



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

We had our first Panda Parent Club meeting of the school year this past Monday with our new informational format and it was very successful. We had a large group of parents in attendance and Mr. Raymond Schlosser provided valuable information to our parents about PowerSchool Unified Classroom. If you were unable to attend but would like to learn more about monitoring your daughter's success through PowerSchool Unified Classroom, you can find more information on our website [HERE](#).

I would like to thank everyone who attended on Monday and encourage all of our parents to join us for our next Panda Parent Club Informational Meeting - **Parenting Strategies that Work** on October 14. You can find the entire calendar of PPC Informational Meetings online [HERE](#).

Here are a couple of important reminders for parents:

- **Parent Mini-Night is TONIGHT, September 11 at 7:00 p.m.** I hope you are planning to attend this evening. You should have received a schedule from your daughter earlier this week. This is a great opportunity for parents to learn about their daughter's classes and teacher expectations. It is also a chance for parents to meet our outstanding faculty members. They play a critical role in providing a Notre Dame Academy education and we are very blessed to have each and every one of them at NDA.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to Mini-Night, school will begin at 9:00 a.m. TOMORROW.

- **Afternoon Pick-Up notes:** When picking up your daughter after school, please do not park in the fire lane located in the front of school or in the back of our parking lot in the spots that are reserved for St. Joseph Heights and Julie Learning Center (these spots are unnumbered). Please park in a numbered spot and advise your daughter to meet you at the car.

As you will witness tonight at Mini-Night, prayer is an important element of an NDA education. In addition to beginning and ending our classes and our day with prayer, members of our community come together often to pray. Students, faculty and staff gather to pray a decade of the rosary in our chapel on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings at 7:45 a.m. We also come together each Thursday morning at 7:20 a.m. to celebrate the Eucharist. We are very blessed to have a chaplain who offers the opportunity for weekly Mass at NDA. We truly appreciate Fr. Jason Bertke making himself so available to our community this year. Please encourage your daughter to join us for these special opportunities for prayer.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Afternoon Prayer

As this school day draws to a close, Lord, I reflect with satisfaction on my accomplishments. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do honorable work. Where I have succeeded in being a true Christian, I am grateful. Where I have failed, I beg your forgiveness. I will not dwell on the work left undone, for with your grace, I will be here tomorrow to begin anew.

STUDENT LIFE

DATE CHANGE ◀

Our spring Play will change from the weekend of April 24 to showtimes on the following days:

- April 1 Alumnae Dinner Theatre
- April 2 Evening Show
- April 3 No Show
- April 4 Evening Show
- April 5 Matinee show

PARENT MINI-NIGHT SCHEDULE ◀

Parent Mini-Night takes place next **TONIGHT, September 11**, and students should have provided to their parents the [Parent-Mini Night schedule](#) earlier this week. Mini-Night is an opportunity for parents to walk through their daughters' schedules and to meet each of their teachers. First period begins at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening.

PLEASE NOTE!



Due to Parent Mini-Night TONIGHT, we will have a delayed start tomorrow, Thursday, September 12. School will begin at 9:00 a.m.



Hawaiian Mixer ◀

The first Mixer, hosted by Student Council, will take place at NDA this Saturday, September 14 from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. All students are welcome to attend and must arrive by 9:00 p.m. Students are permitted to leave the dance at any time.



CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

At NDA, we celebrate our Catholic Identity everyday by living the Gospel message of Jesus through kindness and generosity to others, respect for life, community service and striving to use our God given gifts. Take a look at our Campus Ministry Department calendar for the next two weeks [HERE](#).

***Special Note: Due to our late start tomorrow morning, we will change the mass before school to 8:15 a.m. All are welcome to join us in chapel.**



NDA STUDENTS NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS ◀

Three students from Notre Dame Academy have been chosen as semifinalists in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. NDA seniors, Maddie Prospero, Laura Neltner and Becky Hammill have all earned the distinction of National Merit Semifinalist. You can read more about these academically talented students [HERE](#).



CULTIVATING HOPE AND HAPPINESS STRENGTHENED BY GOD'S LOVE ◀

This week Student Council handed out #happy buttons to our entire NDA community. They chose #happy for these buttons to embody this year's school theme and remind us all that we find our true happiness in God. These buttons will be a constant reminder of God's lasting presence and the joy and happiness that he desires for each of us!



PPC INFORMATIONAL MEETING ◀

A special thank you to our Panda Parent Club for hosting the first PPC Informational Meeting of the school year earlier this week. Thanks also to Mr. Raymond Schlosser for his presentation on Unified Classroom.

If you are interested in learning how to monitor your daughter's progress through Powerschool Unified Classroom but missed the meeting, you can find step-by-step instructions on how to create a Unified Classroom PowerSchool ID on our website [HERE](#).

Don't miss our next Panda Parent Club Informational Meeting - **Parenting Strategies that Work** on October 14. You can find the entire calendar of PPC Informational Meetings online [HERE](#).

If you are in the
NDA parking lot,
you've got to be
BACKED INTO
a parking spot!

PARKING LOT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ◀

To ensure the safety and well-being of our students and the children from St. Julie Learning Center, parents and students **MUST** understand the parking lot policies and procedures at Notre Dame Academy. Please review our parking lot policies and procedures [HERE](#).

**CLASS OF
2020!**

BISHOP FOYS GIVES SENIORS DAY OFF ◀

Our Seniors attended the annual Diocesan Senior Mass last week and Bishop Foys gave them an extra day off this year which will be this Monday, September 16.

STRIKE UP THE BAND! ◀

Nice job to the best band around - the NDA/CCH Band - with a spirit that makes a difference! Check out some great pics from the NDA/CCH Band and the NDA Dance Pandas on Friday night [HERE](#).





SMILES & MILES 5K - ALMOST TIME! ◀

Get your running or walking shoes ready! All students at Notre Dame Academy are invited to participate in the annual Smiles and Miles 5K Run and Walk Honoring Maria Schaffstein, plus the Katie Stewart Memorial Frog Hop for young children. (Both Maria and Katie attended St. Agnes and Notre Dame Academy.)

Event: Smiles & Miles 5K Run and Walk

Date: Sunday, September 15 - 4:00 p.m.

Where: 5K race will start and finish at St. Agnes and wind through Park Hills

To register: Go to runningtime.net

*You get discounted family pricing if you register together with several of your NDA friends before Thursday, September 12.

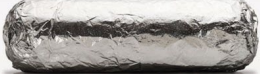
Proceeds benefit the children of St. Agnes. So grab a few friends - and have fun on Sunday, September 15 - at the Smiles and Miles 5K Run and Walk. See you there!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE ◀

This year's Play for a Purpose game will be held on Friday, September 20. We will have a pep rally at NDA during the school year but we are NOT cutting hair at the pep rally this year.

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AN EFFECT



PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE FUNDRAISER ◀

Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support **Playing for Purpose**. Come in to the Chipotle at 525 Buttermilk Pike in Crescent Springs on Wednesday, September 18 between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Bring in [this flyer](#) show it on your smart phone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Playing for Purpose.



INTERESTED IN EARNING A VARSITY LETTER? ◀

Try out for the bowling team! Bowlers of all levels are welcome. Don't worry if you've never bowled before or don't have equipment. NDA can supply equipment (limited availability so first come, first served). You are welcome to attend a "meet and greet" practice - no commitment necessary (just an hour of free bowling to see if you are interested):

Monday, September 23 | 7:00 - 8:45 p.m. | Walt's Center Lanes (Newport, KY)

Official tryouts will be held the first week of October. October 1, 7:00 p.m. at Walt's Center Lanes, October 3, 5:00 p.m. at Walt's Center Lanes and October 4 6:00 p.m. at Walt's Center Lanes. The season starts the first week of November and runs thru January. Please email Coach Wagner if you can make it - wagnerg@ndapandas.org.

PLAY LIKE
A CHAMPION
TODAY

PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY ◀

NDA will be hosting a Play Like a Champion Today Parent Training on October 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Theater for freshman student-athlete parents/guardians. It is a Diocesan requirement for all incoming freshmen student-athletes to have at least one parent/guardian attend the PLACT Parent training. PLACT will last approximately 1 hour in length and is a research based program through the University of Notre Dame which will focus on the overall culture of high school sports.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID: INFO SESSION ◀

Wednesday, September 18

6:30 p.m.

NDA Theatre

A Financial Aid Specialist from NKU will be here on September 18 to provide an overview of the college financial aid process.

All parents and students are welcome! Senior parents going through the financial aid process for the first time would especially benefit.



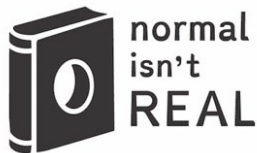
NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR ◀

Saturday, September 14

Duke Energy Convention Center

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Details: [National College Fair](#)



NORMAL ISN'T REAL ◀

On October 3, 2019, Springer School and Center is joining with Cincinnati Children's to screen the documentary, "Normal Isn't Real: Succeeding with Learning Disabilities and ADHD." The film features stories of successful young people with LD and ADHD. The filmmaker, Krys Kornmeier's purpose in making the film was to inspire young people, their families and teachers. For more information visit: www.Springer-LD.org/normalisntreal



College
Rep
Visits

2019-20 College Rep Visits ◀

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch periods. You can find a list of upcoming visits [HERE](#).



DRUG FREE CLUB INFORMATION ◀

The time is NOW sign up for Drug Free Clubs of America (DFCA) - unless a student was signed up for all 4 years as a Freshman! For more information [CLICK HERE](#).



MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY! ◀

Planning for the 2019 Autumn Gala is in full swing, and the committees are working hard to provide an even greater experience for all. The 2019 Autumn Gala will be held on Saturday, October 12 at Summit Hills Country Club and will feature an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, a gourmet sit-down dinner, specialty games, and silent and live auctions.

Read more about The Golden Ticket and a sampling of some of the items that will be offered in the Live and Silent Auctions [HERE](#).



ALUMNAE NEWS ◀

Alumnae Mass

All are welcome to join us at our monthly Alumnae and Friends Masses in our new *Mary, Mother of the World* Chapel with a continental breakfast to follow. You can read about upcoming Alumnae Masses [HERE](#).

Alumnae Day

Our 3rd Annual Alumnae Day will be held on **Saturday, September 21, 2019**. For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

*Women Making
A Difference*

WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

The Women Making a Difference award program recognizes Notre Dame Academy alumnae who have made significant contributions to their families and their communities through service, professional, and philanthropic efforts. We are currently accepting nominations for the 2020 Award Ceremony. Nominations are due no later than **Friday, September 27**. For more information on nominating a deserving alumna please [CLICK HERE](#).

**COMMUNITY
NEWS**

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Work Study Positions Available
- Make A Difference Providing Disaster Relief
- Smiles and Miles 5K and FROG Hop
- SAVE THE DATE – “THE MARRIAGE JOURNEY”
- Living Your Strengths: Taking Your Life to the Next Level
- Yoga Sol Classes
- SWORKIT Youth Initiative
- Diocese of Covington Bible Study
- Special Tumbling Offer for NDA Students



► Important dates

September

- 11 Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents
Parent Mini Night 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Morning Mass 8:15 a.m. Chapel
- 13 Club Orientation
- 14 Student Council Fall Mixer
- 16 Seniors Off School (per Bishop Foys)
- 20 Food Truck Day
Fall Sports Pep Rally - Playing for a Purpose Volleyball Game
- 21 NDA Alumnae Day
- 24 Naturalization Ceremony at NDA
- 25 Alumnae Mass
Donor Scholarship Breakfast

October

- 1 SND Foundations Day
- 2 Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents
- 3 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 4 FR/SO CERT Testing
JR ACT Testing
SR College Planning Day
Grandparents' Day Mass
- 6 Golden Girls Celebration Mass and Brunch
- 9 Common Reader Day
- 10 Junior Retreat
- 11 No School: Faculty Professional Development
- 12 Autumn Gala
- 16 SO/JR PSAT | Freshman Retreat #1
- 18-20 Fall Play
- 21-24 Senior Retreat #2
- 30 Alumnae Mass