



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

As Dr. Koehl and I explained to our students earlier this week, our mission and the four educational principles of the Sisters of Notre Dame have guided our school community these past few days. We reminded them that our theme this year, *Becoming Fully Alive Through Education and Love*, is based on the fourth educational principle of the SNDs. We told them that this is the time to make a difference by putting our mission into action.

As always, our students listened and they have done their best to be young women making a difference. They have focused on their school work, followed safety procedures and prayed for their friends at CCH. Dr. Koehl and I could not be more proud of your daughters and the way they are dealing with the difficult circumstances of this week. We are also grateful to our faculty and staff for helping to provide a safe and productive learning environment for our students. Finally, we truly appreciate your cooperation this past week and thank you for your care and concern for our community.

As you saw in an earlier email, the security measures we put in place earlier this week will continue for the remainder of the week. We are continuing to work collaboratively with the SND's and CCH in our current security plan. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

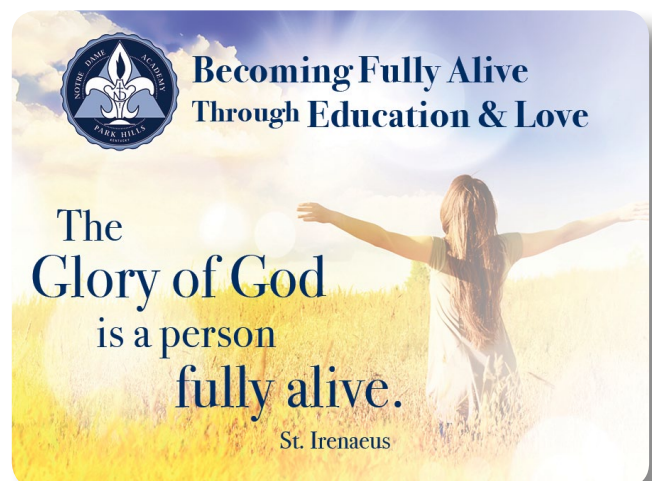
I would like to remind you of a few additional important points that we spoke to about your daughters this week in regard to their safety:

- It is important to act as responsible digital citizens.
- If students are contacted by the media, we strongly suggest they refrain from engaging with them.
- Should students be threatened in any way or hear of a threat against NDA, they should not try to deal with the threat themselves but reach out to an adult either at home or at school.
- Our local authorities have suggested that our students refrain from wearing CCH gear in the coming weeks.

Through the events of this past week, our prayer lives have been strengthened and we remember our calling to bring light into the world. Again, thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Catholic Schools week

Catholic Schools Week is 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 Nunday Monday, students will be expected to be in full uniform for Mass. Several Sisters will join our students for lunch and treat them 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 participate in Panda Rec Time during the lunches.

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, and freshmen will dress in 50's style, sophomores the 60's, juniors the 70's, and seniors the 80's. Students are encouraged to dress in their decade and enjoy Skyline during the lunches. There will also be a talent show later that day for the Pandas to show off their many talents.



2019 FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE ◀

The registration period for this year's Father Daughter Dance has been extended until **THURSDAY, JANUARY 24 at NOON**. The dance will be held on Friday, January 25 from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at Receptions in Erlanger. The cost is \$25 per person and includes dinner, dances and non-alcoholic drinks. Hawaiian attire is encouraged! Don't forget your Leis! You can register online [HERE](#).

Also, seniors don't forget to make your posters for the dance. You can bring them to school Friday morning or take them Friday night with you to Receptions.

And we need volunteers to provide desserts for this event. If you are willing to help, please contact Kristy Seither at kristyseither@fuse.net.

YEARBOOK NEWS! ◀

2017-18 Yearbook: We have a limited number of copies of the 2017-18 school yearbook, "Building Our Sisterhood", available for purchase. Books are \$70 (check payable to NDA) and can be purchased in the school office or by contacting Publications instructor Rory Glynn at glynnr@ndapandas.org.

2018-19 Yearbook: This year's book, "New and Forever", will be out next fall but can be purchased now for the pre-order price of \$60. They're available at https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2019-Yearbook/20180825044300310151/CATALOG_SHOP/



NDA IMPACTING NKY ◀

Notre Dame Academy was recently informed by the NKY Chamber of Commerce that our school is a finalist for the 2019 Business Impact Awards for being a business that exemplifies strong business and civic leadership, community involvement, good management practices and financial soundness. The Business IMPACT Awards are designed to recognize businesses - small and large, new and long-standing, who are IMPACTING our Northern Kentucky Community through innovation, creativity, strong business practices and leadership. It is a celebration of success and strength of our Northern Kentucky business community.



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY CASH RAFFLE ◀

It's Raffle time at NDA!

NDA CASH RAFFLE DRAWING

February 6, 2019

Raffle Grand Prize: \$10,000

It's Raffle Time at NDA and this year we are challenging our Pandas to a goal of 100% student participation! This year's Grand Prize is \$10,000 and the winner will be drawn at the Winter Sports Pep Rally on February 6 at 2:30 p.m. The cash raffle directly supports our clubs, programming and tuition assistance program.

This year we are excited to announce that the Cash Raffle is online!

Please encourage your daughters to share [THIS LINK](#) she with family and friends. Physical tickets may be picked up in the School Office, the Development Office or Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Rachel's Office.

There are many incentives for the girls but the most important one is to support their school!

- If EVERY student sells ONE ticket and the student body as a whole sells 3,000 tickets students will receive a day off school. (Date TBD)
- Students who sell 5 tickets on or before January 25 will be out of uniform THIS FRIDAY, January 25.
- For every 5 tickets a student sells, her name will be entered into a drawing to win a catered breakfast or lunch.
- The top seller from each grade level will get to be the first student to leave the school building first for one full week.

Thank you in advance for your support of our NDA 2018 Cash Raffle!



HONOR BAND ◀

Congratulations to our students who represented us so well at the NKY Tri-State Honor Band Symposium this weekend!

Pictured: MADISON MERK (Flute) and ANISSA DICKERSON (Clarinet)

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

Looking for adventure? Competition? Success? Look no further than the NDA Bass Fishing Team! You can get more information at the 2019 Season Information Meeting on Thursday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m. in room 112. Take a look: [BASS FISHING MEETING](#)



NDA ART STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE ◀

NDA Art Students Make A Difference

Several of NDA's Art students recently made a tremendous difference in the lives of children in Columbia through the Memory Project. The Memory Project is a nonprofit organization that invites art teachers and their students to create portraits for youth around the world who have faced substantial challenges, such as neglect, abuse, loss of parents, and extreme poverty. This year, NDA students were blessed with the opportunity to create portraits of kids from Columbia. Each year it is an unbelievable experience! Thanks to all our students who participated in the Memory Project and their teacher, Mr. Matt Eckerle, for representing the NDA Art program and the NDA community!

Take a look at how our Art students made a difference: <https://youtu.be/gTGsuik-0u4>

Visual Arts at Scholastics

Congratulations to the following students for submitting their works to the Scholastics Art Competition and having their works selected to be exhibited in the Scholastics Art Show at the Art Academy of Cincinnati from January 28 - February 8, 2019. Below is a list of the students as well as the award that they earned.

Chloe Collins – Silver Key
Grace Caccavari – Honorable Mention
Grace Eckerle – Honorable Mention
Gwyneth Thomas – Gold Key, Gold Key
Hana Kennedy – Silver Key
Katherine Donaghy – Honorable Mention, Gold Key
Kenzie Eberhart – Honorable Mention, Gold Key
Maya Batshoun – Silver Key
Morgan Weltzer – Silver Key
Zoe Moellering – Honorable Mention

Thank you for submitting your works as well as representing the Arts at Notre Dame Academy!

NDA Visual Arts Grads Honored at Emerging Artist Show

Congratulations to two recent NDA Grads, Claire Cerimele and Gina Erardi, whose talents were selected to exhibit in a recent show at the Clifton Culture Arts Center in Cincinnati. Both students were selected by their University (Claire by Thomas More College and Gina by Northern Kentucky University) to represent their school's art program. Congratulations on earning this prestigious honor. Below are some of the pieces that they exhibited.

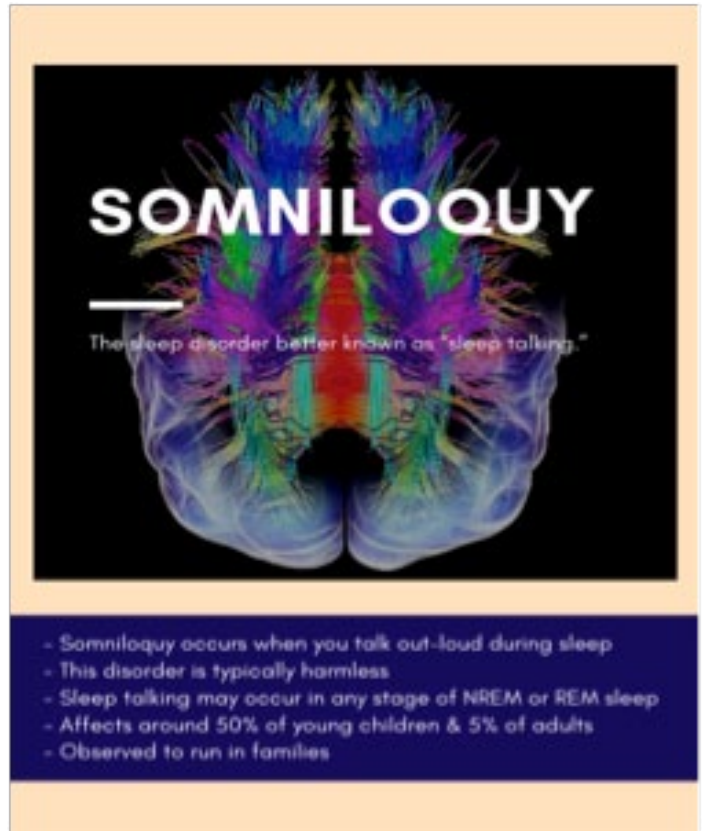
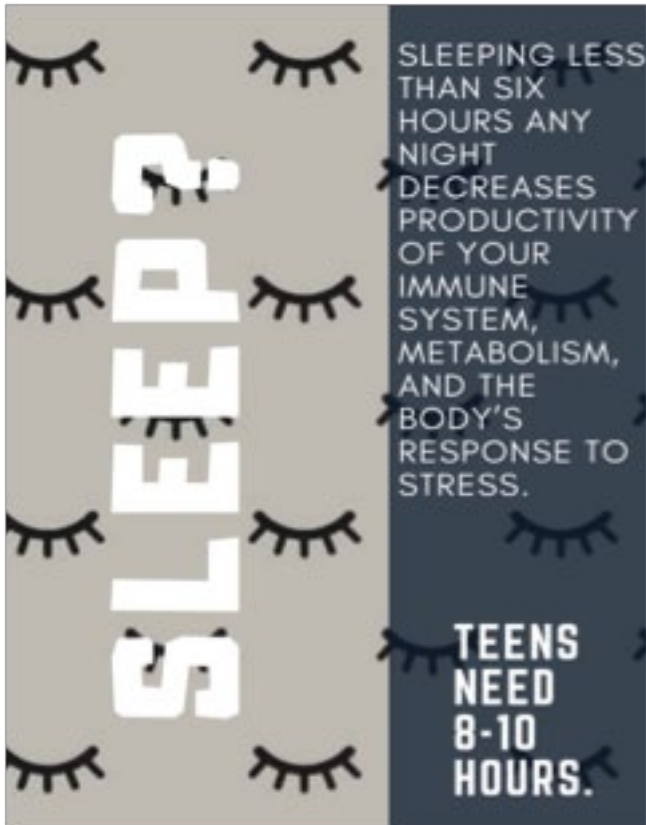


- Claire Cerimele



- Gina Erardi

SHARING PSYCHOLOGY WITH THE NDA COMMUNITY & BEYOND ◀



Several weeks ago, Mrs. Johnson's Psychology students began to study and research the latest information about a topic that most of us need more of - SLEEP! After just a few days, the members of the class went beyond their textbooks and research, and they decided to share what they learned with the faculty, staff, and students. They created flyers (see above for a few examples) and posted them around the school and in the restrooms on each floor of the school. That wasn't enough...the class asked permission to create a presentation about sleep and share it with each member of the freshman class. As one senior put it, "This is information I wish I had known when I was a freshman." She went on to explain that it is so difficult to change the way we view sleep and the sooner we understand its importance the better off we will be. Students divided into 3 groups and put together a presentation that volunteers shared through the freshman science classes. Mrs. Johnson shared, "I am very proud of the class because they worked together to make a difference in a very practical way!"

In other Psychology-related news, our study of sleep, dreams, and other states of consciousness, prompted Psychology & German exchange student, Rebekka Hoering to invite Dr. Teresa Koeller (her host Mother) to share her medical expertise with our Psychology class. Dr. Koeller is an Addiction Medicine specialist and on 1/11/19 she took time from her busy schedule to answer questions and generate a lively discussion about addiction, its effects and other related topics. A HUGE thank you to Dr. Teresa Koeller!



WORK STUDY AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LONGSHORE DINING HALL ◀

Do you have just one day a month to volunteer for two hours in the NDA cafeteria? Helping out is neither difficult nor time-consuming and our current volunteers have fun visiting the school and seeing their daughters, granddaughters and friends. Volunteers are also welcome to stick around after their two-hour shift for lunch with "the crew". Grandparents in particular seem to love this job, so please consider asking your daughter's grandparents if they would like to help out. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karen Brungs at 859.292.1856 or brungsk@ndapandas.org. The schedule is online and you can sign up [HERE](#).

ALSO, we have a Work Study position open in the Longshore Dining Hall dishroom as well. If you are interested in this position, please contact Karen Brungs at 859.292.1856 or brungsk@ndapandas.org.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



Junior Parent College Meeting

The planning meeting for juniors will be Thursday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. We will discuss PSAT results, the ACT and action plans for the college process. Students are welcome to attend as well.

Free Prom Dresses from Cinderella's Closet

Cinderella's Closet will again be offering free dresses and accessories such as shoes and jewelry for girls who would not otherwise be able to attend prom. If your daughter has ever qualified for free or reduced lunch she would be eligible to shop at Cinderella's Closet. They will have shopping times available on Friday, March 22 and Saturday March 23. Please contact counselor Erin Maggard for more information on how to attend at maggarde@ndapandas.org.

Junior In-School ACT:

All Juniors will be taking an official ACT test during school on February 20. The students will register for this test here at school with the School Counselors. Students do not register for this in-school test through the ACT Website. More information about this February 20 ACT for Juniors will be coming soon!

Senior Reminders:

Copies of Admission/Scholarship Results: If you have received acceptance/deferral/denial notices from colleges, Ms. Burgei needs documentation of these admission results for your file. Please bring in a copy of your letter or simply print out any email that documents your admission results. If you have received notification of scholarships, we also need this documentation (even for schools you are not attending). Please contact Ms. Burgei if you have questions. Thank you!

Did you fill out the FAFSA? The FAFSA is the Application used to get College Financial Aid. If seniors have not filled out the FAFSA, we highly recommend that this be completed by February 1. Parents will need to assist students with this process as parent financial information is required. For help with filling out the FAFSA, you can see our website (College Financial Aid) or feel free to contact Ms. Burgei at burgeik@ndapandas.org or (859) 292-1830.



ALUMNAE MENTORING ◀

Our alumnae mentors have sessions set up for once a month to speak and interact with Seniors.

Here is what to expect for future dates:

Soft Skills / Office Etiquette / Social Media Do's/ Do Not's
Communication / Responsiveness
Critical Thinking/Decision Making Skills
Speed Mentoring Session

Wednesday, February 13
Wednesday, March 13
Wednesday, April 10
Wednesday, May 1

We will release more details of each session prior to that session.



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► Important dates

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| January 23 | Senior retreat |
| January 25 | Father/Daughter Dance |
| January 28 | Catholic Schools week begins CSW Mass |
| January 30 | Volleyball game |
| February 1 | Talent Show |
| February 1-3 | NDA/CCH Jazz Band Performance & Showcase |
| February 6 | Juniors to attend Play Winter Sports Pep Rally |
| February 7 | Current Junior College Planning Meeting for Parents and Students |
| February 8 | FR/SO Scheduling Meeting during Homeroom |
| February 11 | Current Sophomore College Planning Meeting with Parents |
| February 12 | Current Freshman College Planning Meeting with Parents |
| February 13 | Sophomores to attend Play 6th and 7th Grade Scavenger Hunt |
| February 15 | Mid-quarter |
| February 18 | No School: Presidents' Day |
| February 20 | Super Wednesday |

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Life Learning Center - Position Available
- Religious Freedom: Our First, Most Cherished Liberty
- Northern KY Basketball - Kenton County Night
- Sacramentals, Tools for your Spiritual Life... "Don't leave your home without them!"
- Host Family Program

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

