



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I hope this letter finds you and your family staying warm and doing well. Our students are working hard this quarter *Cultivating Hope and Happiness, Strengthened by God's Love.*

On Monday, we had the day off school in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. I hope you and your family took the time to 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.

On Friday, we will focus on respecting life for all, from conception to natural death. On Thursday evening, a group of NDA students, teachers and parents will leave for the March for Life in Washington D.C. We will have a prayer service with the NDA community on Friday to pray for the protection of human life. We thank those members of our community who are representing us at the March for Life. Safe travels!

It's hard to believe but we are ready to begin our scheduling process for the 2020-21 academic year. This includes meetings with parents. We also meet with each class during long homerooms prior to these meetings to review the process and course options. I suggest you take some time to discuss your daughter's thoughts on what options she is interested in pursuing next school year.

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

*Cultivating hope and happiness,  
Strengthened by God's love.*



*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*  
Philippians 4:13

# STUDENT LIFE

## CLASS OF 2022 ◀

The Sophomore Ring Ceremony has been confirmed for Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. The ceremony will take place following Mass, and all Sophomores are encouraged to attend even those of you who may not be ordering a class ring. The evening is truly a celebration of you as a class! Details will come at a later time, but please mark your calendars for this day.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ◀

Catholic Schools Week begins next week, and NDA's Student Council has been planning several fun activities and themes for each day. Take a peek at some of the week's highlights.

On **Monday** Nunday, students are invited to take a blast to the past by wearing their grade school uniforms or spirit wear. Several Sisters will join our students for Mass and lunch and will then treat the students to ice cream sundaes.

On **Tuesday**, students are encouraged to wear their PJs to school and to check out the movie playing during the lunches.

Students will recognize and thank the faculty, staff and administration on **Wednesday** morning for all they do to provide an exemplary Catholic education. Breakfast, provided by the junior class, is just one way to say "Thank you!" Students are encouraged to wear an outfit celebrating Disney or Disney characters on this day.

NDA is looking forward to **Thursday** - Bring an Alum to School Day when we welcome back to NDA several alumnae who will attend class, eat lunch and participate in the afternoon pep rally.

**Friday** is Decades Day when students are encouraged to dress in their decade and enjoy Skyline during the lunches. We will close out Catholic Schools Week with our annual Talent Show where we will see the acts of many talented Pandas.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S  
WEEK 2020**  
JANUARY 27 - 31

<b>MONDAY</b> NUNDAY MONDAY LUNCH: MANDARIN ORANGE CHICKEN	<b>TUESDAY</b> SISTERHOOD SLEEPOVER LUNCH: MAC&CHEESE	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> DISNEY DAY & VBALL GAME LUNCH: BUCA
<b>THURSDAY</b> PANDA DAY & ALUM DAY LUNCH: CHEESEBURGERS	<b>FRIDAY</b> DECADES DAY LUNCH: SKYLINE	

# FATHER DAUGHTER 2020

## SPORTS OF ALL SORTS!



### 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. The theme is Sports of All Sorts! Dads - don't miss this great opportunity to spend time with your daughter!

### NDA STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARDS ◀

Congratulations to our Scholastic Writing Award Winners, and to their English teachers, Michael Byrd, Michael Cerimele, Gurrie Frisbie, Lauren Garrett, David Jackson, and Amanda Schultz.

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards will take place on February 21 at the School for the Creative and Performing Arts, located at 108 W. Central Parkway in downtown Cincinnati.

Ceremony Times:

7th - 10th grade: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

11th - 12th grade: 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

You can read the entire list of Scholastic Writing Award Winners [HERE](#).



**Scholastic  
Art & Writing  
Awards**

### NDA STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS ◀

Congratulations to NDA Artists Kenzie Eberhart, Hana Kennedy, Zoe Moelering, Jenna Shriver, and Gwyneth Thomas for earning a chance to exhibit their work in this year's Scholastics Art Show. All students earned Honorable Mentions, Gwyneth also earned a Gold Key and Jenna also earned two Gold Keys. Congratulations to these artists and thanks for representing NDA and the Arts Department. The exhibition will open at the Art Academy of Cincinnati on February 10 and run until February 21.

### YEARBOOK INFORMATION ◀

**2019 yearbooks are in!** If you bought one, see Mr. Glynn's email for instructions on picking yours up in Room 112 during Panda Prime Time on Thursday. If you are interested in buying one, extra copies will be available for purchase beginning next week. Please email [glynnr@ndapandas.org](mailto:glynnr@ndapandas.org) if you have any questions.

#### **2020 books on sale now!**

The yearbook for the current school year -- 2020: Women With Vision -- is on sale now. Visit [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com) or click [HERE](#) to purchase. Yearbooks are \$60. Buy now before the price goes up!





## MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH ART ◀

The NDA Art students participated in the Memory Project again this year creating 30 portraits for children in Nigeria and Russia. The vision of the Memory Project is...

*By facilitating the creation and delivery of heartfelt artwork and poetry made by children for children, we strive to break cultural barriers, leave children with a unique childhood memory, inspire creativity, show children living in difficult situations that they are valued, and cultivate a kinder world. We want to empower teachers and students in their pursuit of the same goals.*

To the left is a sampling of the NDA students' portraits. [CLICK HERE](#) to see a larger version of these beautiful portraits.



## 'TRICKS OF THE TRADE' - LESSONS FOR LIFE ◀

Every Wednesday in Advanced Honors Theatre, students do what's called 'Tricks of the Trade,' where they have the opportunity to teach class. Today, Maggie Ellis taught her classmates ASL (American Sign Language), to the song 'Mama, Who Bore Me,' from the musical Spring Awakening. This was from a production done by Deaf West Theatre many years ago. What a great example of NDA students learning new skills that can work both in theatre and life. [CLICK HERE](#) to see video of the students learning ASL.



## FINE ARTS SHOWCASE: ROCK 'N' ROLL HALL OF FAME ◀

Join us for a rock concert as we trace the history of music through the amazing and talented artists who decorate the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame. This should be a show filled with laughter, tears, and amazing fun! Don't miss this year's Showcase: January 30 - February 2. You can purchase tickets [HERE](#).



## 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](#).



## 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.



## GIRL UP DAY ◀

Girl Up Club is hosting Girl Up Day on February 29 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Notre Dame Academy. The day is open to girls in grades 4-8, and they will work on building teamwork, confidence, and leadership skills. Registration is now open, and the students will get a free t-shirt if they registers by February 12. All proceeds will go to the United Nations Girl Up Campaign. You can register online [HERE](#).



## 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, WIN A TICKET to Prom or After Prom FOR YOUR PANDA by ATTENDING February or March's PPC meeting!*

**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

## MESSAGE FROM SCHOOLBELLES ◀

We would like to let you know that our lease has expired at our Taylor Mill, KY retail store. Our store will be closed effective Tuesday, January 7, 2020 for the off season and opening at a new location in June 2020.



While our store is closed and relocating, we are extending a 15% discount on all purchases plus FREE Shipping. Customers may place an order over the phone, [online](#), or shop at our Cincinnati, OH retail location at 5718 Harrison Avenue.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support!

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

## 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](mailto: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.

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



## ATTENTION JUNIOR AND SENIOR PARENTS ◀

Attention Junior and Senior Parents - Prom season is approaching quickly! Sometimes this can be a troubling time as a family tries to cover all the expenses associated with the dance. Cinderella's Closet is an organization that can help. They have thousands of dresses, accessories, and shoes that can be provided at no cost. If this is something that could benefit your junior or senior daughter, please contact personal counselor Erin Maggard at [maggarde@ndapandas.org](mailto:maggarde@ndapandas.org). She can work with your daughter to set up an appointment on March 20 or 21 to pick out her dress. Learn more about the program here: [Cinderella's Closet](#).



## 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](mailto: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. The next Alumnae Mass is scheduled for January 29 at 7:30 a.m.



## **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](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org) if you are interested in either of these positions.

## **POSITION AVAILABLE: DATABASE SPECIALIST** ◀

Notre Dame Academy's Advancement Department is searching for a part-time Database Specialist to provide clerical expertise and to maintain the Notre Dame Academy community database. This position will assist in data entry, mailings, filing and other general office duties. Donor management software experience preferred. Please submit a cover letter, resume and references to [ndahr@ndapandas.org](mailto:ndahr@ndapandas.org).

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**



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

- Emergency Shelter of NKY - Homeless to Hopeful Event
- Prevent the Next Generation of Addiction: A Forum to Stop Youth Vaping
- Blessed Sacrament School Open House
- St. Pius X Elementary School Open House
- Position Open for Parish Office Secretary
- Rediscover the Life God Created For You



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## ► Important dates

January	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
	16	Ugandan Mission Pancake Breakfast
	17	No School: Presidents' Day
	24	Students begin class selection in PowerSchool
	26	Ash Wednesday Mass
	28	Prom Registration Opens