



*An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy*

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings parents!

It seems as though winter has finally found us. I hope you have stayed warm and safe throughout our first snowfall of the season. As you will see below, January is in full swing at NDA and we have many important upcoming events. We have much to celebrate this week as our students and faculty continue to work hard accomplishing great things!

Congratulations to NDA Science teacher Diane Goldcamp. Mrs. Goldcamp has coauthored a research paper that has recently been published in a national publication. You can read more about her research below.

Congratulations also to many our students!

- MacKenzie Kingerski, Claire Butler, Haley Butler, Maddie Lockhart, Tia Browning and Aston House were all selected as winners of the Kenton County Alliance "I'm Drug Free" essay contest.
- Morgan Hentz was named Gatorade's Kentucky Player of the Year 2015-16.
- Madison Salkowski recently signed with Seton Hall Volleyball.
- Many NDA students were selected as winners in the Scholastics Art Competition. Izzy Pople earned a Gold Key, Rachel Massie earned a Silver Key, and Olivia Ossege and Marissa Picciuto earned Honorable Mentions.

On Monday we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and there will be no school. It is important that we take time to recognize and celebrate Dr. King's life and his example. We talk a great deal about 21st Century educating at NDA. There are many facets of 21st Century learning, one being the education of students to work effectively in a diverse and multicultural society. In order to be effective leaders and to promote justice for everyone in our society, students need to understand and appreciate the world's wide range of people and cultures.

At Notre Dame Academy, we strive to be a community enriched by our differences. By expanding our students' knowledge and understanding of the diversity in our world, we encourage an awareness of the global community. Thanks for your continued support of our mission. Please know I am grateful to partner with you in this important work!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Talent Show

NDA's annual Talent Show is scheduled for Friday, February 5 and will conclude our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Students must submit their electronic registration by next Wednesday if they wish to perform. Any freshman through senior is invited to show off her talent whether it is in music, theatre, dance, band or even comedy.

### Uganda Pandas

Members of the Uganda Pandas Club received their first set of letters from their prayer partners at our sister school in Buseesa, Uganda. They are thrilled to have the opportunity to connect with young women across the globe who share many of the same dreams and aspirations that they do. In response to the letters, the Uganda Pandas will send their prayer partners scrapbooks highlighting facets of their lives as young women here in America.



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

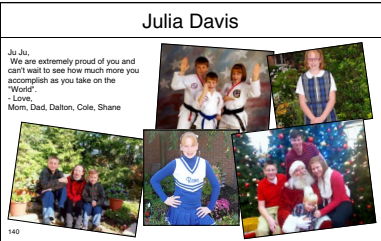
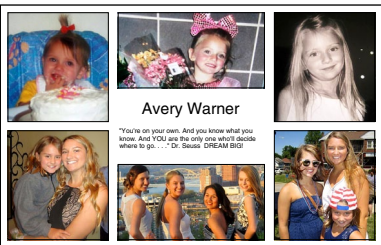
Congratulations to the 6 freshmen health students who were selected based on their essay submissions to the Kenton County Alliance. You can see the winners displayed in the hallways on the Drug Free message banners. The students are: MacKenzie Kingerski, Claire Butler, Haley Butler, Maddie Lockhart, Tia Browning and Aston House (no pictured)

## ZUMBA TIME! ◀

The Spanish Club will be hosting their annual Zumba class Wednesday, January 27 from 2:45-3:30 p.m. The cost will be \$5 at the door and all proceeds will go to the Cooperative for Education, a charity that brings education to children in rural Guatemala. They hope to raise \$840, enough to sponsor one child's education for a year. Students, family, and friends are invited. There will be dancing and fun so please come and have a fiesta with us!

## HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR YEARBOOK? ◀

Parents: Now you can order your daughter's copy of the 2016 edition of the Notre Dame Academy yearbook, Tapestry, by following [this link to jostens.com](http://this link to jostens.com). Yearbooks are now available at last year's pre-order price of \$60; get yours before the price goes up in April!

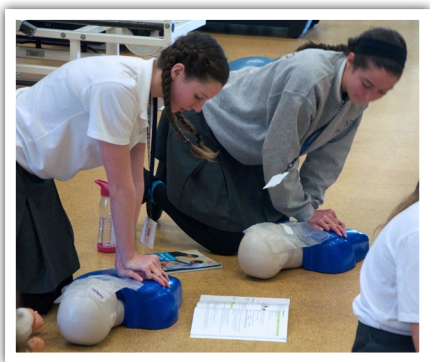


## SENIOR ADS ◀

Senior Parents: You're understandably proud of your daughter. Why not say it with a yearbook recognition ad? They're available in a variety of sizes and price points, and you get to choose the photos and words you want. They're quick, easy and fun! Getting started is as simple as following [this link](http://this link).

## VALUABLE LIFE LESSON ◀

All NDA freshman are being certified in American Red Cross CPR, AED and First aid!



## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



Representatives from Drug Free Clubs of America were at Notre Dame Academy on Monday January 11, conducting Initial and Random Drug Tests for member students. All students tested on Monday received rewards, and in a random



drawing on Tuesday, Drug Free Club members Jenna Smith, Grace Lawler, and Taylor Eiting won gift cards to AMC movie theater! All Drug Free Club members can obtain rewards at various local establishments simply by showing their member cards! Skyline offers a buy-one-get-one Free coney, Sub Station offers a Free drink with a sandwich purchase, Free bowling is available, and more! Check [Drug Free Clubs website](#) for more information and details.

**Parents & Guardians of NDA Freshmen:** To participate in upcoming Career Exploration and Planning during the first week of February, your freshman student needs to have an open ILP (Individual Learning Plan) account. This free and very beneficial service is provided through KHEAA, the same organization that provides KEES (Kentucky Excellence in Education Scholarship) scholarship money for college! Please read the email sent to you today from Mrs. Hildreth for instructions on how to make sure your daughter has an open account so she can to participate in class during the week of February 1-5. If for some reason you did not receive this email, or if you have questions, please contact [Mrs. Hildreth](#) directly!

**Ashley Solomon from the Eating Recovery Center of Ohio** will be delivering a Healthy Lifestyles Presentation to our NDA Sophomores and Juniors on Friday January 15 regarding Positive Body Image and what it means to honor, value, and care for our bodies. She will return on February 26 to speak to our NDA Freshmen and Seniors!

### Junior Parents:

This is a reminder that we will be having the March District Choice ACT test for all NDA juniors on March 15. We will register the students for the test during the school day (long homeroom periods) in the coming weeks, so there is not a need to go online and register for this test. The cost of the test is \$39.50 (no writing test) and the students can bring a check (made out to NDA) to the school office for this amount by March 11. Financial assistance is available for those who may need it. This is a real ACT test and the scores can be sent to colleges.

If you are interested in any test preparation for this test, please visit our website for more information here: [Standardized Testing Information](#). Also, TorchPrep is hosting a session to prep for this test at NDA (for NDA and Cov Cath students) starting February 11 and lasting until March 12 (9 week prep class on Thursdays from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. & Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.). Early registration deadline is February 1 (\$50 discounted rate). For more information about this class at NDA, please visit the Torchprep website here: [http://www.torchprep.com/courses/#select\\_city](http://www.torchprep.com/courses/#select_city)

### Seniors: FAFSA Now Available

Attention Senior Parents: As of January 1, seniors are now able to fill out the 2016-2017 FAFSA (College Financial Aid Application). It is highly recommended that families complete the FAFSA in the first 2-3 weeks of January. If a family qualifies for Grant money (especially Grants from Kentucky), they are first come, first serve. Most colleges ask that you complete the FAFSA by Feb. 1 or Feb. 15.

Resources to help:

Kentucky offers FREE Help Filling out FAFSA, [Click here for information](#).

For Checklist of needed documents, necessary Links, and other resources, [Click here](#).

## FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

**THANK YOU** to St. Elizabeth Healthcare for our beautiful new scoreboard!

### Basketball

Varsity and JV basketball beat Montgomery County over the weekend. Last night, JV basketball beat Holmes while varsity fell to the Bulldogs.

### Bowling

Bowling takes on Cooper today at Super Bowl Erlanger at 3:15.

**Lacrosse** tryouts will be Saturday January 23 at NDA 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2:00-4:30 p.m. at NDA. If you have any questions or if your daughter wants to participate but can't make tryouts - contact Jimmy Marshall at [marshall@ndapan-das.org](mailto:marshall@ndapan-das.org).

### Swimming

Swimming won 1st place Saturday at the Scott Eagle Classic making this their 18th consecutive win at Scott Eagle Classic. The girls won 10 out of the 11 events. Sophie Skinner was named Outstanding Female Swimmer of the Meet.

### Volleyball

Congratulations to NDA senior Morgan Hentz on being named Gatorade's Kentucky Player of the Year 2015-16!

Congratulations also to Madison Salkowski who recently signed with Seton Hall Volleyball!



## SCIENCE NEWS ◀

NDA Chemistry teacher Mrs. Diane Goldcamp is a co-author of a research paper, "Effect of the Denticity of Tripodal Amine Ligands Containing Multiple Oximate Donors on the Catecholase Activity of Their Nickel(II) Complexes," published in the January 2016 issue of the journal *Inorganic Chemistry Communications*. The work examines how changing the structure of metal-based catalysts can affect how fast compounds called catechols are converted to compounds called quinones. This type of reaction is often seen in protective processes in biochemistry, such as in the browning of fruits and vegetables when they are exposed to oxygen in the air. The observed brown color is caused by the formation of the quinone compounds. For the nickel catalysts studied in the research, it was observed that if the nickel atom in the catalyst had more open spaces for the catechol molecule to bond to the nickel, the "browning" reaction occurred more quickly. Such insights observed for synthetic catalysts can often help explain how much more complex metal-containing enzymes function in biochemistry. The enzymes that undergo this reaction typically use copper atoms. They might research the reaction with copper in place of nickel to see if they observe the same effect.



## PPC NEWS ◀

### Father Daughter 2016

Don't miss out on a Trip Around the World at the NDA Father/Daughter, Friday, January 29, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. We will be visiting many exciting destinations at Receptions in Erlanger. Cost is only \$25 per person for memories to last a lifetime! Download your reservation

form [HERE](#) and send payment (check made out to NDA) to Notre Dame's front office by Friday, January 22. Any questions please contact the front office.261-4300

### PPC Meetings

Please note, Panda Parent Club meetings are always the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the faculty conference room. The next meeting will be on February 9 at 7:00 p.m. See you there!



## VISUAL ARTS AT SCHOLASTICS ◀

Thanks to all of the Art students that submitted artwork for the Scholastics Art Competition. NDA is always well represented by your hard work and talent. Congratulations to Olivia Ossege and Marissa Picciuto for earning Honorable Mentions. Congratulations to Rachel Massie for earning a Silver Key. Finally, congratulations to Izzy Pope for earning a Gold Key. All of these students' works will be on display at the exhibition which will open on January 22, from 5-9 p.m., at the Art Academy of Cincinnati. All are welcome.



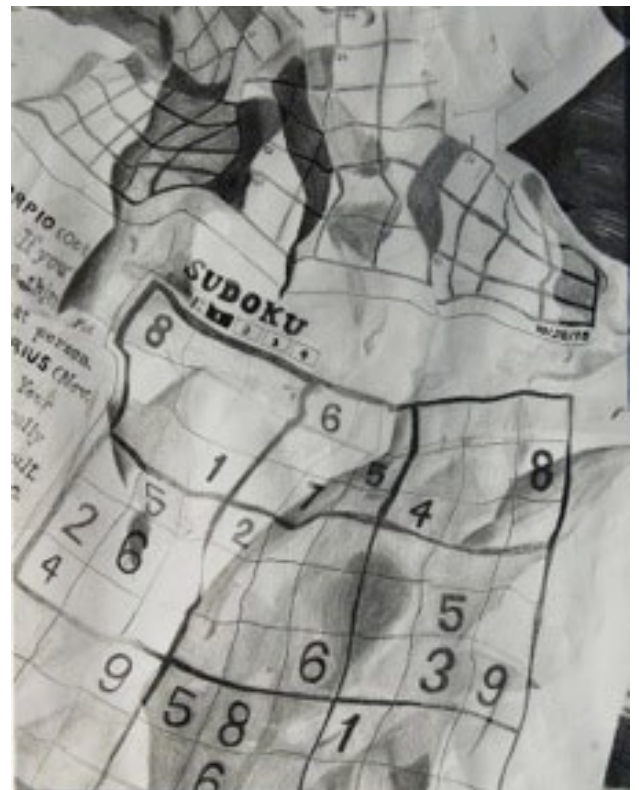
- Izzy Pope



- Marissa Picciuto



- Olivia Ossege



- Rachel Massie

## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS ◀

Do you shop at Kroger? Every time a registered Kroger Plus Card member shops at Kroger using their Kroger Plus Card, NDA will earn rewards if you designate Notre Dame Academy as your non-profit organization. It's easy – you shop, use your Kroger Plus Card, and Notre Dame Academy receives rewards. Most of you already have a Kroger Plus Card. If you do not, you can get one at the Customer Service Desk at any Kroger.



Your Kroger Plus Card **MUST** be registered online at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). After your card is registered, you can then designate Notre Dame Academy as your non-profit organization. Our organization number is **#80500**. Some of you may already have your card registered, if you currently receive on-line coupons from Kroger. If so, you can skip the registration part and designate Notre Dame Academy as your non-profit organization. When you click on the link above there are step-by-step instructions to help you through the process; it only takes a few minutes. All Participants must re-enroll each year to continue earning awards during the coming year. This is one simple way to get money for Notre Dame Academy. **Please register your Kroger Plus Card for Notre Dame Academy today.**

### Important dates:

January 18	No School (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
January 21-22	March for Life (Washington, D.C.)
January 25	NDA Free Speaker Series – 7:00 p.m - An Introduction to Yoga
January 29	Father/Daughter Dance 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.
February 1	Catholic Schools Week Begins Mass with the Sisters and Bishop Foys
February 3	Diocesan Mass Charity NDA vs. CCH Vball Game
February 4	Current Freshmen & Sophomore Parent Scheduling Meeting
February 5	Talent Show
February 5 - 7	NDA/CCH Showcase: The Trail We Blaze
February 11	Current Junior Parent Scheduling/PSAT Meeting

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Work Study Positions Available with the Sisters of Notre Dame

For a complete list of community news [CLICK HERE](#).

