



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

In our Advent Journey we are reminded of the significance of prayer and community in our lives. While time seems to pass even more quickly than usual through the holidays, it is important for us to take time out during this busy season to pause and remember the blessings of people and community.

It is difficult to believe that we only have two more weeks of classes before our Christmas break. Our student council has done a terrific job decorating our school building with all sorts of holiday cheer to prepare us for the upcoming holidays.

Friday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and therefore school will be closed. I hope you are able to attend Mass with your daughter on Friday as it is a Holy Day of Obligation. I'm sure our students will enjoy the day off but considering our school theme this year, I think they will also find themselves inspired on this special day by our Blessed Mother and her willingness to say "yes" to God. I hope they see her humility and courage in following the Word of God and are *empowered by Mary's Witness!*

Please note: Due to our adjusted calendar this year, our exams will be January 16, 17 and 18 and a schedule will be shared with the students and parents soon.

In order to be prepared for any upcoming inclement weather, we tested our emergency notification system this week. If you did not receive the "TEST" notification, please contact our school office at 859.261.4300.

A very special thank you to the students and parents who came out this past weekend to support our annual fruit sale. It could not have been done without you. Also we are especially grateful to Jan Schmidt for the planning, hard work and infinite number of hours she contributed to making this fundraiser for our athletic program a success.

I suggest that you encourage your daughter to take some time during this season of Advent for joyful preparation and peaceful reflection of the importance of prayer and community in our lives and the coming of our Lord on Christmas day.

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

*Prepare the
Way of
the Lord*



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

HYGIENE DRIVE REMINDER!

NDA Interact Club Co-Presidents, Emma Hatter and Cassidy Craig, would like to remind everyone that tomorrow (Thursday) is the final day of the Hygiene Drive. Please bring in any of the following items:

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Body wash/soap
- Clorox wipes
- Windex
- Toilet cleaner
- All purpose cleaner
- Dawn dish soap
- Laundry detergent



All donations go to BeConcerned! Thank you in advance!

PREPARING THE WAY ◀

Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. Reconciliation Services will be taking place during Religion classes next week: December 11-15.

Listen for **Notre Dame Academy**
Tuesday, December 12th 6 am-6pm



LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY ◀

Listen to Sacred Heart Radio on Tuesday, December 12 from 6 am to 6 pm to hear our NDA Peer Ministers lead the Tri-State in praying The Memorare!

NDA STUDENTS MAKE HONOR ROLL ◀

Congratulations to all of our First Quarter Honor Roll students! You can see the complete list [HERE](#).

PREPARING FOR SUCCESS! ◀

Last week the freshmen had a “Lunch and Learn” opportunity where Ms. Ericson and Mrs. Monohan went over some study strategies and exam preparation. Exams will be January 16, 17 and 18 and a schedule will be shared with the students and parents soon. Here is a link to see the Google Slide presentation:

[Study Strategies](#)





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.



GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT! ◀

We have a couple of wonderful opportunities coming up at NDA to get you in the Christmas spirit!

Panda Tones/Dance Pandas Christmas Choral Concert

Thursday, December 7 from 7:00 p.m - 9:00 p.m.
NDA Theatre

NDA/CCH Band Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 10 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
NDA Theatre



IT'S SKYLINE TIME ◀

No worries about "what's for dinner" tomorrow - **Thursday, December 7!** Our friendly Ft. Wright Skyline is generously offering to donate 20% of sales between 3 and 9 p.m. to NDA for our dances and events. Please support NDA and eat Skyline on December 7! Download your 20% coupon [HERE](#).

IMPORTANT REMINDER ◀

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



YOU ARE INVITED! ◀

Don't miss the next Panda Parent Club meeting - Monday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the faculty lounge.



MOCK TRIAL TEAM FUNDRAISER AT CHIPOTLE ◀

The Mock Trial team is hosting a fundraiser at Chipotle on Buttermilk Pike on December 20. Simply say they are there for NDA Mock trial when you pay for your food and 50% of the proceeds go to help the team get to their regional tournament this year.



CNSTRCTN, VOL. VII, # 1, Collaborative Learning Center (aka Library) Advances ◀

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](#).

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Regional Youth Leadership Opportunity

All sophomores were emailed information about the Regional Youth Leadership Program for the Chamber of Commerce. The program is for juniors but they recruit during the sophomore year. Regional Youth Leadership is a series of sessions held monthly during the school day from August through March. Each session is held at a different business or organization and managed by community leaders. The Program looks for a diverse group of students who are not necessarily the very top students. They want students who have leadership potential, are well rounded, enjoys community service and is a B student or better. For more information, please see the RYL website and application link below:



<https://regionalyouthleadership.weebly.com/applications--forms.html>



Green Dot is a nationally recognized bystander strategy focused on preventing violence in all its forms, including bullying, dating violence, and sexual assault. The strategy is based on the belief that each of us holds power as bystanders to actively prevent violence, and to shape our community's norms. Green Dot Specialists trained and practiced with Notre Dame Academy Freshmen and Seniors in November and December about different ways they can intervene in potentially harmful situations, using the "3D's:" Direct intervention, Delegation, or Distraction. NDA Sophomores and Juniors will be trained in January. No one has to do everything, but everyone has to do something.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

ARCHERY

The NDA Archers shot at Pendleton County Saturday, coming in 4th place with a team score of 3088. Claire Scheffter was our top archer: shooting her career high score of 281 and coming in 8th in her division. Gwyneth Thomas started strong at her first tournament: shooting a 276 and coming in 11th place. Other top shots included: Gabriella Ficke with a 275, Lily Pierson, who shot her personal best score of 269, Alexis Hehman with a 269, Megan Seligman also shot her personal best of 266, and Oli Marita who shot her personal best of 265. Full roster statistics can be found on nasptournaments.org. Nice shooting Pandas!



FRUIT SALE REMINDER

Thank you to all those that worked their mandatory 2 hour shift this weekend and picked up their fruit!

ALL MONEY IS DUE BY TOMORROW - DECEMBER 7. WE START COLLECTING AT 7:00 AM IN THE AUDITORIUM.

IMPORTANT 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. 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!

SANTA STOCKS BAMBOOTIQUE FOR CHRISTMAS ◀

Santa came early this year at NDA and he left many awesome new items for you to purchase for your Panda! Stop in and check them out!



IT'S HOLIDAY SHOPPING TIME!

Come visit us at the
Bambootique!

Special Holiday Hours to Serve you!

Wednesday, December 6 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday, December 7 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 9 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 12 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 13 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday, December 14 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 16 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 19 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 21 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



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 [HERE](#) and login with your amazon account, choose Notre Dame Academy as your charitable organization and shop away.



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.**

STAFF ACCOUNTANT POSITION AVAILABLE AT NDA ◀

Notre Dame Academy is looking for a part-time Staff Accountant (25-30 hours per week). The Staff Accountant assists the Finance Director with the administration of the financial affairs of Notre Dame Academy. Job duties include processing daily cash receipts, bank reconciliations, accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll processing. Accounting experience and strong Excel skills are required. Experience with QuickBooks and HR management is highly preferred. Please send a letter of interest and resume to ndahr@ndapandas.org. Resumes will be reviewed until the position is filled. Notre Dame Academy is a Catholic all girls high school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame.

► Important dates

December 6	Sophomore retreat Holiday Leadership Luncheon for Alumnae
December 7	In School Band and Choral Christmas Concert Panda Tones Concert 7:00 p.m.
December 8	NO SCHOOL - Immaculate Conception
December 9	High School Placement Test (HSPT)
December 10	Band Christmas Concert
December 11	Senior Retreat Panda Parent Club Meeting
December 20	Faculty/Staff Christmas Party
December 21	No School: Christmas Break begins
January 4	School resumes
January 12	Silver Bells - Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors
January 13	Freshmen Semi-Formal Dance
January 15	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 16,17,18	Exams
January 19	Life March 2nd quarter ends

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Boone County Walk for Life
- Positions Available for Students
- Part-time job opportunity

You can find a complete list of community news [HERE](#).

