



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

We are off to a running start this school year. It's amazing how quickly we have all gotten back to our routines. I hope things went well for your daughters this first week of school.

We had our first Panda Parent Club meeting of the school year this past Monday. I would like everyone who attended and encourage all of our parents to join us on the second Monday of each month from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the faculty conference room for our meetings. There are many opportunities for NDA parents to volunteer for various events and committees. If you have not already sent in your PPC Parent Volunteer Form, you can find the form [HERE](#).

An important reminder for parents - when picking up your daughter after school, please do not park in the fire lane located in the front of school or in the back of our parking lot in the spots that are reserved for St. Joseph Heights and Julie Learning Center (these spots are unnumbered). We ask that if you are here to pick up your daughter after school to 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. Thank you 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.

A special note for parents of seniors: Monday at the Diocesan Senior Mass, Bishop Foys awarded the seniors the day off next Monday September 18.

On Friday we gathered for our first Mass of the school year and it was quite a joyful celebration as we had the honor of witnessing the sacrament of First Eucharist for one of our students. Also, Fr. Hennigen talked to our community about our 2017-18 theme: **Living the Gospel, Empowered by Mary's Witness**. He said that "just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of her Son, and we can give glory to our heavenly Father if we, like Mary, reflect the light of the SON."

I am privileged to witness our students living our mission and giving glory to God, our heavenly father, 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

Our 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 UPDATE ◀

Common Reader

This Friday, all students will take the common reader assessment. Planning continues for our Common Reader Day scheduled for Friday, November 3.

Picture Day is Friday, and students are invited to dress out of uniform. Order forms were handed out to all freshmen through juniors in homeroom on Monday and are due to Life-Touch on Friday. Seniors do not order pictures on this day but are expected to take pictures for transcript purposes.

Clothing on Picture Day is expected to be tidy and appropriate and that of which provides proper coverage.

Student Council Mixer

The first Mixer (Hawaiian theme), hosted by Student Council, will take place on Friday from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. All students are welcome to attend and will be permitted to enter until 10:00 p.m. Friday evening (late arrivals due to CCH football game). Admission is \$5 with the proceeds benefiting hurricane relief efforts. The dance is a drug and alcohol free activity, and preliminary breathalyzer tests will be administered randomly as students enter.

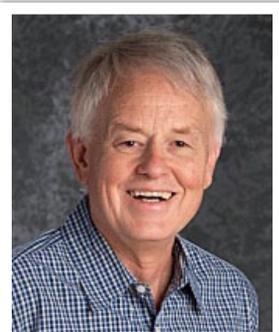
Club Leader Meeting

Next Wednesday, September 20 from 3:05-3:45 p.m., we will be hold a mandatory meeting for all student and faculty club leaders. At the meeting, we will discuss:

- Club Orientation
- Club and Activity requirements/expectations for the year
- Service project guidelines

Wednesday's meeting is the first of four meetings for the year.

"The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things." Ronald Reagan



EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AT NDA ◀

NDA Social Studies Teacher and Department Chair Mr. Ron Greife received the The Thomas More College Diocesan Excellence in Teaching Award this past Monday at the Diocesan Senior Mass. Recipients of this award are determined by the degree to which they demonstrate leadership and dedication as teachers in the Catholic schools. The award is intended to help celebrate teachers whose examples inspire other teachers within the diocese to excel in the education profession. Mr. Greife has definitely inspired many students at NDA over the years. Congratulations Mr. Greife!



DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ◀

Parents, did you know that NDA's daily announcements are posted each day on our website? You can find them [HERE](#).

SENIORS OFF SCHOOL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 ◀

At the Diocesan senior mass this week, Bishop Foys awarded the seniors a day off on on Monday, September 18.

2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR ◀

You can find our 2017-18 School Year Calendar with some important scheduling information for this school year and next [HERE](#).



AP BIO STUDENTS GROW SCIENTIFIC SKILLS ◀

As a part of their summer assignment, Ms. Proudfit's AP Biology students grew a plant of their choice from seed. Students wrote a plan for their plant's growth, taking into account the unique needs of the species that they chose. While growing the plant, students maintained field notes with both qualitative and quantitative data as well as photo documentation of their plant's growth and development. This exercise gave students practice working with living organisms, collecting data, and maintaining a lab notebook, all of which are important skills for biologists.



FUTURE SURGEONS? ◀

Two NDA students, Bridget Wall and Madison McCauley were selected to be part of the M.O.O.N. (Medical / Observation / Opportunity / Network) program this summer through St. Elizabeth Healthcare. Over 80 students applied for the program but only 10 were chosen and 2 of them were from NDA! They spent 3 days shadowing a surgeon in the OR, office and hospital rounds. For the past twelve years, Dr. Ryan Moon has been developing this program. With tremendous support from administration at St. Elizabeth and about 30 physicians willing to participate, this was the first program of its kind at St. E's. It was a huge success and they hope to have a second group of students participate this winter. What an invaluable experience for anyone interested in a health career!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



College Financial Aid Presentation
TONIGHT - Wednesday, September 13
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
NDA Auditorium

A Financial Aid Specialist from NKU will be here to provide an overview of college financial aid (grants, loans and scholarships). All parents and students are welcome! Senior parents going through the financial aid process for the first time would especially benefit from this hour-long presentation. Questions: Contact Ms. Burgei: burgeik@ndapandas.org



Let's Do Lunch!

Starting the week of September 11 the counselors are taking turns having lunch with small groups of freshmen in an attempt to get to know them and help them feel comfortable at NDA. We also hope they get a chance to know some of their fellow classmates during this time as well. Invitations are being sent via homerooms and we plan to meet with all of the freshmen by the second week of November.

Health Career Fair

On Monday, September 18, St. Elizabeth is having a Health Career Fair during the school day. NDA is sending a bus of junior and senior students that may be interested. This Fair happens each year so that is why we offer it to these grade levels. The students were sent an email in regards to this activity. If they would like to attend, they can get a permission slip in the school office and turn it back in by Friday. We will take as many students as we can fit on our bus. Here is a link with info about the Health Career Fair: <http://www.northcentralkyahec.org/northern-ky-showcase.html>

GE Exploring Aviation Program

Any students interested in Engineering should check out this program at GE. The program is designed for high school students to witness first-hand what it is like to work in the world of Engineering. You'll learn about a wide variety of career options in fields such as Jet Engine Assembly, Six Sigma Quality, Manufacturing, Process Planning, Materials and much more! The program will be held one evening per week for 11 weeks. Total cost to students is \$20. Kickoff Night is Tuesday, Sept. 26 @7:00, at GE Headquarters in Evendale.

You must RSVP via email to explorers.303@ge.com with your name and phone number or register for the first night at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N2H3QVT>



Notice to Parents/Guardians:

The [Drug Free Clubs of America](#) Chapter at Notre Dame Academy is so successful that it is being used as a template for regional high schools in Northern Kentucky! If your daughter is not already one of the 70% majority of our students enrolled in this club, please consider giving her this gift - and soon!

Loads of helpful information, program description, and Applications for Membership are available online at [Parent Page](#): Drug Free Clubs, where you can also pay using an encrypted process. Cost to NDA students is \$25/year, due to NDA's subsidy of \$10 for each student membership. Freshman can pay for 3 years and have their Senior year membership at no cost! Applications will be accepted only through October 27.

Besides the rewards offered only to Drug Free Club members (weekly gift card giveaways, out-of-uniform days, hot beverages on winter mornings, free pizza, Prom tickets, etc), local businesses also offer [rewards](#).

More food for thought:

- The vast majority of adults with a substance abuse disorder began drinking and using illicit drugs before the age of 18.
- Teens who consistently learn about the risks of drugs from their parents are up to 50% less likely to use drugs than those who don't.
- Teens who voluntarily choose to remain drug free in high school are more likely to continue to make these decisions and life choices in college, and beyond.

Please contact [Kathy Hildreth](#) if you have any questions.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

ATTENTION ALL ATHLETES:

FRUIT SALE

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 13th**
- **Fruit Sale Delivery to the school: December 1st**
- **Fruit Sale Pick Up for you to pick up and deliver your sold fruit boxes: December 2nd and 3rd**
- **All payment Due: December 7th**

REGISTRATION

All Athletes (fall, winter and spring) **NEED TO REGISTER ONLINE BY OCTOBER 1 here:**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IKMzc7S3bczqNvO_RCCaOT8PONuY1zh2sepiGGmaRK0/edit

BOWLING NEWS

Tryouts for varsity bowling October 2 and Oct. 3. Super Bowl Erlanger 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in participating in bowling and did not attend the meeting on 9/8, contact bowling coach Gary Wagner at wagnerg@ndapandas.org.

FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS

Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at OrthoCincy's Edgewood Location - 560 South Loop Road, Edgewood, KY 41017. All athletes need to bring a completed KHSAA sport physical form signed with a parent's signature



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. The schedule is online and you can sign up [HERE](#).



2017-18 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

- 19 UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA HUNTSVILLE
- MOUNT ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY
- 20 UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE 7:45-8:45AM
- 26 MIAMI UNIVERSITY OXFORD
- 27 UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY



OCTOBER

- 2 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
- BALDWIN WALLACE UNIVERSITY
- 4 WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
- 10 UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA TUSCALOOSA
- 16 UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
- DE PAUL UNIVERSITY
- 19 TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY
- ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY
- 25 BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY





COME CHEER ON YOUR FELLOW PANDAS! ◀

This Saturday, September 16 is NDA's first ever Alumnae Volleyball Tournament. 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. Cost is \$10/spectator - cost includes: alumnae fun, food, drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), games, giveaways and more! To sign up, use the links below or call 859-292-1852.

[SPECTATOR REGISTRATION](#)

SAVE THE DATE! ◀

Planning for NDA's Autumn Gala is in full swing, and the committees are working hard to provide an incredible and memorable experience for all.

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, Signature Cocktails, and enhanced Live and Silent Auction items. An open bar will be available throughout the evening.

Invitations to the Gala were mailed in early September. Reservations are limited and we anticipate a sell-out crowd so send yours in today or you can make your reservation online [HERE](#).

We are currently looking for additional volunteers to help with various committees, and we encourage your participation. It's a wonderful way to get involved with NDA's premier event of the year, as well as meet many more NDA parents, alumnae, and friends.

We are also looking for a variety of items for both the Silent and Live Auctions. No gift is too large or too small. Please contact the NDA Advancement Department at 292.7729 if you would like to make a contribution. Take a look at some of the items that will be available throughout the evening:

- Light My Fire Liquor
- Teenager Must Haves!
- The Gardens of Park Hills Hors d'oeuvres Party for 100
- VIP Speedway Package
- Charleston Condo
- Senior Pomp and Circumstance Graduation Package
- Belladonna Resin Wicker Outdoor 4-Piece Patio Lounge Set
- Oriental Wok –Emperor's Dinner for 12
- A Christmas Story at the Aronoff
- The Boulders Resort- Scottsdale, Arizona
- Don't Be Bothered For a Year! No Fruit for You!
- Gourmet Dinner for 10 and Bourbon Tasting
- Cabo San Lucas – Here We Come!
- How Much is that Puppy at the Gala? Havanese
- Pee Wee's South of the Border Dinner in Your Home
- Notre Dame University Football Tickets
- NDA Chapel Bench
- Xavier University \$1000 Tuition Grant
- Walt Disney World 4 Park Hopper Passes
- Coca Cola Rechargeable Coke Cooler
- NDA Custom Designed Quilt

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.



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► Important dates

September 13	Parent Informational Coffee College Financial Aid Meeting in Auditorium
September 14	Theatre Parent Meeting in Choral Room
September 15	Common Reader Assessment Picture Day Student Council Fall Mixer
September 16	NDA Alumnae Volleyball Tournament
September 19	Parent Mini-Night
September 20	Freshmen attend play
September 21	Blessed Sacrament Shadow Day
September 22	Fall Sports Pep Rally/Playing for Purpose
September 26	St. Joseph, Crescent Springs, Shadow Day
September 29	Club Orientation
October 14	Autumn Gala - Make your reservations ONLINE today!
October 29	Elisabeth vonTrapp Performance
November 3	Common Reader Day
November 5	OPEN HOUSE - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Breaking Open the World - Diocesan Catechist Day of Reflection
- Smile and Miles 5K Run/Walk
- HUSH - Film Showing
- Covington Classic Scholastic Chess Tournament
- Moms Club of Ft. Wright - OPEN HOUSE
- Aubrey Rose "Above and Beyond Doctor of the Year"
- National Catholic Youth Conference

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

