



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! Our week began with an all school mass and our annual celebration of “Nunday” Monday in honor of the Sisters of Notre Dame. It is fitting that we began our week acknowledging the vision and dedication of the Sisters in making a Notre Dame Academy education available to so many. True to their spirit of giving, the sisters served ice cream sundaes to our students at lunch.

Today we took time to recognize our wonderful faculty and staff for all they do to provide an exemplary Catholic education at NDA and tonight is our annual NDA/CCH charity volleyball game benefitting the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky (ESNKY). If you don't know anything about the Emergency Shelter of NKY, they do an incredible job sheltering those in need. You can learn more about ESNKY and how to support their efforts [HERE](#).

We will end our week on Friday by sharing the gifts God has given us at our annual talent show. I am very impressed with our students' excitement and enthusiasm as they celebrate their Catholic education. Our Student Council has done a great job of planning many activities this week to honor our Catholic heritage and school spirit.

We are ready to begin our scheduling process for the 2020-21 academic year. This includes meetings with parents. As you can see in the “Important Dates” below, these meetings begin mid-February. I suggest you take some time in the next week or two to discuss your daughter's thoughts on what options she is interested in pursuing next school year.

**\*PLEASE NOTE: Our Father/Daughter Dance is Friday, February 7. Registration for the event ends this Friday, January 31. This is always a great night for our students to spend time with their dads. You can register [HERE](#).**

As you can see, NDA is a very busy place with many opportunities for our students to shine. As we celebrate our NDA Catholic community, please know that we are most grateful for the commitment of our parents to Catholic education. Thank you for choosing a Catholic education at Notre Dame Academy for your daughter!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



# STUDENT LIFE

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ◀

Thank you to our freshmen Homeroom Representatives for coordinating the Sisters' rose ceremony and reception on past Monday Nunday.

Catholic Schools Week will wrap up on Friday -- Decades Day. Freshmen are encouraged to dress futuristically, sophomores dress from the 2000s, juniors the 90s and seniors the 80s. Hot lunch will not be served on Friday as students have ordered Skyline ahead of time. Good luck to the many students and faculty participating in the Talent Show Friday afternoon.

## 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 Er-langer. **You can register online [HERE](#) until FRIDAY, JANUARY 31.** 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!

We need your help for set up, registration, sending in treats and setting up games at this year's Father Daughter Dance. Please go [HERE](#) to help out.



## YEARBOOK INFORMATION ◀

**2019 yearbooks are in!** If you are interested in buying one, extra copies are available for purchase. 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!

## SENIOR RETREAT ◀

Last week we held our third and final senior retreat of the school year. Thanks to all who prayed for our seniors throughout their retreats this year. We pray that these retreat experiences continue to bring them closer to God in their journey ahead.





## 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 is a show filled with laughter, tears, and amazing fun!

Don't miss this year's Showcase this weekend: January 30 - February 2. You can purchase tickets [HERE](#).

## GOT JAZZ? ◀

Stop by the Showcase early to hear the NDA/CCH Jazz Band! This weekend, the Jazz Band will perform in Alumnae Hall prior to the Showcase performances on Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Don't forget, Jazz band will also play at CCH Fine Arts Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 23.



## CREATIVE TEXTILES PROJECT ◀

The Textiles 2 students recently created a square in a square pillow sham which can be traded out for different holidays. Nice job Pandas!



## 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

*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

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

### TRACK AND FIELD INFORMATIONAL MEETING ◀

There will be a track and field informational meeting for students this Thursday, January 30, right after school in the Fitness Center. If your daughter MAY be interested in track and field please have her attend this meeting or send an email to Coach Marsh at [marshj@ndapandas.org](mailto:marshj@ndapandas.org) if she cannot attend.



### 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.



### IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**Work Study Job Application Deadline: April 15, 2020**

**Financial Aid Applications & Academic and Tuition Assistance Scholarships**

The application for work study jobs is available on the website [HERE](#) and is due by **APRIL 15, 2020**.

Financial aid applications are also now open and will remain open until **APRIL 15, 2020**.

If you are in need of financial assistance OR are looking to do work study the application with FACTS must be completed before anything else. Financial assistance requests increase each year we cannot stress enough the importance of getting your application in early. Late applications run the risk of financial aid funding being exhausted. You can access the Financial Assistance page of the website [HERE](#).

We are currently accepting applications for Academic and Tuition Assistance Scholarships. Applications can be found on the website [HERE](#), and are due in the front office no later than April 15, 2020.

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



### COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHTS (FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS) ◀

**Current Sophomores:**

Tuesday, February 11  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
NDA Theatre

**Current Freshmen:**

Wednesday, February 12  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
NDA Theatre

**Current Juniors:**

Tuesday, February 18  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
NDA Theatre



**Topics to be covered:**

- Know Your Options: 2-year / 4-year colleges
- Paying for College: College Financial Aid At a Glance
- Reality of College Scholarships: What to expect
- Utilizing Resources: Naviance, NDA Alums, College Visits
- Key To-Do's

If you can't make it to this meeting, the counselors will send a copy of the presentation to all parents and students via email. Questions: Email [counselors@ndapandas.org](mailto:counselors@ndapandas.org).

### 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](#).



### TEST PREP AND PANDA WEBINAR FOR HUNTINGTON LEARNING CENTERS ◀

A local Huntington Learning Center in Crescent Springs is offering a webinar for parents about standardized testing and programs that they offer to help students prep for these tests. Please see the attached flyers on our website [HERE](#) for more information.



## INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN MEDICINE? ◀

If students are interested in a career in medicine, you may want to check out one of three programs UK is offering this summer. They have a program for rising juniors (Summer Enrichment), rising seniors (Health Researchers Youth Academy), and recent high school grads (PEPP Scholars).

More information: [UK Summer Programs: Medicine](#)



## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES! ◀

Empower KY, a conference with the mission of equipping youth with prevention-based strategies, skills and tools for issues related to Mental Health, Substance Use/Misuse, and Power-based Personal Violence, is open to current Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors. It will be held June 5th - 8th at Berea College in Berea, KY. It is completely FREE for those accepted- including lodging, food, and transportation there and back. Applications are due Friday January 31 so please check out the website and [APPLY HERE](#) if you have any interest at all. contact Mrs. Hildreth with any questions!



## UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME SUMMER PROGRAMS ◀

Summer Scholars is a two-week program at the University of Notre Dame where students participate in one of 24 diverse programs of study and earn a college credit. Programs include: Musical Theatre, Global Health and Medicine, Psychology and the Self, Journalism, Literature, Photography, and many more.

Full list of programs: [Notre Dame Summer Scholars](#)

## SUMMER PROGRAM FOR CURRENT JUNIORS ◀

Applications are open through February 17 for the 2020 High School Student Congress, a fully-funded one-week summer program for rising high school seniors (current juniors). The program is an immersive academic and professional experience for students interested in **politics, government, public service, and law**. Hosted at the University of Kentucky, it's also a great opportunity for exposure to a college campus and higher education.

Further information about the program and application can be found at [www.henryclaycenter.org](http://www.henryclaycenter.org).

## COMMONWEALTH HONORS ACADEMY ◀

Commonwealth Honors Academy (CHA) is an exciting, challenging enrichment program for outstanding high school juniors that takes place on the campus of Murray State University June 6-27, 2020. Students applying for CHA should have a 3.5 GPA and the equivalent of a 25 Composite ACT. Upon completion of CHA, students receive six hours of university credit, with the opportunity to take six additional hours of tuition-free university courses during their senior year through Murray State University. There is no cost to students other than a \$195 tuition processing fee. Click [HERE](#) for more information. Applications are due March 1, 2020.

## 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 February 26 at 11:30 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](#).

- Position Available at St. Joseph Heights
- Emergency Shelter of NKY - Homeless to Hopeful Event
- Position Open for Parish Office Secretary



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## ► Important dates

January	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
	18	Junior College Planning Meeting
	24	Students begin class selection in PowerSchool
	26	Ash Wednesday Mass
	28	Prom Registration Opens