



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Today we begin our Lenten journey, a traditional time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This morning we celebrated with our annual 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.

After Mass, I talked to our students about what they might do to help make this Lent a special time to deepen their relationship with God. I reiterated some of Fr. Bertke's remarks from his homily asking them what they could do for others during Lent. I also asked them what they could do to cultivate hope and happiness during this holy season.

I know many of our students typically give things up as a sacrifice during Lent however, I challenged them to also consider doing small acts of kindness throughout the next six weeks. I think these small acts of kindness can have a tremendous impact on those around us. I truly believe that through showing love, care and compassion to others in small ways, we can change the world. I encourage you to continue this discussion with your daughter to help her decide what that kindness looks like for her and how she can make that happen throughout Lent this year.

Another Lenten challenge I have presented to our students is that they choose to be device free at the cafeteria tables during their lunch periods. I know many of our students use their lunch time to catch up on emails and work using their iPads. For the next six weeks, I would like them to try to put down those iPads during their lunch periods and interact face to face with each other. We all strive to become skilled at multitasking but I think it's really important for our students to also learn the value of taking a break and engaging in meaningful conversation. My hope is that they see the tremendous benefits of being device free during lunch over these next six weeks and make it a permanent practice.

May this Lent be a special time of renewal for each of you!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

T-Shirt Bags

Help our neighbors carry their groceries in a more environmentally sustainable way!



STUDENT COUNCIL INFORMATION SESSION ◀

Any freshman through junior should consider joining the Student Council team. Elections for School Officers, Grade Level Co-Presidents and Home-room Representatives will take place in the spring. Applications and job descriptions were handed out during the information session before and after school today. Students unable to attend the information session should see Mrs. Wagner or Mrs. Grayson for an application.

T-SHIRT COLLECTION ◀

On Thursday, March 5 (Women Making a Difference Day), Juniors and Seniors will be creating T-Shirt Tote Bags with the help of Service Learning Coordinators from St. Vincent De Paul. Adult sized short sleeve t-shirts are needed for the service project and can be dropped off in the foyer beginning Monday. All students are asked to bring at least one clean t-shirt for the project.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PROM: THE GREAT GATSBY ◀

This Friday, all juniors and seniors will attend a Prom and After Prom informational meeting during homeroom. Details and registration information will be shared at that time. Prom will take place on Friday, March 27 at Music Hall with After Prom afterwards at Northern Kentucky University.

REMINDER FOR SENIOR PARENTS ◀

Senior Parents: A reminder that the letter for your daughter's Mission Retreat is due on March 6, 2020. Please send them into the school office with your daughter's first and last name on it and marked **PARENT LETTER** We appreciate your help with this activity.



CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

At NDA, we celebrate our Catholic Identity everyday by living the Gospel message of Jesus through kindness and generosity to others, respect for life, community service and striving to use our God given gifts. Take a look at our Campus Ministry Department calendar for this week [HERE](#).



VOTE FOR LAINY AND MACIE! ◀

Vote [HERE](#) for your fellow Pandas for Athlete of the Week. Macie Feldman is up for basketball and Lainy Kruger is up for swimmer of the week!



THREE NDA STUDENTS NAMED NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS ◀

Congratulations to Notre Dame Academy seniors, Maddie Prospero, Laura Neltner and Becky Hammill on being recognized as National Merit Finalists. We are very proud of these NDA scholars! This accomplishment is a reflection of the diligence of these students and dedication of our faculty. We congratulate these young women and their families.



NDA RECEIVES BEST OF FAIR AT SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY (SEFNK) ◀

Notre Dame Academy science research students had an outstanding performance at the Science and Engineering Fair of Northern Kentucky (SEFNK) on Saturday, February 22. Under the Direction of Mr. Bill Stamm, Notre Dame Academy received top honors as the Best of Fair high school. Additionally, several NDA students received category and special awards with 13 students qualifying to compete at the Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair in March.

“It is wonderful to see the spirit of innovation continue through our Science Research Program at Notre Dame Academy,” said NDA Principal, Mr. Jack VonHandorf. “We are very proud of our students’ hard work and dedication to their science research projects and encourage their continued interest in the STEM fields.”

You can read the entire list of category and special awards won by NDA Science Research students [HERE](#).



NDA STUDENT FURTHERS SUCCESS IN RIDING ◀

Alivia Kohus and her horse Carl made their debut in the National Hunter Derby class at the World Equestrian Center this past weekend. The Hunter Derby allows professional, amateur and junior riders to compete together in a format consisting of two rounds over fences that showcases their riding skills as well as the talent of their horse with cash prizes awarded to the top finishers. You can read more about how Alivia did at the competition [HERE](#).

CLASS REGISTRATION

COURSE REGISTRATION INFORMATION ◀

The course request window for next year's classes remains open until Friday night. Instructions for how to enter course requests can be found on the NDA website towards the bottom of the PowerSchool page under the Academics tab. (The direct link is https://www.ndapandas.org/Portals/nda-pandas/Documents/Academics/2020_2021/2020_2021_RegistInstru.pdf) Help is available each day in the cafeteria during lunch if needed.



CREATIVE PANDAS! ◀

Mrs. Brennan's Textiles 1 class recently made a two-sided pot holder for Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day. Nice work ladies!



GIRL UP DAY ◀

Girl Up Club is hosting Girl Up Day this Saturday, 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. All proceeds will go to the United Nations Girl Up Campaign. You can register online [HERE](#).



ROAD PROJECT TO IMPACT YOUR COMMUTE ◀

Next week a road project at Kyles Lane and Dixie Highway in Ft. Wright is set to begin and it could impact your daughter's commute to school. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) announced that the work will start the week of March 2, weather permitting. KYTC said for drivers to expect delays and to avoid the route, if possible. If coming through the intersection, drivers are urged to use caution. PLEASE allow for extra time getting to NDA beginning next week and if your daughter drives herself to school each day, PLEASE make her aware of this road project.



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES AT NDA ◀

NDA has all sorts of Summer Enrichment Opportunities. Check out all of the awesome art classes Mr. Eckerle is offering this summer at NDA! You can find further information and registration forms online [HERE](#).

Notre Dame Academy has
Art Music Something Fun Drama
for everyone this summer!



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.



PLASTIC BAGS ◀

For our Women Making a Difference Service Day on March 5, we are in need of plastic bags. These plastic bags are going to be processed into plarn (plastic yarn) that will then be used to make mats/bags etc. for people experiencing homelessness in our area. We will have a collection bin in the foyer where the bags can be placed. Thanks for your assistance.

YEARBOOK

YEARBOOK INFORMATION ◀

You can still pre-order your daughter's yearbook for the 2019-20 school year (2020: Women with Vision) at jostens.com (link https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2020-Yearbook/2020011204172891054/CATALOG_SHOP/). February is the last month for the special price of \$60; the price goes up to \$70 on March 1.

The 2018-19 yearbook (New and Forever) is available for purchase for \$70 in the office or Room 112; please make checks payable to Notre Dame Academy.

BOOK DRIVE

BOOK DRIVE FOR THE LITERACY NETWORK ◀

Three of our seniors are holding a book drive here at school for their senior service project. The drive is being held this week: February 24-28. We are asking for donations of books of ANY READING LEVEL (Children- adults). The books should be new or gently used, but annotated books are still permitted (meaning you can turn in books that you've used for school in the past.) We would really appreciate any donations, because they will be helping lower income families, schools, and libraries in Cincinnati. The books will be used to help increase the reading level and ability for people living so close to us. There is a bin set up in the foyer this week, so you can drop books off as you come into school.



NDA STUDENTS TO PERFORM AT MEMORIAL HALL ◀

Sunday, March 1 at 2 p.m. at Memorial Hall, there is going to be an instrumental concert featuring numerous amazing soloists. The Immanuel School of Music's Youth Sinfonia Orchestra will be performing on each selection with the soloists. If you attend, look for NDA's very own freshman Monica Geiman on the left with the violins and senior Ainsley Moore on the right with the cellos; you'll also see NDA's Music Enrichment Instructor on Timpani and other percussion. Tickets: \$10 per adult and Free for students 18 and younger [CLICK HERE](#) if interested.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

WINTER SPORTS PROGRAM ◀

Mark your calendar for the Winter Sports Program which will be held on March 17 at 7 p.m. in the NDA theater.



GREAT FINISH TO THE 2019-2020 SWIM AND DIVE SEASON! ◀

Congratulations to the Aqua Pandas for placing 9th at States! Nine swimmers and two divers travelled down to Lexington to compete in the state meet February 20-21 at the University of Kentucky's Lancaster Aquatics Center.

The swimmers had several top 16 finishes at the meet. Lainy Kruger came in 2nd in the 100 yard breaststroke and 3rd in the 200 yard individual medley. Riley Jordan came in 12th place in the 100 yard backstroke. The 400 free-style relay, consisting of Lainy Kruger, Allie Weidinger, Ellie Greenwell, and Riley Jordan, came in 4th place, and the 200 medley relay, consisting of Riley Jordan, Lainy Kruger, Allie Weidinger, and Ellie Greenwell came in 5th place.



GEARING UP FOR 20-21! ◀

NDA Cheerleaders accepted an invitation to the 2020 Georgetown College Cheer Spring Stunt and Recruitment Clinic in order to gear up for NDA's 20-21 Cheer Season!



PANDA PARENT CLUB

PANDA PARENT CLUB MEETING ON VAPING ◀

Don't miss the next Panda Parent Club meeting on **Monday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m.** The topic is **Vaping** and our speaker will be Joyce Jacobs, a Heart and Vascular Prevention and Wellness Nurse Navigaro from St. Elizabeth Healthcare.

Junior and senior parents in attendance at the March PPC meetings will be entered into two special prom ticket raffles:

- 2020 Prom ticket raffle
- 2020 After Prom ticket raffle

Junior and Senior Parents, WIN A TICKET to Prom or After Prom FOR YOUR PANDA by ATTENDING February or March's PPC meeting!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



MARK YOUR CALENDAR ◀

May 11, 2020 - Panda Parent Club Event

All Parents are invited to attend!

Topic: "College Affordability"

Dan Bisig will be our guest speaker. Dan will teach parents how to figure out their college budget, how to find colleges that fit your budget, and what websites to use to research future colleges. By having these critical details, stress can be reduced and a solid game plan can be created.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY (OXFORD) SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM ◀

Miami's [Summer Scholars Program](#) provides an early college experience for rising high school juniors and seniors. Students will attend a two-week program on Miami's campus exploring a topic of their choice. Participants who later choose to apply to Miami will also receive an admission application fee waiver and priority consideration for Miami merit scholarships and the University's premier academic programs.

Session I

July 5 - July 17, 2020

Session II

July 19 - July 31, 2020



YOUNG ADULT & TEEN JOB FAIR ◀

Covington Library

Thursday, March 5

4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Graduating soon? Looking for a summer job? Don't miss this opportunity! Meet representatives of major local employers hiring for retail, food industry, recreation, government, education and many other positions who have keys to a brighter future for you.



"FINDING SCHOLARSHIP MONEY FOR COLLEGE" DINNER & SPEAKER ◀

Erlanger Library

Monday, March 30

6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The featured speaker is College Coach Dan Bisig.

RSVP Required: [College Scholarships Dinner & Speaker](#)





COMMONWEALTH HONORS ACADEMY ◀

The [Commonwealth Honors Academy \(CHA\)](#) is a summer academic enrichment program open to current Juniors. It will take place (June 6-27) on the campus of Murray State University. The interaction of enthusiastic, energetic, and intellectual students is one of the most valuable aspects of the academy. Upon completion of CHA, students receive six hours of university credit, with the opportunity to take six additional hours of tuition-free university courses at Murray State University during their senior year. Students applying for the Commonwealth Honors Academy should have a 3.5 GPA and a 25 Composite ACT (or equivalent). The [Application](#), including two Teacher Recommendation Forms and one Counselor Recommendation, is due March 1st. There is no cost to students except for a \$195 tuition processing fee. (This fee is waived for students receiving free or reduced student lunch, or ACT Fee Waiver.) Contact Mrs. Hildreth if you would like any help with the application!



SENIOR PANEL FOR FRESHMEN: ◀

On Monday during Homeroom, a Panel of Seniors had an open discussion with the Freshmen class on a variety of topics: how to deal with drama, gossip, social media, how to get grades up, and how to choose a career. It was very informative and encouraging. Freshmen came away knowing they are welcome to approach their sister Senior Pandas for answers and help at any time.



College Rep Visits

2019-20 College Rep Visits ◀

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch periods. You can find a list of upcoming visits [HERE](#).



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. 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](#).



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!

YOU ARE INVITED ◀

Please join us for this year's Women Making a Difference Award Luncheon on Thursday, March 5! You can make your reservations online [HERE](#).



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S NINETEENTH ANNUAL

Women Making A Difference

A W A R D L U N C H E O N 2 0 2 0

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020

NORTHERN KENTUCKY CONVENTION CENTER
COVINGTON, KENTUCKY

11:00 A.M. REGISTRATION & NETWORKING

12:00 P.M. LUNCHEON & AWARDS CEREMONY

Honoring Notre Dame Academy Alumnae for the contributions they have made to their families, their communities, and beyond.

2020 WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE HONOREES



CONNIE KAELIN ROENKER
1968



PEGGY MURPHY BARKER
1984



HOLLY GRAZIANI DANNEMAN
1992

2020 SR. REINA AWARD HONOREES



MIKE AND BETH
SCHUH '77 DEMPSEY

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ONLINE, PLEASE GO TO
<https://www.ndapandas.org/alumnae/women-making-a-difference.aspx>

OR please mail the enclosed reservation card, along with payment, to:

NOTRE DAME ADVANCEMENT OFFICE, 1699 HILTON DRIVE, PARK HILLS, KY 41011



NDA CASH RAFFLE ◀

It's Raffle Time at NDA!

NDA CASH RAFFLE DRAWING

March 13, 2020

Raffle Grand Prize: \$10,000

Students received their 2020 NDA Cash Raffle tickets on Monday. The Cash Raffle benefits our tuition assistance program as well as other student program needs at NDA. For many years our raffle has provided financial assistance for 100s of our fellow Pandas, funds for professional development for our teachers and supported the many ways we use technology at NDA!

Tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#) or sent in with your daughters! Feel free to share the link with your family and friends to make this year's raffle the best yet!

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

COMMUNITY



NEWS

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

- Show Your Support for Public Transportation for Private Schools
- Young Adult & Teen Job Fair
- Emergency Shelter of NKY - Homeless to Hopeful Event
- Lenten Mission with Steve Angrisano
- Position Available at Holy Trinity School
- Position Available at St. Joseph Heights
- Position Open for Parish Office Secretary
- Kenton County School District Recruiting Bus Drivers
- Part-time School Cafeteria Positions
- 2020 U.S. Census Employment Opportunities



5K Run & Walk
In Memory of Calvin Scheper

BE CALVIN KIND ◀

Help make a difference in the world with the Scheper family by joining them for the inaugural BeCalvinKind5K run/walk in memory of their son and brother Calvin Scheper. This special community event will be held on Saturday, March 28 and will benefit children and adults in need. You can find more information about this morning of running and fun as well as online registration [HERE](#).

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESE OF COVINGTON ◀

Dear Parents,

Our Diocesan schools and families throughout Kentucky will benefit through the passage of Scholarship Tax Credits. It is important to let our state representatives know of our support for this critical legislation that will provide additional financial aid for families in need, making a private grade school and high school education more accessible. We have provided postcards available in your school office to help you notify your representative of your support. Please stop by your school office or ask your daughter to bring a postcard home to you if you are interested in participating.

If you will take a moment to complete the card by writing your name and address (street address, city, zip code) and have your student return it to NDA by Monday, March 2, this would be much appreciated. We suggest you fill out one card per family--for two parent households, simply provide both names such as Tom and Mary Smith. Although it is not required, please feel free in the space provided to add a comment in support of passage. The Diocese will collect the cards and have them forwarded to the legislators.

We appreciate everyone's immediate attention to this vital issue. To learn more about Scholarship Tax Credits, please visit www.edchoiceky.com. This website also contains a resource page with information on myths concerning the legislation.

Your advocacy of this issue is critical. Your voice as parents matters greatly and your legislator will appreciate hearing from you. Many legislators say they support our issue but it is one thing to support it and another to prioritize it. We need them to prioritize and pass this issue which will help so many Kentucky families.

Thank you for your participation!



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► Important dates

February	26	Ash Wednesday Mass
	28	Prom Registration Opens
		State Latin Convention
	29	Girl Up Day
March	5	Women Making a Difference Day
		Women Making a Difference Luncheon
	7	8th Grade Conferences
	9	Panda Parent Club Meeting
	10	National Latin Exam
	11	FR to the Play
	13	3rd Quarter Ends
		Raffle Pep Rally (ADJ)
	18	SO to the Play
		Safe Environment Training (ADJ)
	20	Baby Day
	21	8th Grade Conferences
	24	Panda Preview Night for Prospective Students
	27	Prom