



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 yesterday for our annual Advent Prayer Service. It was a very nice way for all of us to come together as a community to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ this Christmas.

Our students and faculty are ready to begin a well-deserved Christmas break. This will be the last Panda Press Weekly newsletter in 2017. The next issue will be January 10, 2018.

When we return from our break, students will be preparing for their exams. The exam schedule has been shared with your daughters and can be found online [HERE](#). As I said last week, I think it is important over the Christmas break to encourage your daughters to strike a healthy balance between studying for exams and taking some time away from school work. As much as we strive for excellence at NDA and want our students to be successful in their coursework, I also want them to take time to relax and spend time with family and friends throughout the Christmas season.

Please note that the school office will be closed during the Christmas break. As you saw in Dr. Koehl's letter yesterday, there will be quite a bit of construction activity on campus over the next two weeks. I have explained to the students that some things may look a bit different to them when they return from Christmas break - namely the cafeteria floor. Over the break, asbestos abatement of the cafeteria floor will take place to prepare it for a new surface. The floor will be concrete for the remainder of the school year until work begins on the cafeteria in late spring. As always, know that we will do what is necessary to ensure that a safe and productive learning environment is maintained in our building throughout this renovation process.

The school office will be closed from December 21 through January 3. Normal office hours will begin on our first day back to school after the break - January 4, 2018.

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. Christmas is such a special time of year and as I told the students at our prayer service, no one does Christmas better than NDA! 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

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Attention Freshmen Parents: HELP NEEDED

Sophomores through Seniors are invited to attend the annual Silver Bells Dance on Friday, January 12 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. To assist with clean up, we ask for the help of Freshmen parents to clean up immediately after the dance. This takes the responsibility off of the Sophomore class who hosts the event.



We are looking for 12 to 15 Freshmen parents to help clean up after the dance which is held at Notre Dame. Clean up would begin at 11:00pm and should take no longer than one hour. We appreciate your help! [CLICK HERE](#) to volunteer!

Sophomore Ring Ordering

Registration is now open for NDA's annual Talent Show scheduled for Friday, February 2. 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. Registrations are due Friday, January 19.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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YEARBOOK SALES ◀

Parents, if your daughter did not buy a 2017 yearbook and would like one, a limited number of copies are available for \$70 in the school office. Also, it's never too soon to buy the 2018 book, on sale now at yearbook.jostens.com or by following [this link](#).

NEED SHELVES? ◀

Due to renovations, the bookshelves in the NDA library are coming down. We are offering them to parents at no cost however we need you to arrange to pick them up sometime soon. If interested, please call Leanne Kirn at 859.292.1827.



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.

REMINDER FROM THE CAFETERIA ◀

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

EXPERT ADVICE FROM RECENT ALUMNA ◀

Katie Stratman, class of 2016, returned to NDA to share her experience as a sports photographer and photojournalism major at Western Kentucky University with NDA's photo club. Katie shared recent photos from the bowl game Western played in Orlando. She also brought in and explained the equipment she uses. Club members shared their photos with Katie to get ideas on how to improve them. We will be using Katie's information for our third quarter photo challenge - "action shots"!



INTRO TO ENGINEERING CLASS PROJECT ◀

The engineering students finished their cardboard chairs just in time for Christmas. The challenge was to design and build a "comfortable" chair from 2 cardboard boxes without using tape or glue. The chair needed to hold 200 pounds without collapsing. Every chair succeeded!





CONGRATS TO OUR FALL 2017 STOCK MARKET GAME WINNERS! ◀

Mrs. Pat Brennan's students did very well in the Fall 2017 Stock Market Game. They were the Secondary District North Regionals winners and came in first at State. Mrs. Brennan and her students will receive cash awards for winning!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

ARCHERY

The Archers shot at the Northern Kentucky Nock-Down Tournament last Saturday coming in 5th out of 15 teams with a score of 3172. Sara Hafertepen was the team's top shot, shooting her personal best of 272, coming in 18th out of 164 archers. Other score leaders were Gracie Siemer, who shot her personal best score of 270, Lily Pierson with a 269, Evelyn Cook, who shot her personal best of 268, and Gabriella Ficke with a 265. Anissa Dickerson, Danielle Shoemake, Sarah Witt, and Madilyn Adamchik all shot their personal best.



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



Freshmen Winter Dance

Notre Dame Academy's Drug Free Club, in cooperation with Covington Catholic, is sponsoring a semi-formal dance for all freshmen.

The dance will be held at Notre Dame on Saturday, January 6 from 8:00-11:00 pm. Tickets are \$12.00 and all proceeds will benefit Notre Dame's Drug Free Club. Freshmen attending the dance must arrive at Notre Dame by 8:30 p.m. in order to be admitted to the dance and no one will be allowed to leave until 10:45 p.m. at the earliest. Any student who believes they have a special exception must speak with Mrs. Hildreth or Mrs. Maggard ASAP and have a parent note.

Please see the Notre Dame hand book to find information particular to dances. Sections of note include: under the Dress Code section - Special Occasions and under the Code of Conduct section - Dances <https://www.ndapandas.org/academics/student-handbook.aspx>.

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ◀

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



IT'S HOLIDAY SHOPPING TIME!

Come visit us at the
Bambootique!

Special Holiday Hours to Serve you!
Thursday, December 21 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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 20	Faculty/Staff Christmas Party
December 21	No School: Christmas Break begins
December 25	Merry Christmas!
January 4	School resumes
January 6	Winter Wonderland: Freshmen - semi-formal dance at NDA, 8-11p.m.
January 12	Silver Bells - Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors (School dismisses at 2:00 p.m.)
January 15	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 16,17,18	Exams
January 19	Life March 2nd quarter ends
January 26	Father/Daughter Dance
January 29	Catholic Schools Week Begins

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](#).

