



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! I hope you and your family are safe and warm on the coldest day yet of 2019!

Our week began with an all school mass and a 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.

As the week continues, we will take time to recognize our wonderful faculty and staff for all they do to provide an exemplary Catholic education at NDA. We will also celebrate our students and 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.

Unfortunately we will have to postpone tonight’s annual NDA/CCH charity volleyball game. With school being closed today due to weather, all extracurricular activities have also been cancelled for the day. This annual game is not only a wonderful opportunity for our two schools to come together, but it is also a very important fundraiser benefitting the Emergency Shelter of NKY. If you don’t know anything about the Emergency Shelter of NKY, they do an incredible job sheltering those in need, especially on these extremely cold nights. You can learn more about ESNKY and how to support their efforts [HERE](#).

Thanks to our parents who hosted this year’s Father/Daughter event. It was a great night for our students to spend time with their dads.

Finally, **our Annual raffle is underway** and as you can see below, we are a bit behind this year. **We ask each family to support this effort by buying/selling at least six tickets.** This is an important fundraiser for our school as it helps to cover our educational costs, including tuition assistance. Tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#) or physical tickets may be picked up in the School Office. **Please encourage your daughter to sell her six tickets.** Your support is greatly appreciated!

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



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STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Catholic Schools week

Catholic Schools Week will wrap up on Friday -- Decades Day. Freshmen are encouraged to dress in 50s style, sophomores the 60s, juniors the 70s, 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.

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.

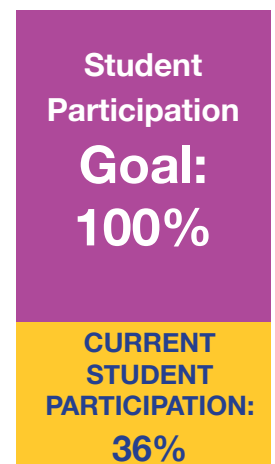
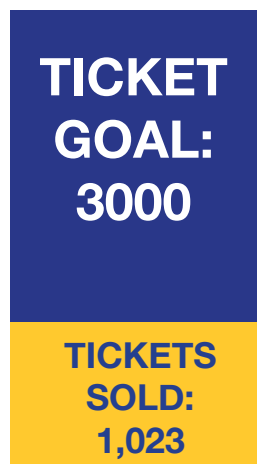
There are many incentives for the girls but the most important one is to support their school!

- 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)
- 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

Here's how we are doing so far:

Thank you

to all those who have already supported our NDA 2018 Cash Raffle!



ATTENTION SOPHOMORES ◀

Due to school being closed, Herff Jones will reschedule for today. Check your email in the next few days for a new ring ordering date.



CELEBRATE NDA BASKETBALL SENIOR NIGHT! MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4 ◀

All Pandas, family, and friends: Come and support our NDA senior basketball panda, Danielle Rennekamp, as we celebrate Senior Night and Danielle's four successful years of basketball at Notre Dame Academy. Senior Night is Monday, February 4 as our NDA Basketball Pandas take on Mason County at home. Pre-game Senior Night festivities start at approximately 7 p.m., before the Varsity game. Enjoy a live rendition of the National Anthem, a half-time performance by our NDA Dance Pandas, plus the spirit and sounds of the band. Our JV game starts at 6 p.m.

SHOWCASE OF TALENT ◀

Fine Arts Showcase: Hollywood, February 1-3

Join us as we race through the many triumphs and tragedy that Hollywood has brought us over the years, from the Golden Age of Hollywood to the present day! Follow our Emcees as they take you on a magical, hilarious, and often touching journey. One of our favorite shows of the season, the Showcase isn't one to miss! You can purchase tickets [HERE](#).



GOT JAZZ? ◀

This is one of the busiest weeks of the year for our NDA/CCH Band! This weekend, the Jazz Band will perform in Alumnae Hall prior to the Showcase performances on Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Stop by and listen to the Jazz Band! Don't forget, Jazz band will also play at CCH Fine Arts Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 2.

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 [jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2019-Yearbook/20180825044300310151/CATALOG_SHOP/) or by following this link. (https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2019-Yearbook/20180825044300310151/CATALOG_SHOP/)



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

Middle School Track at NDA

There will be an informational meeting for middle school track and field Monday, February 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at Notre Dame Academy. The goal of the Track and Field program is to introduce and teach the fundamentals of track and field, have fun, and provide opportunities to participate in middle school meets. All girls 6th through 8th in NDA feeders are invited to participate.

Message for Parents

The KHSAA and all other state associations, as well as the NFHS, are trying to address issues caused by declining numbers of licensed officials. One of those efforts is a reminder to everyone in attendance at games to be positive supporters. The atmosphere around games is one of the main reasons for the decline in officials. Read [this](#) for more information.



6TH & 7TH GRADE SCAVENGER HUNT AT NDA! ◀

Attention future Pandas! Join in all of the “Pandamonium” at the 6th and 7th Grade Scavenger Hunt at Notre Dame Academy on Friday, February 15 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Don't miss this afternoon of games, the NDA Scavenger Hunt, food and more! Please return the registration form for this event before February 13. You can find the registration form online [HERE](#). For more information contact NDA's Director of Admissions, Katie Caccavari, at 859.292.1829. We hope to see you there!



NDA GIRL UP DAY! ◀

Attention all girls in grades 4-8! Notre Dame Academy's Girl Up Club is presenting NDA GIRL UP DAY! On March 9, 2019, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Notre Dame Academy invites girls in grades 4-8 to come to NDA to learn about our Girl Up Club, confidence, leadership skills and how to develop strong bonds and relationships with other girls. All proceeds will be donated to the United Nations Foundation's Girl Up campaign. Students registered by February 22 will receive a free t-shirt! Register online [HERE](#).

DO YOU WONDER WHAT THE SOUTHERN BORDER IS LIKE? ◀

This summer Sister Maria Francine is facilitating a trip there to see the situation and speak with those involved, particularly immigrants and border patrol. This trip is for adults, not students. The Columban Missions in El Paso who have a shelter there provides talks with immigrants, border patrol and relief workers. Sometimes we need, when possible, to take an initiative to be informed. Access [THIS LINK](#) for details. You may contact Sister Maria Francine at stacymf@ndapandas.org.



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR GERMAN STUDENTS FOR FALL 2019 ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2019 enrollment. We are again working with our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta). At this time we are seeking families who would consider hosting the German students for the 2019 fall semester. Please email Mrs. Katie Caccavari at caccavarik@ndapandas.org, if you would be interested in more information about this opportunity. Your reply is not a commitment but would help us to know which families would consider supporting our international student enrollment by serving as host families.



CONGRATULATIONS

NDA SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARD WINNERS



NDA STUDENTS RECEIVE 86 SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARDS ◀

Congratulations to our very talented young writers who recently received 10 Gold Keys, 31 Silver Keys, and 45 Honorable Mentions for a total of 86 writing awards in the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition. All gold key winners will move on to the national completion this spring.

Special Awards to note: Olivia Ossege was recognized as American Voices nominee for one of her Gold Key pieces. From the Scholastic website, "The American Voices nominees are "Best in Show" awards that most exemplify originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision." Each region has five American Voices nominees. One winner will be chosen from each region and presented the American Voices Medal at a ceremony in NYC. Kate Williams received a Gold

Key for her writing portfolio - a collection of several pieces of writing.

Congratulations also to our NDA English teachers represented: Michael Byrd, David Jackson, Gurrie Frisbie, Lauren Garrett and Amanda Schultz.

The Art and Writing Awards Ceremony will take place on February 1, 2019 at the School for Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA), 108 W. Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

7-8 pm: Presentation of Awards to 9th & 10th Grade Recipients

8-9 pm: Presentation of Awards to 11th & 12th Grade Recipients

GOLD KEY

Paige Donnelly
Clara Dusing (2)
Julia Hughes
Emma Jennings
Molly Kleier

Olivia Ossege
Ceceilagh Pitstick
Bella Smith
Kate Williams

SILVER KEY

Megan Bezold
Celia Brungs
Emelia Campbell
Noelle Cottingham
Clara Dusing (2)
Maggie Ellis
Delaney Eviston

Isabella Feagan
Onali Fernando
Maria Hemsath
Lauren Janzaruk
Madison Matthews
Samantha Mazzaro
Kate McBride

Ainsley Moore
Laura Neltner
Olivia Ossege (3)
Ceceilagh Pitstick
Haley Planicka (2)
Maddie Prospero
Casey Shelton

Sydney Sparks
Katie Thieman
Gwyneth Thomas
Gabrielle Weber
Kate Williams (2)

HONORABLE MENTION

Nicole Andrew
Noel Baker
Molly Chun
Tori Clark
Chloe Collins
Jenna Danneman
Katherine Donaghy
Paige Donnelly
Clara Dusing (2)

Maggie Ellis
Dinithi Fernando
Onali Fernando
Sophia Ghazala
Kate Hail
Kennedy Hill
Clare Hooper
Julia Hughes
Claire James

Molly Kleier
Grace Meade
Ellie O'Hara
Olivia Ossege (4)
Lily Osterkamp
Serena Paterno
Ceceilagh Pitstick (2)
Haley Planicka (4)
Laney Ratterman

Anna Resing (3)
Ginger Rose (2)
Danielle Shoemake
Grace Siemer
Kate Williams (2)
Sarah Woodrum

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Transition and College Fair for Students with Diagnosed Learning Issues or Disabilities

Sycamore High School is hosting a Transition & College Fair in March for students supported with an IEP or 504 and looking for post-secondary options. This is open to any family in the area - all are invited to attend. A current list of agencies and colleges in attendance can be found [here](#) with more expected to be added.



Media Opportunities

Every year, WCPO 9 On Your Side offers two opportunities for high school students. The first is a workshop for any high school student. At this workshop, students will meet professionals in media and have a chance to talk to them about their careers. They will also get a tour of the WCPO studios. The deadline to RSVP is February 21. Email RSVP at mmorrow@wcpo.com.

The second opportunity is for minority students. It is an unpaid summer internship program where they can spend time getting a closer look at what media professionals do and attend leadership and soft skills training. The brochure and application can be found [HERE](#). The deadline to apply is March 31.

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.

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!



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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Local Financial Advisors, Trey Tapke and Julie Tapke Dusing ('94), are enthusiastic NDA supporters.



► Important dates

January 31	Panda Day: Welcome back Alumnae!
	Pep Rally
February 1	Decades Day
	Skyline during lunch
	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

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
- Nonprofit Founder and TIME 100 Most Influential People Winner to Speak at TMC
- Host Family Program

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

