



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I would like to wish you all an early Happy Founders Day! Next Tuesday, October 1, is a special day for the Sisters of Notre Dame and our school. It is SND Foundation Day commemorating the day our founders Hilligonde Wolbring and Elisabeth Kuhling began their religious life in Coesfeld, Germany. Hilligonde Wolbring became Sr. Maria Aloysia and Elisabeth Kuhling became Sr. Maria Ignatia and they began the Sisters of Notre Dame order in Coesfeld, Germany. These young women were dedicated to providing an education to the many young girls of their region with little to no access to an education.

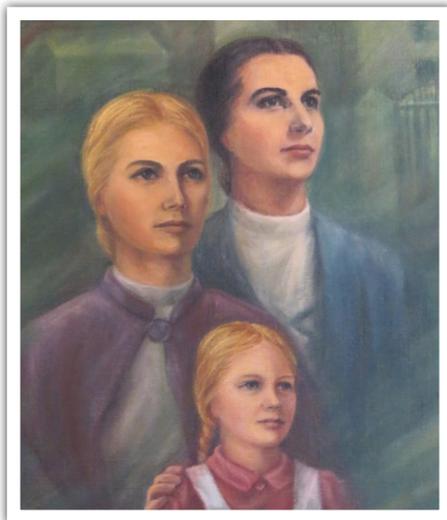
Next week at NDA, we will celebrate SND Foundation Day remembering the courage, faith and commitment of the founders of the Sisters of Notre Dame and giving thanks that they began a tradition of excellence in education and service to others. It will be a nice way to remind our students, faculty and staff of how the founders of the Sisters of Notre Dame have taught us the significance of *Cultivating Hope and Happiness, Strengthened by God's Love*.

On Thursday, October 3, NDA will hold Student/Parent Teacher Conferences from 2:30 - 8:00 p.m. Student/Parent Teacher Conferences are a wonderful opportunity for our students to take ownership of their education and I encourage you and your daughter to attend teacher conferences this year. I truly believe that every student can greatly benefit from a personal conversation with her teachers. We are blessed with very qualified and dedicated faculty members at NDA who are invested in making each student's educational experience at NDA the best it can be. Please encourage your daughter to take advantage of this great opportunity, to be responsible for her education, and attend this year's Student/Parent Teacher Conferences. We will once again use MyConferenceTime to schedule conference online. You can access the online scheduler by going to <https://www.myconferencetime.com/nda/>.

Please remember the Sisters of Notre Dame in your prayers this week. We are certainly grateful for all that they have done for us at Notre Dame Academy!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



*Sharing a sandwich,
touching a life!*

Hilligonde Wolbring shared her sandwich with a student. God worked through her to help the poor and called her to begin the Sisters of Notre Dame. She shared her dream with Elisabeth Kuhling. Together they spread God's goodness and provident care around the world.

STUDENT LIFE

INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL ◀

Intramural Volleyball League (IVL) begins this Sunday in NDA's gym. A large number of Pandas registered to take part in the league and will compete each Sunday between 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. through November 24. A huge shout out to senior Emma Neuhaus who collaborated with Mrs. Webster to secure the gym and to make IVL happen.

CONFERENCE SIGN UPS ◀

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Student/Parent Teacher Conferences



NATURALIZATION CEREMONY ◀

Yesterday at NDA, Judge Amul Thapar has turned our gymnasium into a Federal Courthouse for a Naturalization Ceremony! Our students had the honor of attending this important civic event and witnessed several participants take the Oath of Allegiance to become citizens of the United States. Notre Dame Academy welcomes each of them to the American family!



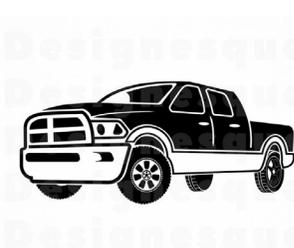
SUPER FRIDAY SCHEDULE ◀

As you will see on our calendar, we have a great deal happening on Super Day - next Friday, October 4. **School will start at 9:00 a.m. on this day.**



STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

Congratulations to senior Serena Paterno on being selected as the NDA Student of the Month for September. You can read more about Serena [HERE](#).



LOOKING FOR A NEW OR GENTLY USED TRUCK ◀

NDA is in need of a new or gently used truck that will be used to plow snow and keep our campus safe this winter. We already have a plow in good condition. The truck would need to be 3/4 ton, 4 wheel drive, auto transmission, regular cab with an 8 foot bed. If you could help us replace our truck at a reasonable price or know someone interested in donating a truck, please contact Tim Moeller at moellert@ndapandas.org.



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 our Campus Ministry Department calendar for the next two weeks [HERE](#).

SMILES & MILES ◀

by Kate Hail

On Sunday, September 15, twelve National Honor Society members volunteered at the Smiles & Miles 5k race. This race is in memory of Maria Schaffstein, and the frog hop (a mini race for young children) that follows the race honors the memory of Katie Stewart, both of whom were fellow Notre Damians. The race proceeds go to support the kids at St. Agnes School. Notre Dame Academy NHS members helped with registration, check-in, t-shirt distribution, and several members helped with food and drink distribution. The NHS girls were honored to be part of such a wonderful event, and were glad that they could serve the community.





KOHUS TAKES FIRST PLACE ◀

On September 20, Alivia Kohus and her horse 'Carl' competed in and brought home 1st place in the USHJA Zone 5 Horsemanship Championship at the Kentucky Horse Park. The championship consists of 3 phases, a written test, 3' 6" jumping test and equitation on the flat. Participants of Zone 5 must live within Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Illinois and are all very competitive and talented riders. There were 44 entries this year and Alivia won both the jumping and flat phase giving her enough points to secure 1st place over all. Alivia started riding at age 3 and currently trains with Diana Conlon of Lexington, Kentucky along with NDA freshman, Emma Paley. Along with this competition, Alivia also qualified through to compete in this year's Maclay Finals which has been a long time goal for Alivia.



BOWLING TRYOUTS ◀

Official tryouts for bowling will be held the first week of October.

- October 1 - 7 p.m. at Walt's Center Lanes
- October 3 - 5 p.m. at Walt's Center Lanes
- October 4 - 6 p.m. at Walt's Center Lanes

The season starts the first week of November and runs through January. Please contact Coach Wagner with questions or to sign up for tryouts – wagner@ndapandas.org.



ATTENTION ATHLETES ◀

All NDA athletes playing a Winter or Spring Sport must turn in the new KHSAA six page physical prior to tryouts or the first practice.

[KHSAA Physical](#)

Do not turn in your Daughter's Sports Physical to the office. You must upload the physical to your daughter's Final Forms account to the Folder Icon as shown below.



\$SAVE WITH NDA COUPON BOOKS! ◀

Do you realize how much money you can save with your NDA coupon book? Take a look at a day in the life of the NDA coupon book [HERE](#).



PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY ◀

NDA will be hosting a Play Like a Champion Today Parent Training on October 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Theater for freshman student-athlete parents/guardians. 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 ◀



CERT TESTING FOR FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES ◀

Friday, October 4 we will be starting a little later at 9 a.m. and testing freshmen, sophomores and juniors. The freshmen and sophomores will be taking the CERT Test. This is the College Equipped Readiness Test and is similar to an ACT test. The students will be taking this test two times a year electronically for standardized testing preparation. We do not offer accommodations for this practice test. The students will need ipads for this test. For more information about this test please visit here:

<https://certforschools.com/about>



PRACTICE ACT TEST FOR JUNIORS ◀

Friday, October 4 we will be starting a little later at 9 a.m. and testing freshmen, sophomores and juniors. The juniors will be taking a full length practice ACT Test. The Torchprep test prep company sponsors this free test. For information about Torchprep and upcoming sessions for ACT prep visit here:

<https://www.torchprep.com/>



PSAT TESTING FOR SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS ◀

On Wednesday, October 16, sophomores and juniors will be taking the PSAT (Preliminary SAT Test). This is the same format as the SAT and is associated with the National Merit State Qualifying Test for those juniors that take it. Students have already been given practice booklets to review before taking the test and some classes will also be reinforcing this practice. We will start at the regular 9am start time that day, but ask that students arrive a little early to be ready to begin promptly at 9 a.m. For more information visit:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>



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](#).



OVERTURE AWARDS COMPETITION IS OPEN! ◀

The Overture Awards Competition is the area's largest solo arts competition and offers awards in six artistic disciplines: creative writing, dance, instrumental music, theatre, visual art, and vocal music. All students in grades 9-12 in the Greater Cincinnati Region are eligible to apply. Students may win \$4,000 (one awarded in each discipline) or \$1000 finalist award.



NDA DIVORCE GROUPS ◀

Divorce Groups at Notre Dame Academy offer support for NDA students challenged by a family's divorce or non-traditional family situation. Groups are forming now. Participation is voluntary; groups meet five times/semester, and rotate class times so no class is missed more than once. Please contact Mrs. Maggard or Mrs. Hildreth for more information.



COMMONWEALTH HONORS ACADEMY ◀

The Commonwealth Honors Academy is an exciting, challenging summer academic enrichment program for outstanding high school students who have completed their junior year. It is held on the campus Murray State University, and college credit is available. Applications will be available November 1. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



DRUG FREE CLUB INFORMATION ◀

Sign up by September 27 to be eligible for Early Bird Rewards! (Final Deadline to sign up for Drug Free club is October 31.) So far, the Sophomore Class is in the lead with 114 members! [SIGN UP](#) Online or use a paper application available in the School Office or the Quad.



DRUG FREE CLUB - FREE MOVIE NIGHT! ◀

Come watch *The Sandlot* on the NDA Soccer field - Friday September 27, 9:30 p.m. (In the NDA Theatre if it is raining!) Drinks and snacks will be available for a small fee! Bring your stadium seats and blankets!



GSE, GSA & GSP ◀

Governor's School for Entrepreneurs

NDA is hosting an Informational Meeting for GSE On Thursday October 10 after school in Alumnae Hall. A representative from GSE will be there to answer questions and provide direction for applications, as well as several of our NDA students who attended last summer! Applications for GSE open on October 10, also. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.



Governor's School for the Arts

Applications for GSA and Sign-ups for GSA Prep Workshops launch on October 4th. NDA will host an Information Session for Governor's School for the Arts after school on October 24th, with several 2019 GSA Artists from NDA there to answer questions and share their experience.



Governor's Scholars Program

Applications are open now! Submissions are due to Mrs. Hildreth by November 20.



RESERVE YOUR EARLY BIRD SEAT AT THE GALA BEFORE THE PRICE INCREASES ◀

Don't miss your opportunity to make your Early Bird reservation for the Autumn Gala. To make a reservation or for more information, click [HERE](#).

The following is just a sampling of some of the items that will be offered in the Live and Silent Auctions:

- Pappy Van Winkle- 23 Year!!
- Scottsdale Spa and Resort
- 2020 Macy's Day Parade Grandstand Tickets for 4 and \$1500 Visa Card
- Charleston Condo for a Week
- Pedal Wagon Experience with the Principal AND Sisters Mary Paul Ann and Rachel
- Disney Park Hopper Passes
- Hilton Head Getaway
- Emperor's Dinner for 12 at the Oriental Wok
- Senior Graduation Package
- Thurby Experience to Churchill Downs
- Fighting Irish Football Tickets
- Xavier, University of Dayton, and Bellarmine University Tuition Grants
- Party at the Gardens
- Bonefish Restaurant Excursion for 10
- Smoky Mountain Getaway
- And much much more!



Take a look at our adorable Gala puppy!



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](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Work Study Positions Available
- Rosary Coast To Coast, Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Living Your Strengths: Taking Your Life to the Next Level
- Yoga Sol Classes
- SWORKIT Youth Initiative
- Special Tumbling Offer for NDA Students





Julie Tapke-Dusing
Trey Tapke
Michael Dempsey
Mickey Fritz

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► Important dates

September

- 25 Alumnae Mass
Donor Scholarship Breakfast

October

- 1 **SND Foundations Day!**
- 2 Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents
- 3 Student/Parent Teacher Conferences
- 4 Super Day:
FR/SO CERT Testing
JR ACT Testing
SR College Planning Day
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
- 14 NON-FEEDER SHADOW DAY
- 16 Super Day: SO/JR PSAT | Freshman Retreat #1
- 18 End of 1st Quarter
- 18-20 Fall Play
- 21 Red Ribbon Week begins
- 21-24 Senior Retreat #2
- 30 Alumnae Mass