



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings parents!

Today we began our Lenten journey, a traditional time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We celebrated with our Ash Wednesday Liturgy; praying as a school community that our hearts and minds can be open in a special way to God's presence in our lives during this holy season. We have much planned in the days to come to prepare ourselves for the gift of the risen Christ on Easter. It is important for us to remember that Lent is a special time offering each of us an opportunity to deepen our relationship with the God who loves us. It is our chance to take time out of our busy schedules to reflect on our lives and reach out to those in need. May this Lent be a special time of renewal of our faith!

A special note of gratitude to all who helped to plan our charity volleyball game during Catholic Schools week. Our NDA students, together with students from CCH, raised quite a bit of money for the Northern Kentucky Emergency Cold Shelter. It is fitting that as a Catholic school community we share our gifts with those in need, especially the homeless. May we keep this organization in our prayers as they provide the basic need of shelter to so many in our local community especially throughout the cold season of winter.

Congratulations to our students who participated in the Fine Arts Showcase this past weekend. Our community is gifted with many talented young people! Congratulations also to all of our BEST Award Winners for the second quarter. You can read more about the award and the recipients below.

Scheduling meetings for the 2016-17 school year will continue tomorrow evening with the **Junior Meeting** which will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. 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 I would like to thank you for your support of this important fundraiser. Proceeds from the raffle help bridge the gap between tuition and actual cost of education and provide tuition assistance to deserving students. Each student is asked to sell five tickets for the raffle and they are given many incentives to motivate them in their selling. With all of our recent days off, the selling time for the raffle is shorter than usual. The winners will be drawn next Friday so please encourage your daughters to turn in their tickets to Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Rachel soon. Again, thanks for your support of NDA!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Charity Volleyball Game

Last week, NDA and CCH hosted a volleyball game to support the Northern Kentucky Emergency Cold Shelter. As a result of the charity volleyball game, the students are able to donate \$2350 to the cold shelter. The money will certainly go a long way these cold days of winter, so a huge thank you to all who coordinated, participated and attended the event.

Club Leader Meeting

On Wednesday, February 24 at 2:45-3:15, we will be hold a mandatory meeting for all student club leaders. At the meeting, we will discuss:

- Service Projects
- Effective qualities of leadership (time management and event planning)

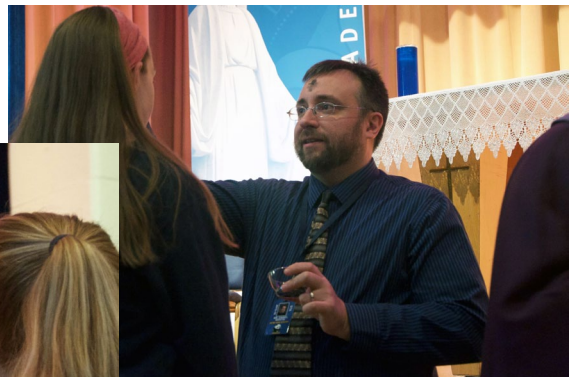


CAMPUS MINISTRY UPDATE ◀

In religion classes this week, students and faculty will be given a purple piece of paper on which they will write their Lenten Challenge this year (what they will be giving up/working on etc. - anonymously). These papers will be on the homeroom doors to serve as a daily reminder for us. As a school, we will also participate in the Rice Bowl Project again this year.

If your daughter is looking for some ideas about what to give up for Lent this year, you can check out a link to an article that gives 102 suggestions for teens of things to give up for Lent [HERE](#).

There will also be many opportunities for Reconciliation for our students, faculty and staff at NDA throughout Lent. Msgr. Cleves will be at NDA for reconciliation every Monday during lunches throughout Lent. There will also be another reconciliation schedule posted in your daughter's religion class.



2016 NDA RAFFLE!

How would you like to win \$5000?

It's raffle time at NDA! Each student received 5 raffle tickets for this special event. As you know, this fundraiser helps keep tuition low and aids in providing tuition assistance to deserving students.

Our goal this year is **\$42,000** and we are on our way to reaching that goal with **only six days remaining!** The three winning raffle tickets will be pulled on **February 17 at 2:00 p.m.** Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Rachel will be collecting raffle tickets each morning and tallying up our totals for the students to check our progress each day.



Each student is required to sell 5 tickets and there are many incentives for them to do so:

- The Top Selling Student will receive a \$100 AmEx gift card and get to be "Principal for the day" on February 19
- The 2nd Top Selling Student will receive a \$50 AmEx gift card
- The Winning Homeroom will get donuts one morning during long homeroom
- The Winning Grade Level will get pizza one day during lunch mods
- The Top Winning Homeroom Teacher will receive a \$50 AmEx gift card
- Out of Uniform Opportunities

Each student will have a chance at 3 out of uniform days. She can receive an Out of Uniform Pass if she:

1. Brought in her 5 raffle tickets BEFORE or ON February 9,
2. Brings in 5 additional raffle tickets BEFORE or ON February 11
3. Brings in 5 additional raffle tickets BEFORE or ON February 17

As you can see, in order to receive 3 Out of Uniform Passes, a student must sell 15 chances. If we meet our goal, everyone will be out of uniform on February 18!

NDA's BEST! ◀

Each Quarter the Faculty at NDA votes to select students in the four grade levels who have worked the hardest, improved the most, and put forth the most effort within classes. At the end of the school year, NDA teachers select a scholarship recipient from students who have won the BEST Award in any of the quarters for the school year. The partial scholarship is provided by Corporex.

Congratulations to the following BEST Award Winners for the second quarter:

Freshman: Angela Kyntchev
Sophomore: Stephanie Meyer
Junior: Skyler Campbell
Senior: Tess Witt

THEATRE NEWS ◀

Auditions for Seussical the Musical:
Thursday, February 11 from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Crew Meetings for Seussical the Musical:
Wednesday, February 10 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.



ATTENTION CLASS of 2018 - IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR CLASS RING ◀

Parent and Student Ring Order Night

A representative from Herff Jones Graduate Services will be at NDA on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to order your daughter's class ring.

Herff Jones will also be here during your Daughter's lunch period on Thursday, February 18, 2016, to collect the order.



Enjoy the
4-day weekend
Pandas!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Summer Enrichment Opportunities for Students:

We are getting information about Summer Opportunities of all sorts! We will keep updating our Summer Opportunities page throughout the Spring as we get information but some deadlines are approaching so take a look! To view all Summer Opportunities: [Click Here](#)



Featured Summer Opportunity:

Xavier University Jump Start Program - Earn undergraduate college credits during this 2-week program held at Xavier University this summer. Areas of study: "Criminalistics: An Introduction to Forensic Science" or "Pre-Medicine". Program Dates: July 10 - 23, 2016

Deadline to Apply: March 1, 2016 / Program Link: [XU Jump Start](#)

Scheduling meetings:

The counselors will be holding meeting for the parents to discuss the upcoming scheduling process for the 2016-17 school year. We will also be discussing the PSAT results for the sophomores and juniors. Students are welcome to attend, but we would appreciate at least one parent/guardian be in attendance. Handouts and presentation materials will be available via electronic resource, if one is unable to attend. The dates for these meetings are:

Junior Meeting: Thursday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

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. The counselor will work with your daughter to set up an appointment on March 18 or 19 to pick out her dress. Cinderella's Closet will begin accepting appointments on February 12, so please let the counselor know if you are interested as soon as possible. For more information about Cinderella's Closet go to <http://www.cinderellasclosetusa.org/>.



FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

Archery

The NDA archers shot well at the NASP Regionals last Saturday but did not place high enough to progress to state. Erin Kirchner shot her season high score of 275 and placed 13th in her division. Lauren Reinersman, Kimmy Birrer, Hannah Rovito, Jenna Wigger, Grace, Schmidt, Elizabeth Dunaway, and Hanna Knaley all shot their best score this season. The Pandas'

team score was 3051 and we placed 10th in the high school division.



WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE 2016 ◀

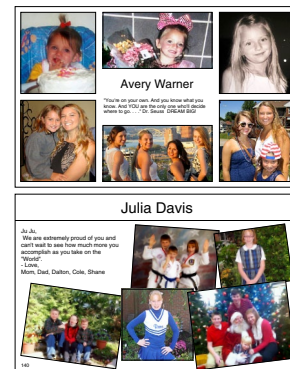
You are cordially invited to attend Notre Dame Academy's Fifteenth Annual Women Making A Difference Award Luncheon on Thursday, February 25, 2016, the at Northern Kentucky Convention Center, Covington, Kentucky beginning at 11:00 a.m. with Registration & Networking followed at 12:00 p.m. with Luncheon & Awards Ceremony. Please contact Emily Berling at 859-292-1852 or at berlinge@ndapandas.org to RSVP.

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR YEARBOOK? ◀

Parents: Now you can order your daughter's copy of the 2016 edition of the Notre Dame Academy yearbook, Tapestry, by following [this link to jostens.com](http://this.link.to.jostens.com). Yearbooks are now available at last year's pre-order price of \$60; get yours before the price goes up in April!

SENIOR ADS ◀

Senior Parents: You're understandably proud of your daughter. Why not say it with a yearbook recognition ad? They're available in a variety of sizes and price points, and you get to choose the photos and words you want. They're quick, easy and fun! Getting started is as simple as following [this link](http://this.link).



Important dates:

February 10	Ash Wednesday Mass 1:30 p.m.
February 11	Current Junior Parent Scheduling/PSAT Meeting <i>Out of Uniform for Raffle Tickets</i>
February 11-16	California Technology Trip
February 12	No School: Faculty Retreat
February 15	No School: Presidents' Day
February 17	Sophomore Ring Ordering
February 18	<i>Out of Uniform for Raffle Tickets</i>
February 19	Winter Sports Pep Rally SWAT Tech Olumpics
February 25	Women Making A Difference Luncheon
February 26	Senior Retreat
March 1	Life Club Blood Drive

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- St. Joseph School Curtain Call Cavaliers Present "Adventures of a Comic Book Artist"
- Work Study Positions Available with the Sisters of Notre Dame
- Part-time Job Opportunities for Students and Moms

For a complete list of community news [CLICK HERE](#).

