



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Yesterday you received an email with links to our AdvancedEd Parent Surveys for NDA's accreditation process which is taking place this school year. As you know, accreditation is an important method of quality assurance designed primarily to recognize institutions adhering to a set of educational standards. Due to the importance of accreditation, your participation in our Parent Surveys is significant. **I ask that if you have not already done so, please check your email to make sure that you received the communicaiton from NDA regarding the surveys and then please take time to complete both surveys prior to Thursday, October 26 at 9:00 p.m.** If you did not receive the email, please contact the school office at 859.261.4300. As you will see in the email, there are a few important things to note prior to taking the surveys:

- Both surveys can be completed within 15 minutes.
 - The NDA Climate & Culture Parent Survey 2017: 2-3 minutes to complete
 - The Catholic Identity Parent Survey 2017: 8-10 minutes to complete
- You need to complete the online surveys in one sitting.
- Survey results are anonymous.
- Surveys must be completed by Thursday, October 26 at 9:00 p.m.

Thank you for participating in these two Parent Surveys and for making a difference in the continuous improvement of Notre Dame Academy.

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 remain live through Friday night at midnight on October 20.

Finally, please note that this Friday is SUPER Friday at NDA with a great deal happening. Sophomores through Seniors will have a delayed start with their day beginning at 8:45 a.m. Freshmen will need to arrive by 7:45 a.m., so they can depart on time for the Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education. We will all conclude the day together with our Grandparents' Mass.

Enjoy your week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

OCTOBER 18 - SUPER FRIDAY

Freshmen will report to the Gym at 7:45 a.m. and depart for the Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education. Upon their return, Freshmen will eat lunch and attend an ALICE training session before the Grandparents' Day Mass in the afternoon.

Sophomores will report to their homerooms by 8:45 a.m. to take a practice ACT test called the CERT (College Equipped Readiness Tool). The test will be taken online using the student's iPad. The iPad needs to have the most recent update of iOS 11.0. This test does not have an extended time option. If a student misses, there is not a makeup day, but our counselors can get a copy of the login information to a student if she requests and she can take it on her own. After the test, sophomores will eat lunch and attend the Grandparents' Day Mass in the afternoon.

Juniors need to report to their homerooms by 8:45 a.m. for a practice ACT test. The Torchprep Company sponsors this practice test and does not have an extended time option. They will have the scores for these tests available to the students on the following Friday during long homeroom. If a student misses, there is not a makeup day, but we can get a copy of the test to the student to take on her own. After the test, sophomores will eat lunch and attend the Grandparents' Day Mass in the afternoon.

Seniors are expected to arrive to school by 8:45 a.m. and will attend sessions as outlined below:

- Graduate Services (Cap/Gown/Graduation Announcement Ordering)
- College and Career Planning Breakout Sessions
- Prom Planning Meeting with Grade Level Co-Presidents
- Grandparents' Mass in the Afternoon

We recognize Seniors are all at different places in regards to the college application process, so the day has been designed with this in mind.

ALICE Training

Several years ago, Notre Dame adopted the ALICE program to train students for active shooter and/or lockdown situations. The program defines response options and mentally prepares our school community to respond in ways that will increase chances of survival in violent shooter or lockdown situations.

Freshmen Student Council Homeroom Representatives

Good luck to the freshmen who are running for Homeroom Representative next Friday, October 27.



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.



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

WE NEED YOUR HELP! ◀

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.



www.ndapandas.org



A National School of Excellence

NDA & CCH PRESENT ANTIGONE ◀

Don't miss NDA's first performance of the school year! A story of faith vs. law, truth vs. fiction, and the power of young voices in the face of adversity, this is the perfect play for our young people today to re-examine.

- **Friday, October 20 - 7:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, October 21 - 7:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, October 22 - 2:00 p.m.**

You can purchase tickets online [HERE](#).

Tickets are \$7 for students and \$10 for adults



Tickets available online at <http://www.ndapendents.org/arts/performing-arts-center/ticket-information.aspx> or at the box office 30 minutes before the show



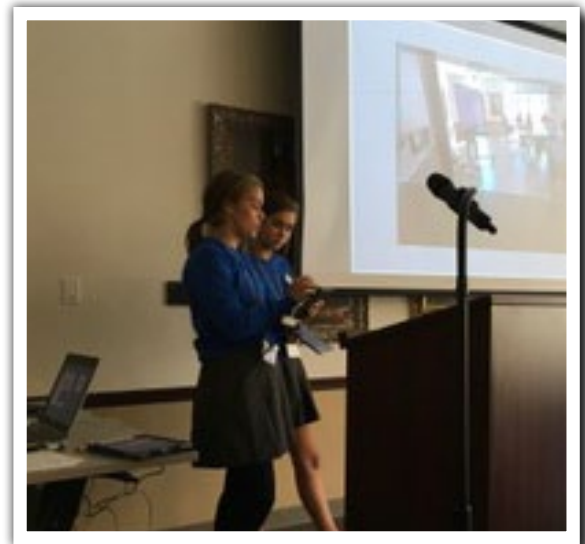
INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

SWAT Visits Quarterly Technology Meeting

On Tuesday, October 17, senior SWAT member, Meghan Greenwell, and junior SWAT member, Chloe Hasenkamp, accompanied Mrs. Mullee to

the quarterly Diocesan Technology Committee meeting at the Curia. All of the technology coordinators from all of the Diocesan grade schools and high schools gather to discuss different technology trends and brainstorm with each other. There are often presenters so this time, Mrs. Mullee felt it was time to bring student stakeholders to the fore. Meghan and Chloe both represented NDA very well as they explained how to use Notability both in the classroom and organizationally. They further explained how teachers could use it as a teaching tool, or portable whiteboard.

Explore the robustness yourself by clicking on the icon below:



“I was most impressed with their description of how to collaborate using Notability,” says Mrs. Mulee. The students explained to the group, “It depends on the file type you choose for exporting your note to a group. If you keep it in notability format, the people you share with will be able to make notes, erase or edit your work, and add to your work. It is a live document. Then you can share the finished product in Google Drive.”

The young ladies eloquently explained how the SWAT team is an integral part of NDA. They fielded questions from curious technology coordinators as well. Mrs. Mullee explained how Doceri worked, giving the teacher the freedom to control her computer from her iPad as she walks around the room. She told them it can also serve as a portable whiteboard achieving the same results as Smartboard technologies, only the teacher is free to roam as she instructs. Additionally, a screencast video is taken that can be sent to Google Drive or Youtube (among others) for students to review as many times as they like. It helps the teacher document curriculum as well. The SWAT team is looking forward to more great opportunities to come this school year.

IT'S ALL GREEK TO SOPHOMORE WORLD CIV STUDENTS ◀

Mrs. Stratman's sophomore World Civ class dressed as gods and goddesses and argued for a right to become the patron of a new Greek city as they wound up their studies of Greek civilization.



SENIOR MOSQUE TRIP ◀

Last week our seniors visited a Mosque allowing them to reflect on and apply what they are learning at NDA – the importance of respecting those who are of different nationalities, religions and beliefs.



RNVTNS VOL. V,# 3 Things Moving, Moving, Moving ◀

Don't miss the latest installment of Sr. Dolores Giblin's Heritage Blog so you can read all about our recent renovations. You can access her blog [HERE](#).

JUNIOR SUPPORT STRATEGIES SPEAKER ◀

Recently Cathy Scheffter, a Physical Therapist from Mercy Health, met with the AEP juniors. She discussed career paths, college options, what's expected of them in the workforce, what they need to be doing in high school in order to be successful in college, and Mercy's shadowing program for high school students, as well as, local hospitals' programs.



NDA SKI CLUB NEWS ◀

NDA Ski Club Members: Register online at www.perfectnorth.com. Select Club Log-In located on the Perfect North Slopes home page. Search the ABC Chart for Club Name: Notre Dame Academy. Club Password: **panda**. Purchase by November 15 to receive club discounts. The first Ski Club meeting will be October 24. Contact Marah Brooks or Lauren Quigley for additional information.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

ARCHERY TEAM SEASON STARTER 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 this **Monday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m.** 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.



SOCCER

Congrats to our Soccer Pandas who beat Dixie tonight 2-0! They now advance to the Regional Championship this Saturday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Dixie!

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to our Cross Country Pandas! They finished third at conference this past weekend. They head into Regionals on October 28 at Ryle.

VOLLEYBALL

Don't miss our Volleyball Pandas as they take on Beechwood in District finals Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

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.

- **Began 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**

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**



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

19 **TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY**
ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY
KY WESLEY COLLEGE

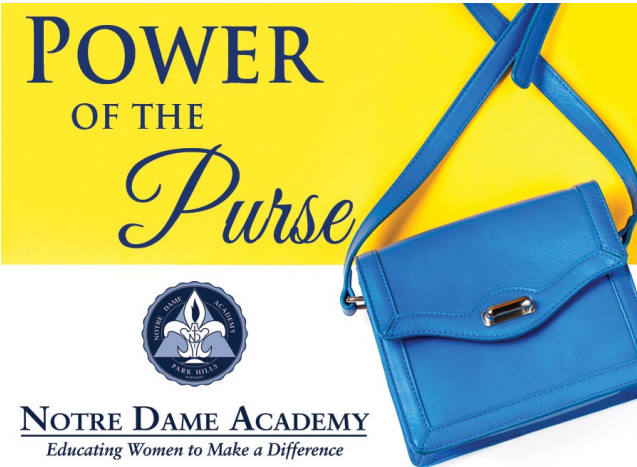
23 **COLLEGE OF WOOSTER**
25 **BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY**



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 can be purchased by calling the NDA Advancement Office at 859.292.7729 OR you can purchase tickets online [HERE](#). Seating is limited.



POWER OF THE PURSE ◀

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](#).



AUTUMN GALA - THANK YOU! ◀

Our Autumn Gala this weekend was a great success! It was a sold out event with 345 in attendance. The evening was filled with energy and excitement celebrating our school's tradition of educating young women to make a difference in our world.

We are very grateful to Nancy Goeke ('70) and Taffy Hebbler ('79) who led an amazing committee of 30 volunteers in making this a successful event. We appreciate the faculty, staff and students who helped ahead of time and were there Saturday night to make sure all went smoothly and a good time was had by all. Most of all, we can celebrate all of the parents, alumnae, faculty, staff and friends who so graciously support our NDA mission and tradition!

▶ Important dates

October 20	Super Friday (SR College Planning/JR ACT/SO CERT/FR Holocaust Museum) Grandparents' Mass
October 20-22	Fall Play Antigone Friday and Saturday: 7:00 p.m., Sunday 2:00 p.m.
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](#).

