



*An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy*

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! 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. Our students are a great example of women making a difference! Today excitement builds for our annual charity volleyball game tonight with CCH. Go Pandas!

As we celebrate this special week, we are truly blessed to be educators and students in a Catholic school and especially one guided by the SND charism. Our celebration began this week with mass celebrated by Bishop Foys 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 the Notre Dame education available to so many. True to their spirit of giving, the sisters served ice cream sundaes to our students at lunch. Today is Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day. We take time today to recognize and thank our wonderful faculty and staff for all they do to provide an exemplary Catholic education at NDA. Tomorrow we will celebrate Student Appreciation Day and end our week on Friday by sharing the gifts God has given us at our annual talent show.



**In celebration of Catholic Schools week and recognition of our teachers and students, Bishop Foys gave us a free day. Therefore we will not have school on Monday, February 6.**

Congratulations to our many students who received Scholastic Writing Awards. We had a record-breaking number of awards this year! NDA has quite an impressive English Department.

Don't forget our Student-Directed One-Acts this weekend, February 3-4. You can read more below about show times and ticket sales.

Scheduling meetings for the 2017-18 school year begin this week with our Sophomore Meeting on Thursday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The Freshman Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7 and the Junior Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9. Parents are asked to attend these meetings which will include information about standardized tests your daughter took this year as well as course scheduling for the coming year. Students are welcome to attend as well.

Our Annual raffle is underway and we ask each family to support this effort by buying/selling at least six tickets. The tickets were given to your daughter this week in homeroom. Sr. Paul Ann, Sr. Rachel and Advancement Associate Jan Gilliam will be greeting our students every morning through February 17 to collect tickets they have sold the previous day. The raffle helps to cover our educational costs including tuition assistance. In addition to those benefits, there are incentives for students and for each grade level. 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

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Club Leader Meeting

Next Wednesday after school, NDA Club Leaders will attend the third quarter Leadership Meeting where they will:

Assess service project completion  
Explore character traits associated with leadership

A huge thank you to the following students for preparing and organizing the meeting: Jay Mullaguru, Dymond Robinson, Julia Hughes, Anna Resing and Morgan Rains.

### THANK YOU!

The Teen Leadership Club would like to thank all of the freshmen who brought in snacks and drinks for the students of the Notre Dame Urban Education Center. Sr. Reinette and the rest of the Urban Ed Center were very grateful.



### NDA and CCH Present...

### Nights of Student-Directed One-Acts ◀

Join our students for two nights of one-acts, monologues, and scenes on February 3-4 at 6 and 8 p.m. ! All will be student directed and some are student-written, showcasing our students' talents in leadership and creativity. Please come and support the efforts of our students as they stretch their wings to become leaders and directors in their own right. Tickets are \$5/child \$10/adult and you can purchase tickets [HERE](#).

### 2017 NDA RAFFLE ◀

## It's Raffle time at NDA!

Each student received 6 raffle tickets this week for this special annual event. As you know, this fundraiser helps keep tuition low and aids in providing tuition assistance to deserving students.

Our overall goal this year is \$45,000! We are expecting the students to raise \$40,000 of that goal. With generous alumnae support, we hope to exceed our overall goal.

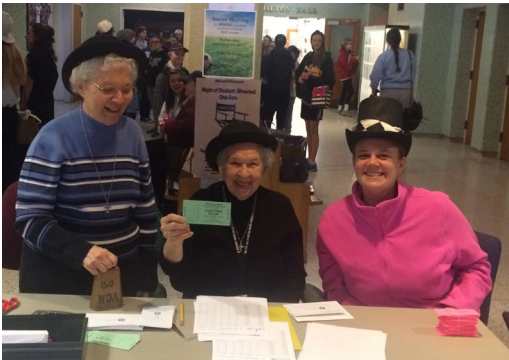
The winning raffle ticket for **\$10,000** will be pulled on February 17 at 2:00 p.m. at the Winter Pep Rally.

Sr. Paul Ann, Sr. Rachel and Jan Gilliam will be collecting raffle tickets each morning, passing out Out of Uniform passes and tallying up totals for the students to check our daily progress.

Each student is highly encouraged to sell 6 tickets at \$15 each and there are many incentives for them to do so. You can find more information about student incentives [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please call the Advancement Office at 859-292-7729.



# HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!



# CONGRATULATIONS

## NDA SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARD WINNERS



### NDA STUDENTS RECEIVE 153 SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARDS ◀

Congratulations to our very talented young writers who recently received 27 Gold Keys, 67 Silver Keys, and 60 Honorable Mentions in the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition. All gold key winners will move on to the national completion this spring. This makes for a record breaking 153 writing awards for NDA!

“It is an honor to work in a school that fosters and celebrates the creativity and talent of our student writers. As they continue to develop their voices, there is no doubt they can and will make a difference in the world,” said NDA English Department Chair Emily Sampson. She added “Where there is art, there is light!”

## GOLD KEY

Hannah Naberhaus (2)  
Olivia Ossege  
Katherine Horsford  
Claire Morgan (3)  
Kathleen Rice  
Maribeth Stafford  
Erin Miller (2), American Voices nominee

Paige Montfort  
Kelsey Schwarber  
Meg Whelan  
Sammie Kleier (2)  
Emily Rice  
Abbie Guard, American Voices nominee  
Lydia Watson

Maureen Herbe  
Emily Buten  
Fiona Blackburn  
Hypha Fries (3)  
Elizabeth Lonneman (2)

## SILVER KEY

Kathleen Rice  
Abby Kelly  
Katherine Horsford (2)  
Olivia Cooney  
Josephine Meyer-Hogan  
Lauren Lawler  
Abby Darpel  
Laura Neltner  
Emma Nurre  
Emilie Guerin  
Nathalie Hue  
Kate Williams

Katherine Donaghy  
Amanda Smith  
Maribeth Stafford (2)  
Katie Hellman  
Paige Montfort (5)  
Kylie Moellering  
Bella Smith  
Emma Duerstock (5)  
Kelsey Schwarber (3)  
Abby Couch  
Mackenzie Kingerski  
Lydia Bruns

Grace Caccavari  
Ashley Wright  
Grace Sullivan  
Emily Farmer  
Emily Rice (2)  
Izzy Pope  
Paige Brunson  
Emily Latz  
Abbie Guard  
Maureen Herbe  
Madison Jones (4)  
Julia Mathew

Fiona Blackburn (3)  
Maddie Prospero  
Hypha Fries  
Anna Resing  
Rebecca Hammill  
Fallon McAllister  
Rosie Molony  
Lauren Bracken  
Ellie Kathman  
Julia Hughes  
Emily Farrell (2)  
Morgan Weltzer

## HONORABLE MENTION

Alexis VanDusen  
Kimmy Birrer  
Hannah Naberhaus  
Olivia Ossege  
Claire Morgan  
Rachael Lukey  
Nathalie Hue  
Lauren Reinersman (2)  
Angela Menkhaus  
Natalie Dressman  
Anna Burns  
Kara Brunot

Emma Browning  
Liz Urban  
Julia Wilson  
Morgan Dickhaus  
Hanna Sweeney  
Emma Duerstock (2)  
Carolynn Zeis  
Lindsey Foust (2)  
Sammie Kleier  
Ming Wai Wong Burgess  
Grace Lawler  
Jacqueline Noll

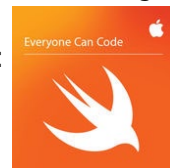
Elizabeth Womble  
Emily Farmer  
Emily Rice  
Angela Kyntchev  
Taylor Eiting (2)  
Haley Planicka  
Paige Brunson  
Emily Latz (2)  
Abbie Guard (6)  
Kendall Crawford  
Erika Nageleisen  
Lydia Watson (2)

Maureen Herbe  
Harper Lamb  
Madison Jones (3)  
Hypha Fries (2)  
Helen Roebker  
Ellie O'Hara  
Anna Resing  
Morgan Briede  
Becca Berling  
Elizabeth Lonneman



## INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

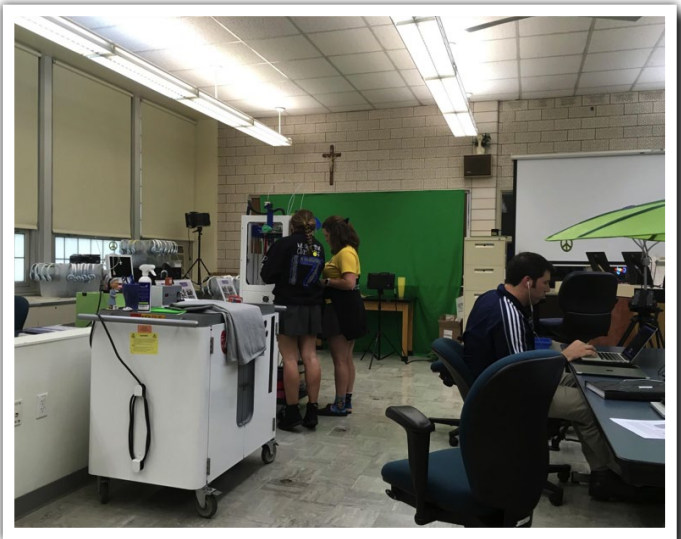
Recently recharged with new ideas from the [FETC.org](http://FETC.org) Technology Conference, Mrs. Mullee and her SWAT students have begun taking an iTunes U coding course called "Swift Playgrounds: Learn to Code 1&2."



Students will keep a digital portfolio using an app called



We hope to begin coding our projects for the 3-D printer. We will keep you posted!



Senior SWAT students Abby Bricking and Annie Lee watching the 3D printer print a job.



## PPC NEWS ◀

**SKYLINE NIGHT!** Don't worry about what's for dinner THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - it's Skyline time! The Ft. Wright Skyline will donate 20% of the night's sales to NDA Dances and Events from 3-9 p.m. You can find your coupons [HERE](#).

**PPC Meetings** are always the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the teachers lounge. Our next meeting is February 13. All are welcome!

## COLLEGE VISIT ◀

On February 6, we are having a military day. Both the Navy and the Marines will be visiting during the lunches.



## IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

### Financial Aid Applications:

Financial aid applications are now open and will remain open until April 15th. 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](#).

# NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

## ARCHERY

Notre Dame Academy hosted the NDA Classic Archery Tournament January 27th and 28th in which over 500 archers competed. NDA placed 2nd with a record high team score of 3250. Erin Kirchner shot the top score for the Pandas on her birthday, coming in 9th place with a 274. Other top scores included Hope Feinauer with a 272, Emma Duerstock with her personal best of 269, Lily Gamel with a 268, and Gabriella Ficke with her personal best score of 265. Chloe Summe also shot her personal best score at the tournament. Results for the full roster can be found at [nasptournaments.org](http://nasptournaments.org).



## SWIMMING

Swimming won the conference championship this past weekend. Next up is Regionals on February 10 and 11. Go Pandas!

## BOWLING

Good luck to our Panda Bowlers! Bowling was the Regional runner up and heads down to State in Lexington on February 9 and 10. Alecia Radford also finished third in the singles regional tournament and will represent NDA individually in addition to with the team at State.

## BASS FISHING

Anyone interested in joining the Bass Fishing team, please contact the athletic department or Coach Salkowski at [salkowskip@ndapandas.org](mailto:salkowskip@ndapandas.org). The deadline for sign-ups is this Friday.

## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The NDA Athletic Hall of Fame is set for March 9 at 6:00 p.m. in alumnae hall. There will be a cocktail and hors d'oeuvre hour from 6:00-7:00 p.m. with the program beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending around 8:00 p.m. We are excited to induct the list below and recognize the Swimming and Diving State Champion Teams from 1972, 1973, 1976 and 1977. You can purchase tickets online; the link will be in next weeks panda press!

Kim Gunning, Volleyball and Golf coach, AD 1989-2014

Rob Hardin, Tennis Coach 1995-2015

Sara Raaker McSorely, Soccer Coach, 2000-2013

Jill Hampton Baaker, Volleyball 1994-1998

Ally Westling, Tennis 2006-2010

Anna Walsh Koningsmark, Soccer 2001-2005



## DON'T FORGET TO VOTE! ◀

NDA senior Meg Whelan has designed a proposal for interpersonal social reform in India called "I am India"...

Please help strengthen the success of this proposal by voting for it each day between now and February 7 through an organization called **AFS Project: Change**. With your help, Meg's vision could be among the top 200 votes! If she makes it to

that level, AFS would then analyze her proposal and choose to bring it to life this summer for free with Meg as the leader of ten other American teenagers for two weeks in India.

You are able to vote once every day through February 7 at [http://contest.afsusa.org/entry/582888#.WH\\_we7Q8KhC](http://contest.afsusa.org/entry/582888#.WH_we7Q8KhC). It only takes a few minutes to set up an account and help Meg make a difference!

### Here are instructions on how you can help:

1. **Create an account at the site above (takes 2 seconds)**
2. **Go the email to verify your account**
3. **Log BACK on to the site**
4. **The project you will search for is 'I am India'**
5. **Vote**
6. **Vote again, everyday, for the next couple of weeks**

## NEWS FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT ◀

### Visual Arts Awarded at Scholastics Art and Writing Awards

Congratulations to Paige Brunson, Izzy Pope, Annie Lee, and Olivia Ossege for submitting their artwork to Scholastics and earning the following awards: Paige Brunson earned an Honorable Mention, 3 Silver Keys and a Gold Key for individual pieces. Paige also earned a Gold Key for her overall portfolio which means that her portfolio will move on to New York where it will be entered in the National competition. Annie Lee earned an Honorable Mention and 2 Gold Keys. Izzy Pope earned 2 Silver Keys and Olivia Ossege earned 2 Silver Keys.

To see all the Regional Scholastics Visual Arts Show, stop at the Art Academy of Cincinnati as the show will be on exhibition until February 3rd. Congratulations and thanks for representing NDA's Visual Arts program.

### Student Work On Exhibit at Reality Tuesdays Café

Tremendous thanks to Traci, Bill, and the entire staff at Reality Tuesdays Café for allowing NDA Art students to show their work on their walls from January thru February. Senior Mo Herbe has her work hanging and for sale at Reality Tuesdays thru the end of January, and then the Art 3 Seniors and AP students will fill the walls with their work throughout the month of February. This is a great opportunity for the students to show their work and we are really appreciative of the opportunity. Stop in to grab a bite to eat, something to drink, and to check out their work.

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

### Parent Meetings for Scheduling and PSAT overview:

We will have the parent meetings for current freshmen, sophomores and juniors in the NDA Theatre at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Freshmen: Tuesday, February 7**
- Sophomore: Thursday, February 2**
- Junior: Thursday, February 9**



We will review the scheduling process for the upcoming school year, and relevant grade level information including results of standardized testing for sophomores and juniors. Although we would love to have parents and students attend, it is not mandatory and follow up emails will give out presentation information and materials.

### Junior ACT on February 28:

All juniors will be taking the ACT during the school day, on Tuesday, February 28. We will help them with registering on paper during the school day for this District Test. There is no need to register for this test. We will ask the students to bring the fee of \$39.50 to school eventually for the test. If a student has trouble with that fee, please let Mrs. Monohan know. All high schools in the Diocese will be taking the ACT on that day. We will ask students to arrive at 7:45 that day to get ready to start by 8 a.m. More details and reminders will follow in an email to students and parents.

### Cinderella's Closet

Even though Silver Bells is still fresh in everyone's memories, some people are already thinking ahead to Prom! The organization Cinderella's Closet is definitely one of those groups, as they provide dresses, accessories, and shoes for junior and senior girls who need help to have a wonderful and memorable Prom experience. They provide these essential Prom items at no cost to those who have a financial need. If this is something your junior or senior daughter could benefit from, please contact Personal Counselor, Erin Maggard, at [maggarde@ndapandas.org](mailto:maggarde@ndapandas.org). This year the weekend Cinderella's Closet is open is actually the weekend of our prom so Ms. Maggard has spoken with the director about how to accommodate our girls. However, we need to let them know soon how many girls would like to shop at Cinderella's Closet, so please contact Mrs. Maggard ASAP! For more information about Cinderella's Closet go to <http://www.cinderellasclosetusa.org/>



### ENCHANTED FOREST DANCE

NDA and CCH Freshmen and Sophomores and their dates are invited to come to the Enchanted Forest, a Semi-formal dance scheduled at Notre Dame Academy on Saturday March 11 from 8:00-11:00pm. Tickets are \$12.00 per person, and will be sold the week before. All proceeds will benefit Notre Dame Academy's Drug Free Club.

### DRUG FREE CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to our members who were randomly tested last month! They enjoyed receiving goody bags and other rewards! We are so proud of you!

## ▶ Important dates

February 1	Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day Diocesan Mass for Catholic Schools Week NDA vs. CCH Volleyball Game 7:00 p.m.
February 2	Throwback Thursday Sophomore Parent Scheduling Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in NDA Theatre
February 3	Decade Day Skyline during lunch Mid quarter Talent Show
February 3-4	Night of Student One Acts 6:00 & 8:00 p.m.
February 6	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - FREE DAY from Bishop Foys
February 7	Freshman Parent Scheduling Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in NDA Theatre
February 9	Junior Parent Scheduling Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in NDA Theatre
February 10	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. All are welcome!
February 13	Panda Parent Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. Teacher Lounge
February 17	NDA Incoming Freshman Priority Application Period Ends! Winter Sports Pep Rally
February 19	Sisters of Notre Dame Pancake Breakfast
February 20	Presidents' Day - <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
February 21-24	Senior Retreat
February 24	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. All are welcome!
February 28	Super Tuesday: Senior Mission Retreat, Juniors - ACT, Sophomores and Freshmen - CERT Test
March 1	Ash Wednesday Mass
March 9	NDA Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
March 11	Freshman/Sophomore Dance: Enchanted Forest
March 16	Women Making A Difference Luncheon