



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I hope your Advent has been filled with the peace, hope and many special blessings of the season. We gathered last Friday for our Advent Prayer Service. It was a very nice way for all of us to come together as a community to prepare ourselves for Christmas.

Our students and faculty completed their semester exams today and are ready to begin a well-deserved Christmas break. This will be the last Panda Press Weekly newsletter in 2016. The next issue will be January 11, 2017.

We held our annual Faculty/Staff Christmas luncheon today after exams. I would like to thank our Panda Parent Club and all the parents who support this celebration by providing desserts and funding for Christmas gifts for our dedicated faculty and staff.

When we return from our break, the students will be preparing for the annual Silver Bells Winter Dance on Friday, January 20, at NDA. This dance is planned by our sophomore class and is open to students in grades 10,11 and 12.

We will also begin the scheduling process for the 2017-18 school year a few weeks after we return from our Christmas break. Parent information meetings will be held in early February. More information will follow after the first of the year.

Please note that the school office will be closed during the break. We will close today, December 21 at 11:30 a.m. and reopen on January 3, 2017. On January 3 and 4 we will be opened from 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Normal office hours will begin on our first day back January 5.

Christmas is more than simply the celebration of God becoming Man in a historical moment; it is also a reminder to all of us that He continues to be present in our world today. I see God present in our students, our faculty and staff, and in all that we do at Notre Dame Academy. Thank you for your continued support of our community. On behalf of the faculty and staff of NDA, I wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Silver Bells

Ticket sales for the annual Silver Bells dance will begin after we return from Christmas break. All sophomores through seniors are invited to join us on Friday, January 20, 2017 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the dance. The theme is "Frozen in Time."

Catholic Schools Week Talent Show

Registration is now open for NDA's annual Talent Show scheduled for Friday, February 3. During the break, students are asked to think about how they can contribute to this annual celebration of talents. Any freshman through senior is invited to show off her talent whether it is in music, theatre, dance, band or comedy.

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 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 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.



PPC NEWS ◀

PPC Meetings are always the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the teachers lounge.

Father/ Daughter Dance is January 27, 2017. We are in need of volunteers to help with setup and cleanup. Please contact Cherie Zieleniewski (PPC Vice President) at cheriez@fuse.net to help.

After Prom will start planning in January. Based on your daughter's survey we have many new things we are doing for After Prom. Please consider attending planning meeting to see all the great things we are doing. Contact info is Janna Collins: Janna.Collins@twc.com.

PPC Parent Committees would like to Wish all our Families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Lori Alcantara - President

Cherie Zieleniewski - Vice President

Kristy Seither - Secretary

Jojo Santos - Treasurer

¡HOLA DESDE JUNGLE JIM'S! ◀

This past Saturday members of the Spanish Club took an adventure to Jungle Jim's International Food Market where they learned about cuisine, produce and yummy treats from the Spanish speaking world. Here the students are tasting dragon fruit (or "pitahaya" in Spanish!) If you are a foodie, please join us in the Spring when we welcome a Puerto Rican chef to NDA (details TBA). ¡Hasta entonces! ("See you then!")



TEXTILES FINAL EXAM ◀

Check out the amazing quilts made by our two Textiles classes! This quilt takes quite a while to make and is the final "exam" of the class. Every quilt is a variation of the Log Cabin pattern. Textiles teacher Pat Brennan says, "I am very proud of the girls' effort and perseverance in the completion of such a large project!"



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MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY DRINKING COKE! ◀

NDA's Interact Club and Environmental Club have been working on entering My Coke Rewards points from bottle caps we gather at NDA. We thus far gathered 11,556 points for NDA since they switched their program for schools to a cash rewards system. Each bottle cap is worth 3 points so we have entered the equivalent of 3852 bottle caps. Every 3 points are roughly worth 5 cents so we have raised roughly \$192.60. Their goal is to raise enough money to purchase a solar panel for NDA. Do you drink Coke products? If so, join the effort by donating your "My Coke Rewards" points to NDA! You can turn them in at one of these club's meetings or to Dr. Martin.

PANDAS LIP SYNC BATTLE!



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!)



NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

ARCHERY

The NDA/CCH archers competed at the Twenhofel tournament coming in 2nd out of eleven schools. Top scores were earned by Erin Kirchner who shot a 268, Hope Feinauer with a 261, Claire Scheffter shot a 258, and Alexis Hehman managed a 257. Mackenzie Burns shot her personal best score of 241. The full roster results can be found at nasptournaments.org.



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Enroll today or re-enroll starting April 1.



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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 21	Exams
	2nd Quarter Ends
December 22-January 4	Christmas Break - No School
January 5	Classes Resume
January 6	New Year's Mass - 9:00 a.m.
January 9	HSPT Results Meeting
January 13	Father/Daughter Dance
January 16	No School: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 20	Silver Bells Dance

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](#).

