



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

We continue to prepare the way of the Lord during this Advent season. In this special time of hope and waiting, we draw closer to each other and especially to God who sent His only son to save us from our sins. During Advent we look for new ways in which God enters our lives. We open ourselves to discovering Christ in all things and each other and we continue to *Embrace Dignity in Self, Others and Community*.

Our students and faculty are just five days away from our Christmas break and the completion of semester exams. Exams will be next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Information about exams can be found in the announcements below. Students are dismissed for the day at the end of their last exam on each of those days. Please make sure your daughter gets plenty of rest and has a good breakfast for each exam day as it can be difficult to manage the stress of exams this time of year.

This past Friday our NDA community enjoyed seeing the many talents of our students at the annual Choral, Band and Dance Panda Concert. I commend not only our students but our faculty members involved. They all did a wonderful job!

Congratulations to our Student Council on a successful Christmas Mixer this past Saturday evening. Our students did a great job hosting this event and they raised a substantial amount of financial support for the Gatlinburg fire relief efforts. I am very proud of their ability to take charge of these sorts of events and even more impressed by their desire to help those in need.

Congratulations to our Personal Finance students on the investment skills they displayed on a recent field trip. You can read more about their success below.

Also, please note the important reminders listed below from our Finance Department and Cafeteria Manager.

May this holy season of Advent fill you with peace, hope and many special blessings, and may you be reminded of God's presence in your life each day.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



PARENT REMINDER:

If you are planning a family trip for the holidays, please remember the importance of your daughter's attendance at school each and every day. Our teachers will be teaching and our students will be learning right up until Christmas break begins and on the first day back. It is critical that they do not miss school on exam days. Absences at any time of year, including the holidays, can affect a student's opportunity for academic success. Please give your daughter the best chance to do well in her studies and make her attendance at school a priority, especially during this holiday season!

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Student Council Mixer

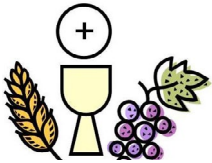
This past Saturday, Student Council hosted a Christmas mixer. Thanks to all who came out as we were able to raise \$500 that will support Gatlinburg fire relief efforts.

Dress Code Reminder

With the recent snowfall, we are reminded of the need for warmer clothes this time of the year. Here are some winter essentials when it comes to our school's dress code:

Spirit wear sweatshirts should be saved for Fridays. The NDA approved uniform sweater, sweatshirt and fleece can be worn any day of the week.

Tights/Leggings under skirts will certainly keep students warmer during these chilly temps, but they should be solid black, navy blue or gray color.



JOIN US FOR MASS

This Friday, December 16, we will celebrate Mass at 7:20 a.m. in our chapel. Our intention is for all those preparing for exams. Please join us in the celebration of the Eucharist. We welcome all students, parents, faculty and staff!

SAY "THANK YOU" TO OUR FACULTY & STAFF ◀

Are you looking for a little help with your holiday shopping this year? The Panda Parent Club (PPC) would like to make it easier for you to thank your daughter's teachers this Christmas!

The PPC is organizing a group gift for our dedicated faculty and staff for those parents who wish to participate. Your contribution to the group gift is completely optional. If you prefer to give your own gifts, that is perfectly fine.

If you would like to participate, simply send in your donation by cash or check (made out to NDA) to the school office in an envelope marked **FACULTY/STAFF CHRISTMAS** by **MONDAY,**

DECEMBER 19. Please include your family name. You can choose to contribute whatever amount you would like. If you are looking for a recommended amount, we suggest a contribution of \$10 per family.

We will be hosting a Christmas luncheon and purchasing gift cards for all of the faculty and staff to thank them for the wonderful job they do at Notre Dame Academy. A special card from the PPC with a list of all of the contributing families be included with their gifts.



Looking for
a little help
with your
holiday
shopping?

IMPORTANT REMINDERS ◀

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

The finance office would like to remind everyone to log into your FACTS account and make sure your account is current. With athletic fees and theatre fees now running through FACTS many of you may be unaware of past due balances on these fees. Please take a minute or two and make sure you are up to date on all of your payments.

FROM THE CAFETERIA MANAGER..

Please check your daughter's account balances in the cafeteria and to pay any overdue balances by the Christma Break. Thank you!

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

We will close the office at 11:30 on December 21 and the offices will be closed until January 3. On January 3 and 4 we will be opened from 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Normal school hours will begin on our first day back January 5.

NDA STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT INVESTING ◀

Tuesday, December 6, Hillary Johnson and Pat Brennan took their Personal Finance classes to NKU for the Portfolios Investment Workshop led by Stuart and Sharon Crickmer. The students played a simulated investment game and their results were very impressive. Kathleen Rice came in first place!

PORTFOLIOSTM
INVESTMENT SIMULATION GAME



Notre Dame Academy

December 6, 2016



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at NDA!

CHORAL AND BAND CONCERT ◀



NDA GINGERBREAD HOUSE BY THE HICKS FAMILY ◀



NDA FAMILY DIRECTORY ◀

A pdf of the NDA family directory was emailed to all parents this past week. Please check the directory to see if your family is listed correctly. If you have any changes to your listing, please contact Raymond Schlosser at schlosserr@ndapandas.org.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



KENTUCKY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS

We're getting close to the 2017 application deadline for the Governor's School for Entrepreneurs. Below is the important information. Email Mrs. Hildreth if you have questions.



Application Deadline: January 4 (only 5 weeks)

Apply Here: www.KentuckyGSE.com

GSE 2017 Dates: June 25 to July 15

GSE 2017 Location: Transylvania University (our 1st year here!)

EXAM SCHEDULE ◀

Exams will be held next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. You can find a pdf of the exam schedule [HERE](#).

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

ARCHERY

NDA and CCH teamed up again to shoot at Williamstown coming in 4th out of 18 teams. Hope Feinauer shot a 280, surpassing her personal best score by 14 points and placing 8th out of 154. Grace Schmidt, Hannah Miller and Claire Scheffter all set their personal best scores. Other top shooters included Erin Kirchner and Gabriella Ficke.



BASS FISHING

The bass fishing coach will be at the lunch mods on Friday to provide any interested students with info.

LACROSSE

Want to be part of the fastest growing high school sport in the country? There will be an informational meeting about lacrosse tryouts for the spring season **TODAY, December 14 @ 7pm** in the NDA cafeteria. If you are unable to attend the meeting but have interest in playing lacrosse or have questions about the sport, please contact head coach Jimmy Marshall at marshallj@ndapandas.org.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT THE BAMBOOTIQUE - AT NDA and ONLINE! ◀

It's holiday shopping time at the Bambootique and now you can shop at NDA or online! To shop online [CLICK HERE](#). If you would like to come to NDA's Bambootique, we have special holiday hours to serve you better:



Saturday	December 3	10:30-12:30pm
Tuesday	December 6	3-5pm
Saturday	December 10	10:30-12:30pm
Tuesday	December 13	5-7pm
Thursday	December 15	5:30-7:30pm
Saturday	December 17	10:30-12:30pm

SUPPORT NDA WHILE YOU SHOP! ◀



Why not Make A Difference while you shop? Amazon Smile is a great way to give back with no cost to you. Any eligible products will donate 0.5% of the purchase price directly back to NDA. Simply click on www.smile.amazon.com and login with your amazon account, choose Notre Dame Academy as your charitable organization and shop away.

Kroger Community Rewards supports us.

And you can help!

Enroll today or re-enroll starting April 1.



You can also help raise money at NDA through your grocery shopping at Kroger. Kroger is donating \$4 million to local organizations Use your Kroger Plus Card and help NDA grow!

Supporting our organization has never been easier — just shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Here's how to enroll:

1. Visit KrogerCommunityRewards.com
2. Sign in to your online account, or create an account
3. Find and select your organization, and click "Enroll"

You'll start earning rewards for your organization right away on qualifying purchases made using your Kroger Plus Card! Learn more at KrogerCommunityRewards.com, and thank you for your support.

***Remember, you'll need to re-enroll every April.**

▶ Important dates

December 15	Lip Sync Battle Contest
	Exam Fest
December 16	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. - All are welcome!
	Advent Prayer Service
December 19-21	Exams
December 21	2nd Quarter Ends
December 22-January 4	Christmas Break - No School
January 5	Classes Resume
January 13	Father/Daughter Dance
January 16	No School: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Part-time job opportunity for moms and students
- National League of Junior Cottillions

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

