



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

With autumn quickly approaching, we can see the colors of the season changing all around us. Most places so go from green to orange and brown but at NDA, we go from blue and gold to pink. Our annual **Playing for a Purpose** game against St. Henry has a way of blanketing our campus in all shades of the vibrant color as excitement builds for the yearly competition.

Playing for a Purpose is an important event for our students and the community for many reasons. This event not only raises funds to support the *I Have Wings* Breast Cancer Foundation, it also raises awareness of those currently fighting breast cancer and honors survivors of this horrible disease. Additionally, P4P supports our mission to make a difference in the world. Our students act with purpose not only at this annual fundraiser but throughout the year in their service to others, in the classroom and in much of what they do outside of school. Our founders and sponsors, the Sisters of Notre Dame, have taught us that God has a unique design for each of our lives and that we need to live our lives for that purpose.

On Thursday, October 3, NDA will hold Student/Parent Teacher Conferences from 2:30 - 8:00 p.m. Student/Parent Teacher Conferences are a wonderful opportunity for our students to take ownership of their education and I encourage you and your daughter to attend teacher conferences this year. I truly believe that every student can greatly benefit from a personal conversation with her teachers. We are blessed with very qualified and dedicated faculty members at NDA who are invested in making each student's educational experience at NDA the best it can be. Please encourage your daughter to take advantage of this great opportunity, to be responsible for her education, and attend this year's Student/Parent Teacher Conferences. We will once again use MyConferenceTime to schedule conference online. You can access the online scheduler by going to <https://www.myconferencetime.com/nda/>. The site will be live later this week.

Thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education rooted in the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame. The sisters have provided us with a strong foundation of core beliefs and values that inspire us to live our lives with intention, integrity and purpose.

Here is a picture of two perfect examples of lives lived with purpose!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

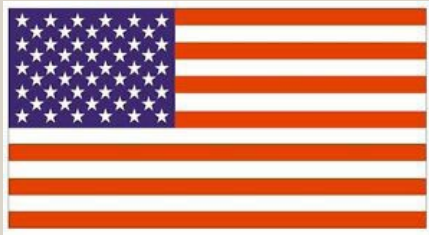
FRESHMEN STUDENT COUNCIL HOMEROOM REPRESENTATIVE ELECTIONS ◀

Freshmen who are interested in running for Student Council Homeroom Representative applications are due next Wednesday, September 25. Elections will take place during homeroom on Monday, October 7.

CONFERENCE SIGN UPS ◀

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Student/Parent Teacher Conferences



NATURALIZATION CEREMONY ◀

The promotion of justice, peace and integrity of creation is an essential part of living the charism of our sponsors, the Sisters of Notre Dame. As such, our NDA community will have the unique opportunity to attend a Naturalization Ceremony next Tuesday starting at 1:00 p.m. in the school gym. Witnessing applicants take the Oath of Allegiance and become citizens of the United States is a wonderful opportunity for all. School will dismiss immediately following the ceremony.



SMILES & MILES 5K - THANK YOU! ◀

The annual Smiles and Miles Race honoring Maria Schaffstein and the Katie Stewart Memorial Frog Hop was a tremendous success. You can read more about how our current students helped out with this event in honor of two of our graduates and see pictures from the day [HERE](#).



THE PERFECT PILLOWCASE FOR A PANDA! ◀

Our NDA textiles classes made pillowcases using the Burrito method this week. "It's a little tricky, all the fabric gets rolled up and sewn in the cuff, pulled inside out and side seams sewn," says textiles instructor, Mrs. Pat Brennan.



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](#).



Campus Ministry

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](#).

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES ◀

Details and sign ups for the following opportunities are listed on Unified Classroom in the Service Information Class Pages. All students have access to these opportunities.

- Mary Rose Mission: Needs help on various days between September 20-30 from 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- Emergency Cold Shelter of NKY: Help working a drink station at that Hudy 14K on September 21
- Bean Bash: October 5 from 12-6 p.m. (students can work in shifts)
- City of Erlanger: Halloween Movie and Carnival - October 19

JUNIOR RETREAT ◀

Junior Retreat will take place on Thursday, October 10 from 2:00-8:00 p.m. All Juniors are required to attend this event. Juniors do not have classes that morning - they report to the auditorium at 1:45 p.m. for attendance before we begin the retreat. We ask that the parents help to provide a pasta dinner for the juniors. Please sign up to send in a pasta dish **READY to SERVE** at 4:45 p.m. that evening. Volunteers can sign up using this link tsu.me/m8vdrh . If you have any questions or concerns please contact [Mrs. Price](#).



GO PANDAS! ◀

This school year Notre Dame Academy added competitive cheer to our list of sports. Here is our Panda squad in their new uniforms!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

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 – wagner@ndapandas.org.



PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE ◀

This year's Play for a Purpose game is just two days away! Get ready to make a difference Pandas by supporting this awesome annual event!

This year's Playing for a Purpose game will be held at Thomas More University on Friday, September 20 beginning at 5:00 p.m. with freshman, 6:00 p.m. JV and Varsity at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds for this event benefit the I Have Wings Breast Cancer Foundation! We hope to see you there! Arrive early as this event will sell out.

We will have a pep rally at NDA during the school day on Friday but we are NOT cutting hair at the pep rally this year.

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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 **TODAY**, 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.



VOTE FOR LAUREN CAROTHERS! ◀

Lauren Carothers is nominated for Soccer player of the week. Please take time to vote for her [HERE](#).

**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 ◀



KEEP
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NDA COUNSELORS
CAN
HELP



RECENT COUNSELING EVENTS ◀

Freshmen Interviews

Mrs. Monohan, Mrs. Hildreth, and Mrs. Monohan have started Freshmen interviews. These are short check in meetings to gauge how the transition to high school is going for each student. They also help to familiarize the freshmen with the location and services of the counselors.

Senior Family Meetings

Ms. Burgei has started her senior family meetings where she will meet with students and their parents to discuss future plans for the student after high school. If you still need to schedule your meeting please use the link here.

Health Career Fair

Mrs. Monohan took a group of 18 students to the St. Elizabeth Training Center to attend a showcase of different careers in the medical field. The students who attended were able to speak with professionals from many different health care areas.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID: INFO SESSION ◀

TONIGHT, 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.

DRUG FREE CLUB INFORMATION ◀

Applications are available online [HERE](#) or in hard copy through the school office and Counselors' Quad, and can be submitted for Early Bird Rewards until September 27! The **SOPHOMORE** class is currently in the lead with **67%** of their class signed up in Drug Free Club, followed by the **JUNIOR** class in second place with **66%** of their class enrolled! The **FRESHMAN** and **SENIOR** classes are **TIED - at 60%**! **The percent of the entire school currently enrolled in Drug Free Club is 63%** - our goal is 85%! Keep those applications coming in!

GSE, GSA & GSP ◀

Governor's School for Entrepreneurs

NDA is hosting an Informational Meeting for GSE On Thursday October 10 after school in Alumnae Hall. A representative from GSE will be there to answer questions and provide direction for applications, as well as several of our NDA students who attended last summer! Applications for GSE open on October 10, also. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.

Governor's School for the Arts

Applications for GSA and Sign-ups for GSA Prep Workshops launch on October 4. NDA will host an Information Session for Governor's School for the Arts after school on October 24, with several 2019 GSA Artists from NDA there to answer questions and share their experience.

Governor's Scholars Program

Applications are open now! Submissions are due to Mrs. Hildreth by November 20.



RESERVE YOUR SEAT AT THE GALA BEFORE IT SELLS OUT! ◀

Have you made reservations for NDA's largest parent event of the school year?

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.

You can register for this exciting annual event and read more about **The Golden Ticket** and 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 this **Saturday, September 21, 2019**. For more information and last minute registration [CLICK HERE](#).

ALUMNAE
MENTORING

Alumnae Mentoring

The Notre Dame Academy Alumnae Department has expanded its very successful Alumnae Mentoring Program. You can read more about it [HERE](#).



COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Work Study Positions Available
- SAVE THE DATE – "THE MARRIAGE JOURNEY"
- Living Your Strengths: Taking Your Life to the Next Level
- Yoga Sol Classes
- SWORKIT Youth Initiative
- Special Tumbling Offer for NDA Students



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► Important dates

September

- 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 Student/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 End of 1st Quarter
- 18-20 Fall Play
- 21 Red Ribbon Week begins
- 21-24 Senior Retreat #2
- 30 Alumnae Mass