae Day
October 1	Foundations Day
October 13	Autumn Gala

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Cincinnati Junior Rowing Club Fall Open House
- Catechist Day of Reflection

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

