



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I often close personal notes with the saying, “We are called to be beacons of hope to a world in need.” Although this has been a difficult week for our NDA community, I am encouraged by the beacons of hope among us: our students, parents, faculty and staff. Through the events of this past week, our prayer lives have been strengthened and we remember our calling to bring light into the world.

I am very proud of our students and the courage they have displayed by their attendance at school this week. I have tremendous respect for our faculty and staff and I thank them for helping to provide a safe and productive learning environment for our students. For the many ways that our students, faculty and staff have assisted us during this very difficult time, I am proud of your courage and grateful for your care and concern for our community.

As we move forward as a community, I encourage our students, faculty and staff to remain vigilant to ensure the safety of everyone in our community. I am very grateful for the police officers of Park Hills who have aided in our security efforts. Following the advice of law enforcement, we will discontinue bag and purse checks tomorrow. The police will continue to be a presence on campus and in our building throughout the remainder of the week. Please know that our investigation is ongoing and that we are doing all that we can do to identify the individual responsible for last week’s threatening statements. We are continuing to work with Kenton County and Park Hills Police, however, we cannot release further information without jeopardizing the investigation.

Below you can read about many wonderful things taking place at NDA this week. The newest members of our National Honor Society were inducted last Thursday. Our fall play, *The Tempest*, was very well received this weekend and our students involved in the play, as well as our Theatre Director, Caroline Stine, should be very proud of their work. We are celebrating Red Ribbon Week and many of our student artists and athletes have reason to celebrate.

Please note that our Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up on November 10 from 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. You can schedule these by visiting <https://www.myconferencetime.com/nda>. Conference sign up must be completed by Friday, November 4 at 5:00 p.m.

Also, we will be testing our Alert Solutions notification system Thursday (10/29) at 4:30 p.m. We will send out a notification via voice message, text message and/or email. Parents indicated their contact preference at the beginning of the year. If you do not receive the message you should contact the front office to update the information that we have in our system. This alert system is used for school closings, early dismissals, delays or emergencies.

Again, thank you for your continued support of NDA. As Catholics, we are blessed to have the spiritual support necessary to see hope as well as our responsibility to keep the light of hope burning in our own lives and the lives of others.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Congratulations to the following freshmen who were elected as Homeroom Reps last Friday!

202: Theresa Berling
204: Annie Gronotte
208: Claire James
209: Ellie O'Hara
210: Sydney Sparks
308: Mary Kate Sullivan

Happy Halloween from the Student Life Office!

As of today, some of NDA's homeroom classes have been "ghosted" by another. Organized by the Student Council, "ghosting" began one week ago and involved the delivery of candy surprises to each of the homerooms. On Friday, students will participate in a Halloween costume contest. Students are reminded that costumes must be appropriate; therefore, no gore, face/body paint, masks, weapons are permitted. Students should be diligent and respectful when choosing costumes this year considering the recent events at NDA.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

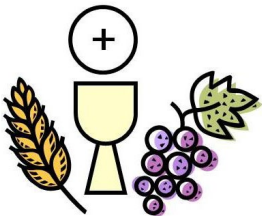
Notre Dame Academy's annual Open House will be held on Sunday, November 8, from 1 - 3 p.m. This event showcases The Notre Dame Life for prospective students and parents.

Each year the prospective families comment on the wonderful job done by our student tour guides. The student-led tour is truly the high point of Open House for most families. We rely on our students to help tell the NDA story and I trust that students who have been asked to help with Open House will make every effort to represent your school and support this important recruitment event.

Sincerely,
Dr. Laura Koehl

REMEMBRANCE MASS ◀

Our annual Remembrance Mass will be held on Friday, November 6 at 1:30 in the gym. During this mass we pray for all our loved ones who have passed away and in particular way those we have lost in the last year. A form was shared with students so that they could submit the names of loved ones lost from November 2, 2014 - November 2, 2015. These names will be added to our Book of Life which will remain in our chapel throughout the month of November.



JOIN US FOR MASS ◀

We will be offering mass this Friday morning at 7:15 in our chapel. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Fr. Ed Brodnick will be here to celebrate with us.

CAN THE COLONELS! ◀

Our annual food drive, **Can the Colonels**, starts next week and runs from November 2- November 23. This is a friendly competition with the boys from Covington Catholic. We will be collecting non-perishable food items during this time. All of the proceeds from Notre Dame Academy will go to St. Vincent de Paul and CCH will be donating their food to Be Concerned. Last year we were able to collect over **14,000** items from Notre Dame alone so please help us to feed the hungry this holiday season and Can the Colonels!

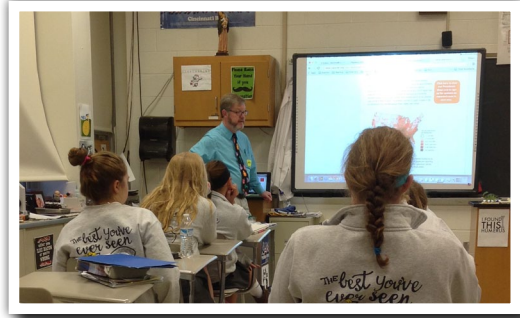
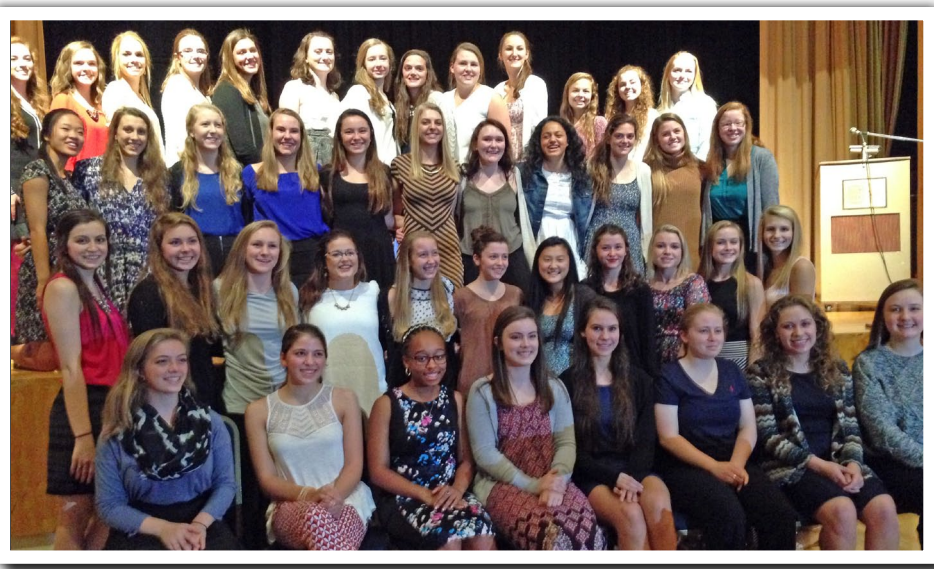
Suggested Items:

Canned soup	Instant potatoes
Canned vegetables	Crackers
Pudding cups	Peanut Butter
Applesauce	Rice
Boxes of pasta	Cereal
Canned fruit	



NHS INDUCTION ◀

Congratulations to the newest inductees of NDA's National Honor Society! The induction ceremony was held on October 22. After meeting GPS requirements and going through a rigorous application process, 52 juniors and seniors were inducted.



ZOOLOGY CLASS SPEAKER ◀

Dr. Joe Stratman recently came to Mr. Bill Stamms Zoology class. He spoke to students about flatworms and roundworms he encounters in his veterinary practice. He had lots of samples and fielded many questions from NDA students. Joe is the father of current senior Katie and husband of social studies teacher, Ms. Stratman.



NDA STUDENTS PROVIDE HALLOWEEN TREAT! ◀

The students in NDA's Textiles class made Halloween trick or treat bags and donated them to the Notre Dame Urban Education Center. Paige Montfort, an NDA student who volunteers at the NUEC, delivered them for the Textiles class and said the kids really liked them!

ARCHERY PANDAS START SEASON ◀

The Archery Pandas started their season off well with an impressive performance at the Lloyd Fall Tournament. Lauren Reinersman came in 2nd in her division, only three points behind the best score of the tournament. Erin Kirchner came in 3rd, Lauren Graham 6th, and Camryn Scaringi 9th place. Congratulations to 1st year archers Hope Feinauer, Elizabeth Dunaway, and Jenna Wigger for shooting on par with our varsity archers at their first tournament.

The Archery Pandas are getting ready for their 2nd annual Halloween Tournament Friday, October 30. All are welcome to come and support the archery team.



IMPORTANT NOTE FOR SENIORS ◀

Seniors: If you haven't had your senior drape photos taken or made an appointment for a sitting, please contact Prestige Portraits this week at 859-578-0110. Prestige is currently scheduling sessions for late October, so don't delay in getting yours lined up!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT? ◀

Mr. Joe Drennen from GP homestay will be at our Open House on November 8 and will have an informational meeting at NDA on November 11 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please email him at tdrennen@gphomestay.com if you plan on attending the November 11 meeting or if you have any questions.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



Red Ribbon Week

This week is Red Ribbon Week, which promotes the idea of being drug free. We are having a variety of activities throughout the week including a door decorating contest, daily announcements about drug facts, a photo booth at lunch, and taking time to reflect about those we know who are affected by drugs. We encourage parents to take the time to talk to their teens about the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol. According to the Red Ribbon Campaign website, children of parents who talk to their teens regularly are 42%

LESS likely to use drugs than those who don't, yet only a quarter of teens report having these conversations. Please take some time this week to have that conversation



ART STUDENTS GIVE SOME COLOR TO ST. JOES ◀

A huge thanks to Lindsey Foust, Kayla Torres, Maya Cortis and Jessica Beirl for volunteering to help out at St. Joe's Elementary School. They had the job of painting a small mural of St. Joe's mascot on a wall of the gym entrance. They met after school and for a couple of Sundays to put in the drawing, add some color, and finish it off with the details. Thanks to Mrs. Stover for allowing our students to help out and congrats Art students for a nice addition to the walls of St. Joe's.



STUDENT ARTISTS SELECTED TO SHOW AT TMC ◀

Thanks to all of the students who submitted artwork to be juried at the Thomas More College High School Juried Art Exhibition. NDA's Visual Arts Department is always well represented by your talent and hard work. Congratulations to Emma Wainscott, Paige Brunson, and Lauren Darpel for having their work selected to show in the exhibition. The exhibit will be showing in the Eva G. Farris Galley on Thomas More's campus until October 30.

FRUIT SALE ◀

The selling time for the fruit sale is coming to a close on Friday. I need to have the receipt with checks or cash attached (paper clipped) or a copy of receipt of credit payments that you have. As I have said, you do not have to collect the money up front but if you did receive any payments, I need those so I can process the money for deposits. The initial order for fruit needs to be done next week so it is important to have the orders counted for an accurate count. Please get the fruit orders completed. I know that there will be some late orders but I need you to try to complete your sales. We need to have an accurate count. Thank you for selling the fruit and a special thanks to those that sold more than the twelve boxes.

For sign ups to work the weekend that the fruit comes to school and to pick up your fruit is at "timetosignup.com". Note that we need parents to help count and process the money the Friday of 12/11. Look at this as part of your team commitment.

If you have any questions, you can contact either Mrs. Webster (webstern@ndapandas.org) or Mrs. Schmidt (schmidtj@ndapandas.org or 859-292-1831).



2015-16 College Rep Visits at NDA

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch mods (M/T/Th/F 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Wednesdays 11:12 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) Below is a list of upcoming visits.

October

- 29 Bellarmine University 11:30-12:15
- 30 Denison University 10:45-11:30

NOVEMBER

- 9 Hanover College 10:45-12:15
- 9 DePauw University 10:45-12:15
- 9 University of Cincinnati 10:45-12:15
- 9 University of Alabama 10:45-12:15
- 11 University of Kentucky 8:00-8:45

FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

GOLF

NDA's Erin Durstock was named Player of the Year and NDA Golf Coach Karen Henderson was named Coach of the year!

SOCCER

Congrats Soccer Pandas on your win against Bishop Crossart last night! Next they take on Sacred Heart at 6:00 p.m. at Lafayette on Saturday. Come out and cheer our Pandas on!

VOLLEYBALL

Highlands proved to be no match for the Pandas, as NDA swept the Bluebirds 3-0, 25-8, 25-8, 25-11. NDA advances to the Region 9 semi-final on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at Ryle, where St. Henry eagerly awaits a rematch with the Pandas.

ARCHERY

Archery competed in the Lloyd tournament over the weekend and Lauren Reinersman came in 2nd place, Erin Kirchner took 3rd, Lauren Graham 6th, and Camryn Scaringi 9th in their division (high school girls).

SEEKING BOWLERS!

The NDA varsity bowling team still has spots that need to be filled. If you are interested please email the coach Michelle Wagner at wagnerm@ndapandas.org



PPC NEWS ◀

Mother Daughter Dance 2015. This year's event will be on Friday, November 13, 7-11 p.m. at Receptions in Erlanger. Costumes are encouraged for this event. Be as creative as you want. The theme is **Freaky Friday**, which can be the movie (starring Lindsay Lohan and Jamie Lee Curtis - OR for the moms, Jodie Foster and Barbara Harris), or Friday the 13th spooky stuff. And, seniors, don't forget to start making your senior

posters for display that night!!

Registration forms are now available in the school office or you can download one [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please email Mimi Bradley at mimicbradley@gmail.com.



REMINDER ◀

Volunteers are needed daily to help in the dish room in the NDA cafeteria. Shifts are from 11:00 to 12:30. You can sign up at Volunteer Spot [HERE](#).

NDA WELCOMES THE CLASS OF 2020! ◀

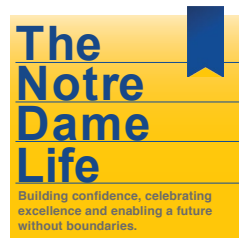
OPEN HOUSE

Open House yard signs are ready and if any Panda families have a business or an ideal spot for a yard sign, please contact Admission Director Katie Caccavari at 859.292.1829 or caccavarik@ndapandas.org.

SHADOW DAYS

This week NDA welcomed many 8th grade students for Shadow Days from several area schools including: St. Pius X, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Joseph - Cold Springs, St. Paul, Gray, Camp Ernst, Summitview, Conner Middle, Turkeyfoot, St. Augustine, St. Thomas, Ockerman, and Woodland.

We have a couple of additional Shadow Days planned in the coming weeks. We look forward to welcoming 8th graders from schools in our area and letting them see first hand the many opportunities offered at NDA. If you know a young lady who would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please have her contact Katie Caccavari in the Admissions Office at 859.292.1829.



FALL OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, November 8
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

ndapandas.org

Important dates:

October 29	Red shirts and socks permitted with uniform skirts
October 30	Halloween Costume Contest
	Archery Tournament
	CCH Halloween Dance 8-11 p.m.
November 3	Picture retake day
November 5	St. Agnes and Prince of Peace Shadow Day
November 6	Remembrance Mass
November 8	NDA Fall Open House
November 10	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 12	Juniors attend play
November 13	Blessed Sacrament Shadow Day
	Naturalization Ceremony at NDA
	Mother/Daughter Dance
November 14	HSPT Test Workshop
November 17	NDA Speaker Series:
November 18	Freshmen Retreat
	Fall Sports Award Program
November 20	Panda Funfest for 8th Graders
November 19-21	NCYC
November 24	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
November 25-27	No School - Thanksgiving Break

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Life's 5th Quarter
- St. Pius X Holiday Bazaar
- Double D Give Back Bash
- St. Agnes Youth Group - First Meeting
- Street Smartz



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