



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Today was our fifth Common Reader Day at NDA. This summer, everyone in the Notre Dame Academy community had the reading assignment: *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Today we came together to participate in activities and discussions that gave insight to the many concepts of this year's common reader. The day's events are truly the work of a creative, dedicated and knowledgeable group of faculty, staff and students. A huge thank you to the History Department, led by Ron Greife, in heading up the planning this year. You can see pictures from today below. I encourage you to ask your daughter about her common reader experience.

I hope you are planning to attend our Parent Mini-Night this evening. You should have received a schedule from your daughter earlier this week. This is a great opportunity for parents to learn about their daughter's classes and teacher expectations. It is also a chance for parents to meet our outstanding faculty members. They play a critical role in providing a Notre Dame Academy education and we are very blessed to have each and every one of them at NDA. Please note: Due to Parent Mini-Night, **school will begin at 8:45 a.m. tomorrow - Thursday, September 20.**

As you will witness tonight at Mini-Night, prayer is an important element of an NDA education. Prayer is essential to our work here at NDA. In addition to beginning and ending our classes and our day with prayer, members of our community come together often to pray. Each morning students, faculty and staff gather to pray a decade of the rosary at 7:25 a.m. in Heritage Hall by the Blessed Mother statue. They will move to the chapel once it is completed. Please encourage your daughter to join us for this special opportunity for prayer. Also, I have shared our afternoon prayer with you below.

As always, there is a quite a bit going on at NDA. Please take the time to read about all that is happening and have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

### Afternoon Prayer

As this school day draws to a close, Lord, I reflect with satisfaction on my accomplishments. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do honorable work. Where I have succeeded in being a true Christian, I am grateful. Where I have failed, I beg your forgiveness. I will not dwell on the work left undone, for with your grace, I will be here tomorrow to begin anew.

# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Parent Mini Night Schedule

Students should have provided Parent Mini-Night schedules to parents earlier week. Mini night is **TONIGHT, September 19** and is an opportunity for parents to walk through their daughters' schedules and to meet each of her teachers. First period begins at 7:00 p.m. that evening.

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### Hawaiian Mixer

The first Mixer, hosted by Student Council, will take place at NDA on Friday, September 28 from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. All students are welcome to attend!

## LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE BAND! ◀

Wow! Great job to the NDA/CCH Band and Dance Pandas on a job well done Friday night! As Band Director Mr. Cerimele said, "Your efforts on Friday were really extraordinary! What a day of Band! The half time show was a great start to the year!" Check out the video on our website [HERE](#).

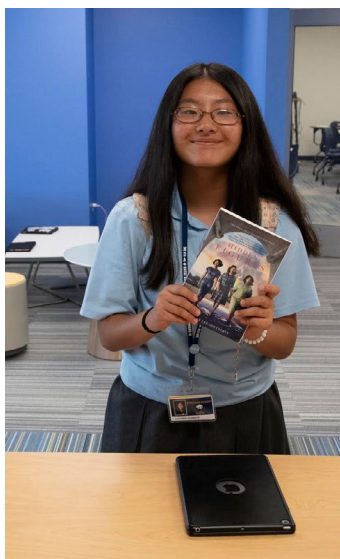


## IMPORTANT CAFETERIA NEWS ◀

While the kitchen is still under construction and students need to pack their lunches for now, parents may want to go to PAY-PAMS to check their daughter's balance. Snacks and drinks are now available for purchase in the cafeteria but students will need money in their accounts to purchase these items.

# WELCOME TO THE COLLABORATIVE LEARNING CENTER! ◀

It has been a very exciting week at Notre Dame Academy! Our new 21st Century Collaborative Learning Center is open and our Pandas are thrilled with their new habitat! (Thanks to Barb Benkert for all of the great pics!)



# COMMON READER DAY 2018 ◀

Today was a wonderful day for the NDA community to come together sharing in our common reader experience! Take a look...



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY  
Presents  
Common Reader Day | September 19, 2018

## The Invention of Wings



by Sue Monk Kidd





## Northern Kentucky Regional College Fair

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

NKU and TMC invite high school students and their families to attend the 2018 Northern Kentucky Regional College Fair. The annual college fair will be held in NKU's Votruba Student Union Ballroom. Over 75 colleges and universities from around the nation will be on hand to share information and answer questions. You can find more information [HERE](#).

## Next ACT: Oct. 27, 2018

The next ACT is on Saturday, October 27. Seniors...This is the last ACT that many colleges will take. Juniors...this might be a good ACT for you to take if you are available on this Saturday. Deadline to register without a fee: Sept. 28. To Register: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Questions: Contact our [NDA Academic Counselors](#).

## Case Western Reserve University - Fall Open Houses

October 8 and November 12

For more information and to RSVP: [case.edu/admission](http://case.edu/admission)

## National College Fair

September 23

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Duke Energy Center

Free college fair with hundreds of colleges and universities in attendance!

Learn more at: [nacacfairs.org/cincinnati](http://nacacfairs.org/cincinnati)



## 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

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 

THOMAS MORE COLLEGE 

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY 

26 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME 

(10:49-11:25)



## Governor's Scholars Program (GSP)

GSP is a 5-week summer residential program for outstanding KY students after completing their 11th grade of high school. Established in 1983, the program provides academic and personal growth through a strong liberal arts program balanced with a full co-curricular and residential life experience while living on a KY college campus. Students complete an application and compete with others from across the state. The Program's mission is to enhance Kentucky's next generation of civic and economic leaders. Those selected attend the program free of charge. Visit the [GSP website](#) for current information.

**A GSP Informational Meeting will be held on Thursday September 20 at 3:15 p.m. in Alumnae Hall** for those interested in learning more. Application deadline for NDA students is November 16. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.



## Governor's School for the Arts (GSA)

GSA is a free arts-intensive three-week residential summer program held on the campus of Centre College in Danville, KY for Kentucky student artists who are in 10th and 11th grades at the time of application. GSA offers instruction and immersion in nine different art forms: Architecture, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Instrumental Music, Musical Theater, New Media, Visual Art, and Vocal Music.

Information Session: Thursday, September 27 in Alumnae Hall

### GSA 2019 Application Launch: October 3

Application deadline: January 11

For current information visit the [GSA Website](#)

Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.



## Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE)

GSE exposes young aspiring entrepreneurs to the mind-set, culture, innovative thinking and skills necessary to start a company. This free 3-week summer residential program gives Kentucky high school students (in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades at the time of application) a hands-on opportunity to turn their ideas into business opportunities.

Visit the [GSE Website](#) for more information. **There will be an Informational Meeting on Thursday October 4 at 3:15 in Alumnae Hall.** The 2019 GSE Application will launch on November 1, 2018. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions. Application deadline: January 11

## Divorce Group

Support groups will be forming for students whose families have experienced divorce or other non-traditional formations and would like support. Divorce groups meet once a week for 5 weeks each semester, and are scheduled on a rotating basis so that no one misses any class more than once a semester. Divorce Groups are organized by grade level, and will begin in late September. If you think your daughter would benefit from participation in Divorce Group, please contact Mrs. Kathy Hildreth or Mrs. Maggard.



## FINALLY! A true PREVENTION PLAN for teens to rely on to remain drug free and GET REWARDED for it!

Submit your application before **September 28** and be entered in an Early Bird Drawing for a nice prize!

- Students become DFCA members after passing a simple, confidential drug test.
- Members can rely on testing as an "out" for drug related situations by saying, "I can't, I might get tested".
- Although the test is done at school, only parents receive test results.
- Parents are notified through email of perfect club moments to talk about drugs.
- Members receive a full color photo ID card that unlocks positive reinforcement of their good choices, and show their cards to local merchants for "rewards" to recognize their drug free lifestyle.
- Retesting of random members is determined by a DFCA computer program and continues throughout the school year.
- As long as members remain drug free, the rewards continue and...

...Saying "I can't" stops peer pressure in its tracks!

If you never start using drugs, you never have to stop!

Cost is only \$25/year...

but, if you join as a Freshman and pay for 3 years, your 4th/Senior year is Free!!

Applications for Notre Dame Academy's Drug Free Club are available on the [Drug Free Clubs website](#), through a link on the NDA [Back to School page](#), and in the Main school office and the Counselor's Quad.



# GREEN DOT NIGHT FOR SOCCER PANDAS

WEDNESDAY, September 19

**NDA vs NCC**

5:00 p.m. - VARSITY

6:30 pm. - JV

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

### Attention Aqua Pandas!

There will be an informational meeting for Swimming/ Diving on Wednesday, September 26th. The meeting will take place at 7:00 in the cafeteria. Those who are interested in swimming or diving on this year's team need to attend the meeting.

### Varsity Bowling

Tryouts will be held October 1 and 2 at Superbowl Erlanger from 3:15 p.m. till 5:15 p.m. All grade levels and all level of skill welcomed. Any question please email: [wagnerg@ndapandas.org](mailto:wagnerg@ndapandas.org)

### 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>

## PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE

*St. Elizabeth Healthcare Game of the Month*

### **NDA VS. ST. HENRY Volleyball**



#### **Wednesday, September 19**

**Skyline Chili Benefit** at the Fort Wright Skyline Chili, 1730 Dixie Highway.

*20% of sales from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. will benefit I Have Wings.*

Download Coupons [HERE](#).

Janet to speak during lunch blocks at **NDA**, from approximately 10:45 to 12:30.

#### **Friday, September 21**

Playing for a Purpose Pep Rally at NDA from 2:30 to 3.

**Playing for a Purpose matches at Connor Convocation Center, Thomas More.**

*Gates to open at 4 p.m., with games at 5, 6 and 7:30, respectively.*

*All tickets are \$5, with no passes accepted.*

*Tickets will only be sold at the gate that day.*

## HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR GALA TICKETS YET? ◀

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.

The 2017 Gala was a sell-out crowd, so don't miss the opportunity to attend this year. Reservations will be limited, and we anticipate a record crowd again. Click [HERE](#) to make your online reservation.

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](mailto:goeken@ndapandas.org).



## WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

Applications are currently being accepted for 2019 Women Making A Difference honorees. The deadline to submit a nomination is October 1. The nomination form can be found on the web [HERE](#).

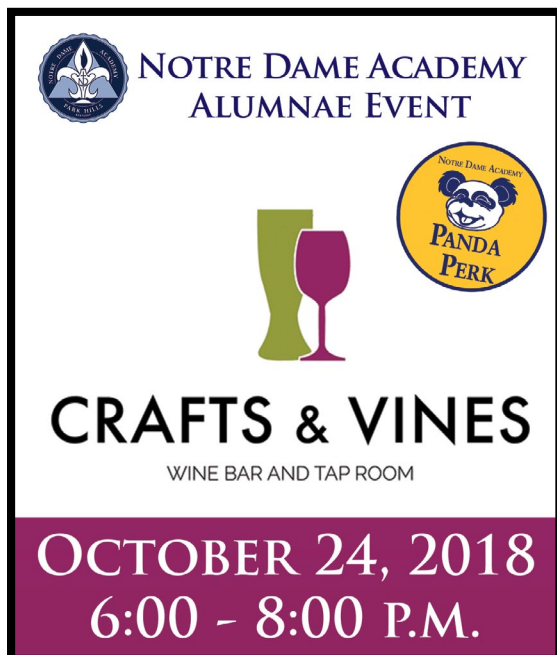
## ALUMNAE DAY ◀

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 ◀

Attention NDA Alumnae - our next Panda Perk Event is at Crafts and Vines in Covington on October 24, 2018. Go between 6-8:00 p.m. to get \$2 off of all wine & beer on tap and 10% off of food purchases and all retail wine.





## ► Important dates

September 19	Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents Common Reader Day Parent Mini-Night
September 20	Delayed Start Blessed Sacrament Shadow Day GSP Informational Meeting - Alumnae Hall 3:15 p.m.
September 21	Fall Sports Pep Rally Volleyball -Playing for a Purpose Volleyball games - Thomas More
September 25	St. Joe's Shadow Day
September 26	Donor Breakfast
September 28	Mid-quarter Naturalization Ceremony in Theatre Hawaiian Mixer
September 29	Alumnae Day
October 1	Foundations Day
October 2	St. Pius X Shadow Day
October 3	Rho Kappa Induction
October 5	Picture Day
October 7	Golden Girls
October 8	Non-Feeder Shadow Day
October 10	Super Wednesday
October 11	JR Retreat
October 12	No School: PD (Youth 2000 begins)
October 13	Autumn Gala
October 19	JR ACT/SO CERT Testing Grandparents' Day Mass
October 19-22	Fall Play
October 25	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 27	ACT at NDA CCH Halloween Dance

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Cafeteria Manager Needed
- Rosary Coast to Coast Sunday October 7 at IHM Burlington
- Women's Health and the Catholic Church - November 10

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

