



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 afternoon 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. 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!

Thanks to all who participated in our Annual Raffle. It was huge success and a wonderful example of the generosity of so many who support our school. Thank you to our top selling students, homeroom and grade level. You can read more about the raffle results below. Special thanks also to Sr. Paul Ann, Sr. Rachel and Ms. Jan Gilliam for their hard word on the raffle and their dedication to making a difference at NDA!

We have begun our scheduling process for the 2018-19 academic year. Our College Planning meetings for current sophomores with parents will take place tomorrow evening, February 15 and our College Planning meeting for current freshmen is scheduled for next Tuesday, February 20.

One final note: Bishop Foys awarded a day off for everyone last Wednesday at the Diocesan Catholic Schools Week Mass. He asked that the day be used within the month of February and **we will be taking that day off on this FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**. I hope you and your daughter enjoy the long weekend.

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

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Attention Freshmen Parents: Help Needed!

Sophomores through Seniors are invited to attend the annual Silver Bells Dance on Friday, March 10 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. To assist with clean up, we ask for the help of Freshmen parents to clean up immediately after the dance. This takes the responsibility off of the Sophomore class who hosts the event.

We are looking for 12 to 15 Freshmen parents to help clean up after the dance which is held at Notre Dame. Clean up would begin at 11:00 p.m. and should take no longer than one hour. We appreciate your help! [CLICK HERE](#) to volunteer!

Next Year's Calendar

September 4	First Day of School
October 12	No School: Professional Development Day
November 1	No School: All Saints' Day
November 2	1st Quarter Ends
November 21-23	No School: Thanksgiving Break
December 20--January 2	No School: Christmas Break
January 15-17	Exams
January 17	2nd Quarter Ends
January 21	No School: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 18	No School: Presidents' Day
March 21	3rd Quarter Ends
March 22	No School: Prom
April 18-26	No School: Easter Break
May 20-22	Senior Exams
May 24	No School: Graduation
May 27	No School: Memorial Day
May 28-30	Exams
May 31	4th Quarter Ends/Cleaning Day



Ski Club Trip

Pandas how are Interested in hitting the slopes should Join Ski Club for a trip to Perfect North on Saturday, February 24. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the permission slip. Permission slips and \$5 travel fee are due by 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 20 to reserve a spot. Space is limited!

2018 NDA RAFFLE ◀

Thank you very much to all the alumnae and students that supported this year's Cash Raffle. We exceed our goal of \$40,000! This money will help keep tuition low and aid in providing tuition assistance to deserving students. Thank you especially to our top selling students, Felicia Berling, Avery Munroe and Caroline Hicks, along with Homeroom 209 and the freshman grade level for helping us reach the goal! Sr. Paul Ann, Sr. Rachel and Ms. Jan Gilliam thank you for your time and support in this fundraiser!



BLESSING OF ST. BLAISE ◀

Special thanks to our devoted Chaplain, Fr. Michael Hennigen, who stopped by NDA recently to bless the throats of our students during class!



NDA HONOR ROLL ◀

Congratulations to our students who made First and Second Honors in the second quarter of this school year. You can find the list of honors students online [HERE](#).



NDA 2018 MOTHER DAUGHTER DANCE ◀

Mothers and daughters - "Keep Calm and Put Your Jammies On" for this year's Sweet Dreams P.J. Party this Friday, February 16 from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Receptions in Erlanger. Tickets are \$25/person and can be purchased online [HERE](#). **REGISTRATION DEADLINE is TODAY!**

SENIOR PARENTS ◀

Just a reminder that Parent letters for the Senior mission Retreat are due on February 15 to the school office. Information about these letters was emailed out the week of January 15. If you did not receive this information, please contact Mrs. Bridget Price at priceb@ndapandas.org.



2019 INTERNATIONAL TRIP- ITALY! ◀

Do you love to travel? Do you want to experience new cultures? We are excited to announce that our student international trip for the summer of 2019 will be to Italy! Come with us to visit Florence, Venice, Rome, Capri, and more! There was an informational meeting for parents and students on Tuesday. If you are interested in the trip but you were not able to attend the meeting, please email Mrs. Wagner at wagnerk@ndapandas.org. We hope to see you there!



NDA SUMMER CLASSES ◀

NDA has all sorts of Summer Enrichment Opportunities. You can find information about our 2018 Summer Art Classes online [HERE](#).

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ◀

Parents, did you know that NDA's daily announcements are posted each day on our website? You can find them [HERE](#).



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

ARCHERY

The Pandas competed at the NASP Regional Tournament, coming in 11th out of 27 teams with a team score of 3194. Claire Scheffter shot the highest score, coming in 21st in a division of nearly 300 athletes with a 279. Mackenzie Burns shot her personal best with a 272. Other top shots include Alexis Hehman with a 271, Evelyn Cook with a 268, Jenna Wigger with a 267. Megan Bezold, Sarah Witt, and Anissa Dickerson all shot their personal best scores. Results for the full roster can be found on nasptournaments.org. Nice shooting, Pandas!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Upcoming College Planning Nights

Sophomore College Planning Night

Thursday, February 15

6:30 pm - 7:45 p.m.

NDA Theatre

Freshmen College Planning Night

Tuesday, February 20

6:30 pm - 7:45 p.m.

NDA Theatre



Topics to be covered for both presentations: scheduling courses for next year, standardized test and college applications, using PSAT results and exploring ACT/SAT, utilizing Naviance for career and college planning, tips for improving mental and emotional health in teens. If you can't make it for the date indicated above, we will send a copy of the presentation to all parents and students via email.

Attention Juniors and Seniors!

Cinderella's Closet is again helping junior and senior girls have a memorable prom experience by providing dresses and accessories 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. Cinderella's closet will be open the weekend of March 16 & 17. Appointments can only be made by Mrs. Maggard, so please contact her to make one!



2017-18 College Rep Visits at NDA

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch periods. Below is a list of upcoming visits.

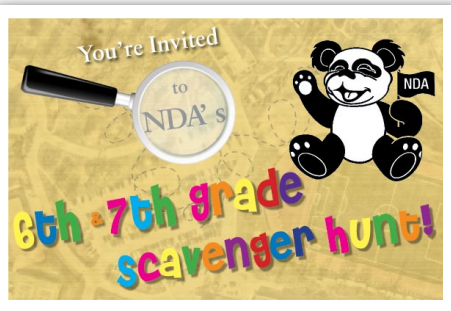
FEBRUARY

21 Thomas More College - 8:15 a.m. in Alumnae Hall



CAN YOU LEND A HELPING HAND? ◀

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](#).



6TH & 7TH GRADE SCAVENGER HUNT ◀

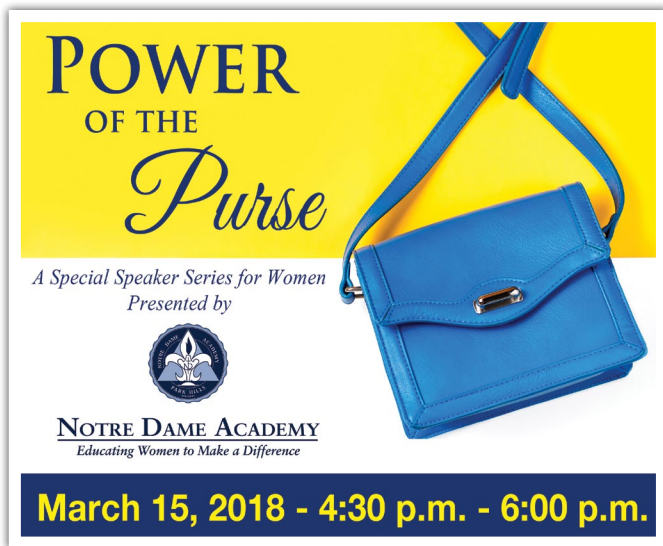
Do you know a 6th & 7th grade girl? If so, invite her to join in all of the “Pandamonium” at the Notre Dame Academy 6th & 7th Grade Girls Scavenger Hunt on Friday, February 16, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. It will be an afternoon of fun, friends and food. The event is FREE, however, students can start making a difference in the lives of others with a donation of 2 canned goods that will be delivered to a local food shelter. For more information go to www.ndapandas.org or contact NDA's Director of Admissions, Katie Caccavari, at 859.292.1829.

POWER OF THE PURSE ◀

Notre Dame Academy is hosting a **FREE** speaker series for NDA alumnae and friends of all ages to learn about a variety of financial topics on **Thursday, March 15 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in Alumnae Hall.**

This session will cover:

- Should you open your first IRA, or should you plan for retirement?
- Did you know you now can use your 529 to help pay for grade school or high school education?
- Understanding the up's and down's of the market
- What should every young professional know about investing?
- How can you navigate through the Social Security process?



The session will be moderated by **Jessica Birkenhauer Rawe '99** and our panel of experts will include:

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| • Julie Tapke Dusing '94 | Financial Planning and Investment |
| • Donna Bloemer '87 | Estate Planning |
| • Jody Rutterer Lange '00 | Taxes and Strategies |
| • TBD | Social Security |

Presentation Schedule:

- 4:30 p.m. Networking/Happy Hour - Notre Dame Academy Alumnae Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Panel Discussions and Q & A begin
- 6:00 p.m. Formal program ends, but Q & A could continue if needed

Please join us for this special presentation and bring your business card for our Panda Business Connection! We will have door prizes and babysitting will be provided. Also, tours of NDA will be available. If you have questions about the speaker series, please contact NDA's Advancement Department at 859.292.7729.

WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE 2018 ◀

You are cordially invited to attend Notre Dame Academy's Seventeenth Annual Women Making A Difference Award Luncheon on Thursday, March 8, 2018, the at Northern Kentucky Convention Center beginning at 11:00 a.m. with Registration & Networking followed at 12:00 p.m. with Luncheon & Awards Ceremony. Please contact NDA's Advancement office at 859.292.7729 to RSVP.



SAVE THE DATE ◀

Mark your calendars for this year's NDA Gala! Last year's Gala was a sellout crowd and a full evening of entertainment! Save the date for Saturday, October 13, 2018 for this wonderful event which will once again be held at Summit Hills Country Club. Invitations will be mailed in early September. We hope to see you there!

► Important dates

February 14	Ash Wednesday Mass 1:30 p.m.
February 15	Sophomore College Planning Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 16	NO SCHOOL - Thanks to Bishop Foys Mid quarter 6th & 7th Grade Scavenger Hunt 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Mother/Daughter Dance 7:00 p.m. - Receptions
February 18	SND Pancake Breakfast 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at NDA
February 19	No School: Presidents' Day
February 20	Freshman College Planning Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 22	Theatre Parent Night
February 24	Ski Club Perfect North Trip
February 26	Body Peace Week begins
February 27	Super Tuesday! (FR/SO CERT, JR ACT, SR Mission Retreat)
March 3	8th Grade Conferences
March 8	Women Making a Difference Service Day/Luncheon
March 10	Silver Bells Dance at NDA
March 13	Blood Drive Winter Sports Awards
March 16	Third Quarter Ends
March 17	8th Grade Conferences
March 20	Seniors to Play
March 20	Panda Preview Night
March 29 - April 6	No School: Easter Break

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Bible Study Class
- Positions Available for Students
- SND Charis Retreat
- World Meeting of Families

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

