



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Happy Super Wednesday! Our students were busy today with all sorts of activities. Half of our freshmen were on retreat while the other half were out in the community making a difference through their service to others. Our Sophomores and Juniors took the PSAT and then attended a Naviance Session on college and career planning. Our seniors visited a Mosque this morning and then had college work time to look at scholarship search tools and career planning tools. My thanks to everyone who helped make this such a productive day for our students.

As I told you at our Parent Meetings in August, Notre Dame Academy will be going through the accreditation process this school year through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Accreditation is an important method of quality assurance developed more than 100 years ago by U.S. universities and secondary institutions. It was originally designed primarily to recognize institutions adhering to a set of educational standards. I look forward to going through this process as it is very effective in driving student performance and promoting continuous improvement in education. At NDA we strive for excellence in all areas and we will use the accreditation process this year to ensure that we are reaching our goals and developing new strategies for continuous improvement.

An important part of that process is surveying our faculty/staff, students and parents. Next week you will receive an email with links to two surveys. I ask that you please take the time to complete the surveys. Your feedback in these surveys is significant and I assure you that they are brief.

On Tuesday, October 24, NDA will hold Student/Parent Teacher Conferences from 2:30 - 8:30 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. While this is optional and may not have been common practice in the past, 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.

Students will fill out a form prior to October 24 that will help them prepare and actively participate in the conference. Also, we will once again use MyConferenceTime to schedule conference online. You can access the online scheduler by going to www.myconferencetime.com/nda. The site will be live tomorrow morning, Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 a.m. through Friday night at midnight on October 20.

Finally, thank you to all of our parents who give of themselves and their time at NDA. You help out in many different ways doing many different jobs. Thank you for all being great representatives of the Panda Parent Club. I truly appreciate all that you do to support our school and I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual Autumn Gala this weekend.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 - OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

Tuesday, October 17 will be an out of uniform day hosted by the Panda Parent Club (PPC) in support of the Junior and Senior After Prom. Students may be out of uniform on October 17 for a \$3.00 donation



SPIRIT SWEATERS - A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT!

Show your school spirit and showcase your accomplishments by ordering a Notre Dame Academy "Spirit Sweater"! View the [order form](#) for more details and contact Mrs. Grayson or Mrs. Webster if you have additional questions. Order forms and checks need to be turned into the office by October 13th if you are interested in ordering a sweater.

ATTENTION FRESHMEN PARENTS ◀

Freshmen parents need to submit a current KY immunization certificate to the school office by October 6.



ARE YOU PART OF THE MARCH FOR LIFE MOVEMENT? ◀

If you would like to be part of the March for Life movement, sign-ups for the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. will begin this week here at NDA. The March will take place on January 19, 2018 and the cost is approximately \$130.00 a person. Buses will leave Thursday evening and return Saturday morning. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Theresa Van Auken at vanaukent@ndapandas.org. Parent chaperones who are virtue trained are needed so please let Mrs. Van Auken know if you are able to join us.

HELP PROMOTE NDA'S OPEN HOUSE ◀

Attention Panda Parents: Help us promote NDA's 2017 Open House by placing a yard sign at your home and/or business. Contact Katie Caccavari, NDA's Director of Admissions, to get a sign: 859-292-1829 | caccavarik@ndapandas.org.



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OPEN HOUSE
Sunday,
November 5
1:00 - 3:00



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CAROLINE JACKSON

OCTOBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Notre Dame Academy Senior, Caroline Jackson, who has been selected as October's Student of the Month. Caroline is described as hard-working, engaged and caring. Several of her teachers say she is a positive presence in the classroom, and according to her Religion teacher, Mr. Richmond, Caroline "is always actively involved . . . and her participation adds depth and clarity to the topic." Keep up the fantastic work, Caroline!

SOMETHING ABOUT CAROLINE

This year, Caroline is serving as Drug Free Club Co-President and is looking forward to playing her fourth season of lacrosse at NDA. Her advice to other Pandas: "Have fun while you can, and take advantage of this time in your life. Enjoy your friends. You're only in high school once."



Caroline spends her Saturdays at Stray Animal Adoption Program (SAAP) where she helps find homes for dogs in foster care.

Some of Caroline's Netflix favorites include Criminal Minds and How I Met Your Mother.



CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

Catholic Social Teaching

In Catholic Social Teaching this week, we continued our discussion on the topic of Homelessness. Mrs. Kim Webb from Emergency Shelter of NKY and Mr. Andy Brunsman from BeConcerned shared the mission of their agency with our students. They also talked about how students can be involved while in High School as well as after High School. Students also brought in a few items of clothing that were then donated to BeConcerned.



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](#).

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

NACAC Cincinnati National College Fair:

Highly Recommended for Juniors...but all grade levels can attend! Colleges from all over the country will be in attendance and the event is free.

Sunday, October 22
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Duke Energy Convention Center



For more information: [Cincinnati National College Fair](#)



Governor's School for the Arts (GSA)

[Applications](#) opened October 4 for the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts, as well as registration for GSA [ArtShops and Prep Resources!](#) A Prep Resource/ArtShop will be offered in NKY at Thomas More College on November 18 from 9am-4pm. ArtShops fill up quickly, so sign up very soon if you are interested. Applications to attend GSA are due January 12, 2018.



Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE)

GSE exposes young aspiring entrepreneurs to the mindset, 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](#) or contact Mrs. Hildreth for more information.

[GSE 2018 Applications Open 11/1 to 12/20](#)



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! 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.**

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

Archery Team Parent Meeting

Where: Alumnae Hall

When: Monday, Oct 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Students interested in competing on the NDA archery team are strongly encouraged to come with a parent or guardian to our informational meeting Wednesday, October 25th at 7:00pm in Alumnae Hall. We will briefly discuss the season schedule, prerequisite paper work, rule changes, and coach recommendations. If you are interested in joining NDA archery this year, please email landern@ndapandas.org (Coach Lander) with a student email and parent email.



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



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.

OCTOBER

16 UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
 18 OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
 DE PAUL UNIVERSITY
 CENTRE COLLEGE

19 TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY
 ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY
 KY WESLEY COLLEGE
 23 COLLEGE OF WOOSTER
 25 BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY

AUTUMN GALA - SOLD OUT - NOT LEFT OUT ◀

If you were unable to get a ticket to the hottest event in town, do not worry. You are now able to bid on all silent and super silent auction items OFF-SITE and ONLINE! We have an array of items in categories such as: Home and Gardens, Just For Her, School Days, Sports of All Sorts, That's Entertainment and Super Silent.

Just visit the Autumn Gala site at www.nda17gala.gesture.com and browse all the available items. Then register your phone and credit card and you are set to go. The site went live yesterday so let the bidding begin! Don't be overbid, you will be alerted if this happens, continue to check the site up to approximately 10:00 closing on Saturday night. Good Luck and Happy Bidding!



A special performance by
Elisabeth von Trapp
 October 29, 2017
 4:00 p.m.



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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Notre Dame Academy is hosting a FREE speaker series this year especially for women to learn about a variety of financial topics. The first session will be a "Lunch and Learn" on The ABC's of Estate Planning and will be held on November 15 from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. This session will cover:

- Living Wills
- Power of Attorney
- Basic Will Preparation
- Planned Giving

Session 1 - November 15, 2017
 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
The ABC's of Estate Planning

Please join us for this special presentation given by NDA alumnae Donna Bloemer and Jessica Rawe! If you have questions about the speaker series, please contact NDA's Advancement Department at 859.292.7729. You can register online [HERE](#).

► Important dates

October 11	Super Wednesday (SR at the Mosque, JR/SO PSAT, FR Retreat) Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents 8:00 a.m. Alumnae Hall
October 12	Teacher Appreciation at Volleyball
October 13	Non-feeder School Shadow Day
October 14	Autumn Gala
October 20	Super Friday (SR College Planning/JR ACT/SO CERT/FR Holocaust Museum) Grandparents' Mass
October 20-22	Fall Play
October 23	Red Ribbon Week
October 24	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
October 27	Picture Retake Day Freshman Halloween Bash at CCH
October 29	Elisabeth vonTrapp Performance
November 1	All Saint's Day - NO SCHOOL
November 3	Common Reader Day Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents 8:00 a.m. Alumnae Hall
November 5	OPEN HOUSE - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Panda Pumpkin Chuck - 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
November 8	NHS Induction
November 9	Remembrance Mass
November 10	Junior Retreat FR/SO Breakfast
November 14	Fall Sports Awards
November 15	Freshmen Retreat
November 16-19	National Catholic Youth Conference
November 17	Panda FunFest
November 22	College Welcome Back Night for Class of 2017

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Positions Available for Students
- Walking with Purpose
- Aubrey Rose "Above and Beyond Doctor of the Year"
- National Catholic Youth Conference

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

