



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

On Monday we held an all-school assembly to touch base with our students about the purpose and goals of PANDA PRIME TIME . We reiterated how PANDA PRIME TIME offers students many opportunities for enrichment, support, collaboration and personal learning. We stressed how this added period has been a prime time for students to learn how to balance and organize time, leading them to success in college and beyond. I truly believe that this new 30-minute period which occurs twice each week, has changed school at Notre Dame Academy.

As I told our students, it is imperative that we committed to being lifelong learners at NDA. Here are a few ways that PANDA PRIME TIME helps to make that possible:

- **Feedback:** PANDA PRIME TIME allows students to get important feedback from their teachers.
- **Formative vs. Summative:** In addition to traditional summative assessments, PANDA PRIME TIME enables formative assessments which forms learning and lesson plans at NDA.
- **Reflection:** It is important for students to contemplate not only what they are learning but how they are learning. Reflective learners are the most successful learners.
- **Relationships:** Student/teacher relationships are critical to learning. PANDA PRIME TIME allows students to meet with faculty on a regular basis, building strong relationships.
- **Growth Mindset:** When students believe they can get smarter, they understand that effort makes them stronger. A growth mindset encourages appropriate healthy risk-taking, knowing that some risks won't work out.
- **Asking for help:** PANDA PRIME TIME encourages students to ask for help which becomes a source of strength for them. They become more comfortable reaching out to teachers which will benefit them greatly in college.

I encourage you to talk to your daughter about Monday's presentation regarding PANDA PRIME TIME. I truly believe that it is providing time for students to address academic, emotional, physical and spiritual needs through a multitude of opportunities. If you have questions about PANDA PRIME TIME feel free to contact me or Assistant Principal Amber Grayson.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

SAVE THE DATE! ◀

Sophomores - Save the date for this year's Ring Ceremony to be held on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m.



FATHER *daughter* DANCE

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2020 FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE! ◀

Dads and daughters, sign up today for this year's Father/Daughters Dance to be held on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 from 7-11 p.m. at Receptions in Erlanger. You can register online [HERE](#) until Thursday, January 30. The cost is \$25/person.



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 week [HERE](#).



DINING HALL POSITIONS OPEN ◀

NDA is looking for parents to fill two openings in the Longworth Dining Hall. There is a position open on the salad bar and another as a side item cook. Please contact Karen Brungs at brungsk@ndapandas.org if you are interested in either of these positions.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SISTER PAUL ANN! ◀

Notre Dame Academy would like to wish Sr. Mary Paul Ann Hanneken a VERY Happy Birthday! Our students surprised Sister with a cake and a few candles to blow out today at lunch!



BREAKING BAND NEWS ◀

Congratulations to Madison Merk! Megan will be performing with the NKU Tri-State HONOR Band this Weekend. The HONOR band concert is open to the public and is at NKU GREAVES hall at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. THANK YOU for representing the NDA/CCH Band so well!



Junior and Senior Parents, WIN A TICKET to Prom or After Prom FOR YOUR PANDA by ATTENDING February or March's PPC meeting!

PANDA PARENT CLUB MEETING ON TEENAGERS AND ALCOHOL ◀

Don't miss the next Panda Parent Club meeting on **Monday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m.** The topic is **Teenagers and Alcohol** and our speaker will be Dr David Baum.

Junior and senior parents in attendance at the February and March PPC meetings will be entered into two special prom ticket raffles:

- 2020 Prom ticket raffle
- 2020 After Prom ticket raffle



PJ BOTTOMS - 10% OFF! ◀

Tuesday, January 28 is Sisterhood Sleepover Day! In honor of Catholic Schools Week, the Bambootique is offering 10% off pajama bottoms and sweatpants now through January 27.

SKI CLUB

Join NDA's Ski Club
and get 10% off regular
season passes!



Meeting on 1/16/20 in room 102 to
get more info!

Use NDA's code and go to Perfect North 4 Times



NEW NDA SKI CLUB! ◀

Notre Dame has a new Ski Club! If you like skiing or snowboarding you can sign up and use our special code to get 10% off ski/snowboarding passes at Perfect North for 4 days. Come to the meeting on January 16 in room 102 right after school to learn more. The meeting should last about 15 minutes. You can contact Ava Orwig at orwiga@ndapandas.com or Ms. Dooling at doolingm@ndapandas.com with any questions.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



COUPON BOOK MONEY TURN-IN ◀

Please turn in any outstanding coupon book money by **January 17**. After that date, any outstanding balances will be billed to FACTS accounts.

FRESHMAN LACROSSE PLAYERS NEEDED! ◀

If you are interested in participating in freshman lacrosse, no lacrosse experience is required, please contact coach Jimmy Marshall at marshallj@ndapandas.org. Freshman will start February 18.

BASKETBALL FACULTY/STAFF APPRECIATION ◀

The coaching staff and the Panda basketball team would like to invite all faculty and staff to join them as they take on the Scott Eagles on January 31, 2020. A hospitality room will be available during the JV and Varsity games for you to enjoy. Game times are Freshman 4:30, JV 6:00, and Varsity at 7:30.



AQUA PANDAS TAKE FIRST PLACE! ◀

Congratulations to the swim and dive team for winning the Scott Eagle Classic meet last weekend!

The girls had many great swims and dives, ultimately pulling out an impressive victory over the several teams from near and far that competed, including both Dixie and Highlands.

Three divers finished in the top 16, scoring points for the team, and the swimmers racked up numerous event wins and top three finishes that earned medals.

Great job, Aqua Pandas!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



want more college options?

want less stress?

want more money for school?

Rock the ACT!

TORCHPREP AT NDA

SIGN UP HERE!

Thursdays 6pm-9pm	&	Saturdays 10am-2pm
2/27		2/29
3/5		3/7
3/12		3/14
3/19		3/21

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 2/18/20

torchprep.com info@torchprep.com 888.382.8174

ACT PREP WITH TORCH PREP: ◀

Torchprep will be doing an ACT preparatory course on Thursdays and Saturdays at NDA starting on 2/27/20. For more information visit the Torchprep website here: <https://www.torchprep.com>



GSE DEADLINE: MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020 ◀

If you are interested in applying to Governor's School for Entrepreneurs, the GSE application is due by Monday, January 20, 2020 at 11:59 pm. You can find the application [HERE](#).



DANGERS OF YOUTH E-CIGARETTE USE ◀

The NKY Health Department will have a forum to educate the public on the dangers of youth e-cigarette use. The event, "Prevent the Next Generation of Addiction: A Forum to Stop Youth Vaping" is helping to educate parents and those who work with youth on the dangers associated with youth vaping. The event will take place on Thursday, January 23, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Ignite Institute, located at 37 Atlantic Ave., Erlanger. For more information see the article: [NKY Tribune](#)



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NDA PARENT TOOLBOX? ◀

Check out the NDA [Parent Toolbox](#). Timely topics include lying, emotional storms, stress, and so much more!

**WE HOPE
TO SEE YOU!**



SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME PANCAKE BREAKFAST ◀

Come one, come all, and come hungry to the 23rd Annual Uganda Mission Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, February 16, 2020 from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Notre Dame Academy Cafeteria

1699 Hilton Drive, Covington, KY

\$6.00 for adults | \$4.00 for children under 12

All proceeds benefit the Sisters of Notre Dame Uganda Mission.

For more information, please call 859-291-2040 or email info@sndky.org.

Thank you to the Ludlow Knights of Columbus for putting on this event every year since 1996!



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 at 11:30 a.m. on the last Wednesday of the month. Due to the Christmas holiday, there will not be an Alumnae and Friends Mass in December. The next Alumnae Mass is scheduled for January 29.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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

- Position Open for Parish Office Secretary
- Rediscover the Life God Created For You



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► Important dates

January	15	Class ring orders in Auditorium
	20	No School - MLK Day
	21	Senior retreat
	24	Life March
		Prayer for Penance Prayer Service
	27	Catholic Schools Week Begins
		Nunday Monday Mass
	29	NDA vs. CCH Charity Volleyball Game
	30	Bring an Alum to School
	31	CSW Talent Show
	31 - Feb. 2	Showcase
February	7	Mid quarter
		Father Daughter Dance
	10	Winter Sports Pep Rally
		Panda Parent Club Meeting: Teenagers and Alcohol
	11	Sophomore College Planning Meeting
	12	Freshmen College Planning Meeting
	14	6th and 7th Grade Scavenger Hunt