



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Happy New Year! As the Christmas season comes to a close, we continue to reflect on the gift of Jesus becoming human and sharing His life with us. We begin our second semester of the school year and continue *Cultivating Hope and Happiness, Strengthened by God's Love*.

It was great to have all our students back on Monday! We have quickly gotten back into our school routines. I would like to thank our parents for providing desserts for our faculty/staff Christmas party in December. It was a wonderful opportunity for our faculty, staff and administration to celebrate together before the holiday break.

We will begin our scheduling process for the 2020-21 academic year in early February. This includes meetings with parents. We are also meeting with each class during the long homerooms to review the process and course options. More information about the scheduling process will follow in upcoming issues of the Panda Press Weekly.

As you will see below, we recently invited NDA's class of 2024 to campus to receive their High School Placement Test (HSPT) scores. Our priority application period for incoming freshman in the fall of 2020 began on Monday, January 6 and will run through Friday, February 14. If you know a young woman who could benefit from a Notre Dame Academy education, please share our [Online Application for Admission](#) with her and her family.

Although there has been a decline in enrollment in Catholic schools nationally, we are very blessed to be able to maintain steady enrollment at Notre Dame Academy. We are grateful to our sponsors, the Sisters of Notre Dame, for establishing a strong tradition of academic excellence at NDA well over a century ago. We are also very appreciative of our highly qualified teachers who engage and challenge the minds and creativity of our students each and every day. Finally, we thank you, our parents, for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education. Together we work to develop our students' God given gifts by preparing them to be life long learners.

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



# STUDENT LIFE



## OUT OF UNIFORM DAY: CLUB GRANTS ◀

Tomorrow is the second out of uniform day in support of our clubs' service projects (\$3/student). The following clubs and their community outreach will be supported through the collected funds: Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos, Teen Leadership Club, Sign Language Club and Uganda Pandas.

## SOPHOMORE RINGS ◀

During homeroom this Friday, Herff Jones will share class ring ordering information with the Sophomores. The Class of 2022 and their parents will be invited to the annual ring ceremony taking place this spring.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH - JANUARY ◀

Congratulations to Megan Paolucci on being selected as NDA's January Student of the Month! You can read more about Grace [HERE](#).

## • CLC MENU •

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Do you know all of the things you can do in NDA's Collaborative Learning Center? Check out the CLC's 2020 Menu [HERE](#).



***JUNIOR AND SENIOR PARENTS, WIN A TICKET TO PROM OR AFTER PROM FOR YOUR PANDA BY ATTENDING JANUARY'S***

## PANDA PARENT CLUB MEETING ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND YOUR DIGITAL TATTOO ◀

A tattoo is permanent, much like the information we post online. The consequences of what we post online can be very damaging, especially for your daughter. Do you know what your daughter's digital footprint looks like? How do you ensure that her online reputation is as good as her offline one?

Don't miss the next Panda Parent Club meeting on **Monday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m.** The topic is **Social Media and Your Digital Tattoo** and our speaker will be Steve Smith.

**Junior and senior parents in attendance at the January, February and March PPC meetings will be entered into two special prom ticket raffles:**

- 2020 Prom ticket raffle
- 2020 After Prom ticket raffle

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

## COUPON BOOK MONEY TURN-IN ◀

Please turn in any outstanding coupon book money by **January 17**. After that date, any outstanding balances will be billed to FACTS accounts.



## BASS FISHING INFORMATIONAL MEETING ◀

There will be a bass fishing meeting on January 15 at 7 p.m. in room 112. If you have any interest in being an NDA angler, this meeting will cover all sorts of information and be a great time to answer any questions!



## FRESHMAN LACROSSE PLAYERS NEEDED! ◀

If you are interested in participating in freshman lacrosse, no lacrosse experience is required, please contact coach Jimmy Marshall at [marshallj@ndapandas.org](mailto:marshallj@ndapandas.org). Freshman will start February 18.

## CONGRATULATIONS AQUA PANDAS! ◀

The NDA swimmers competed in meets last Saturday at Scott and the RC Durr YMCA in Burlington. The freshmen who competed for the swim & dive team at Freshmen Regionals Saturday morning at Scott - totaling to 7 swimmers and 2 divers - finished in 5th place overall, beating many much larger teams.



# SKI CLUB

Join NDA's Ski Club  
and get 10% off regular  
season passes!



Meeting on 1/16/20 in room 102 to  
get more info!

Use NDA's code and go to Perfect North 4 Times



## NEW NDA SKI CLUB! ◀

Notre Dame has a new Ski Club! If you like skiing or snowboarding you can sign up and use our special code to get 10% off ski/snowboarding passes at Perfect North for 4 days. Come to the meeting on January 16 in room 102 right after school to learn more. The meeting should last about 15 minutes. You can contact Ava Orwig at [orwiga@ndapandas.com](mailto:orwiga@ndapandas.com) or Ms. Dooling at [doolingm@ndapandas.com](mailto:doolingm@ndapandas.com) with any questions.



## PJ BOTTOMS - 10% OFF! ◀

Tuesday, January 28 is Sisterhood Sleepover Day! In honor of Catholic Schools Week, the Bambootique is offering 10% off pajama bottoms now through January 27.

## NDA OFFERS \$78,750 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO FUTURE PANDAS! ◀

Notre Dame Academy offered academic scholarships totaling \$78,750 to 28 incoming freshmen at NDA's High School Placement Test (HSPT) results meeting on January 6. Representing eight local grade schools, these talented students earned the scholarships based on their outstanding performance on the High School Placement Test in December 2019. You can read more [HERE](#).



## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



### HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NDA PARENT TOOLBOX? ◀

Check out the NDA [Parent Toolbox](#). Timely topics include lying, emotional storms, stress, and so much more!



### 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 at 11:30 a.m. on the last Wednesday of the month. Due to the Christmas holiday, there will not be an Alumnae and Friends Mass in December. The next Alumnae Mass is scheduled for January 29.

**BRING an  
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### BRING AN ALUM TO SCHOOL DAY ◀

NDA Alumnae are invited to visit NDA during Catholic Schools week for our second annual **Bring and Alum to School Day on January 30, 2020!**

On this special day, alumnae are welcome to join us on campus as a guest with a current student. Alums will attend fourth period class with their Panda friend, eat lunch in the cafeteria with them and attend a pep rally in the gym with the entire student body.

Alumnae are expected to attend with a current student however, if they do not know a current student, they can contact the Advancement Office to be paired with a current Panda by emailing [bowmand@ndapandas.org](mailto:bowmand@ndapandas.org).

If a student would like to bring an alum to school for this event, she can register her guest online [HERE](#). Students must submit this form by January 10, 2020. Limit 1 alumna per student.

**COMMUNITY  
NEWS**



### COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

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## ► Important dates

January	9	Out of Uniform Day - Club Grants
	13	Panda Parent Club Meeting: Social Media and Your Digital Tattoo
	14	Class ring Parent Information - Front Foyer
	15	Class ring orders in Auditorium
	20	No School - MLK Day
	21	Senior retreat
	24	Life March
		Prayer for Penance Prayer Service
	27	Catholic Schools Week Begins
		Nunday Monday Mass
	29	NDA vs. CCH Charity Volleyball Game
	30	Bring an Alum to School
	31	CSW Talent Show
	31 - Feb. 2	Showcase
February	7	Midquarter
		Father Daughter Dance