



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I hope you've had an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather we've had so far this week. It's great to see our students on the field, track and tennis courts. Participating in physical activity and athletics is an important part of their overall well-being. Spring isn't just emerging outside at NDA, as you can see on the pages below, we have many of our spring events coming up in the next several weeks.

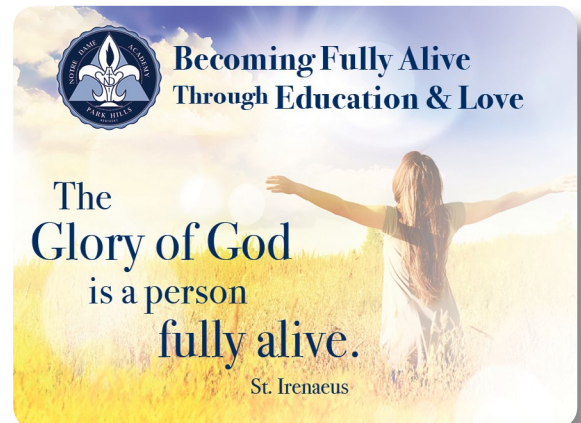
I would like to make note of a few important stories in today's Panda Press Weekly:

- **Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony** - Tomorrow evening we will celebrate our newest NDA Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and a few of our past golf teams. There is information below on how you can register for this event.
- **Women Making a Difference** - This year's luncheon honoring three amazing NDA alumnae will be held next Thursday, March 7. I highly encourage you to attend this special event.
- **The NDA Uniform Policy** - The updated Uniform Policy for the 2018-19 school year is below. One new addition to our uniform is a navy blue Notre Dame Academy cardigan sweater.
- **Prom Information** - The "Prom Headquarters" section below includes important information regarding the Prom Registration deadline of March 15 as well as sign up information to volunteer for After Prom. It also includes information on ways you can support our NDA After Prom with donations of prizes and food.
- **Panda Preview Night** - If you know a 6th or 7th grade girl or an 8th grade girl who has not yet made her high school decision, please encourage her to attend our Panda Preview Night on March 20. This is a great opportunity for prospective students to see all that NDA has to offer.
- **Financial Aid/Work Study/Scholarship Information** - Please note the information below regarding financial aid, work study and scholarships. Applications are now open and will remain open until April 15. 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. It is very important that you get your application in on time

Thank you for your continued support of NDA!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



2019-2020 School Year

Below is some general information for the 2019-2020 school year. Additional information regarding the school calendar will be shared in the upcoming weeks. This includes updates to our school Google calendar accessible on our website.

2019-2020

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| August 19 | First Day of School |
| October 11 | No School: Professional Development Day |
| October 18 | 1st Quarter Ends |
| November 1 | No School: All Saints' Day |
| November 27-29 | No School: Thanksgiving Break |
| December 9 | No School: Immaculate Conception |
| December 18-20 | Exams |
| December 23 | 2nd Quarter Ends |
| December 23 - January 3 | No School: Christmas Break |
| January 20 | No School: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| February 17 | No School: Presidents' Day |
| March 13 | 3rd Quarter Ends |
| April 9 - 17 | No School: Easter Break |
| May 18 - 20 | Senior Exams |
| May 22 | No School: Graduation |
| May 25 | No School: Memorial Day |
| May 26-28 | Exams |
| May 29 | 4th Quarter Ends/Cleaning Day |

Uniform Changes for the 2019-2020 School Year

We have added a new option to the NDA uniform. Please see dress code expectations for the 2019-2020 school year. All uniform pieces can be purchased through Schoolbelles.

Notre Dame Academy has a school uniform that consists of:

- a gray uniform skirt or uniform slacks (the skirt or pants must fit properly, be zipped and buttoned, hemmed appropriately and free of stains, rips, and/or holes). Students are required to obtain a new skirt or pants if it no longer zips, has tears, holes, or stains.
- a white or light blue banded Notre Dame Academy polo shirt
- solid white, gray, black or navy blue socks
- appropriate shoes that have a back to them
- name tag/lanyard
- Optional items that may be purchased and worn with the uniform include:
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy pullover sweater
- **a navy blue Notre Dame Academy cardigan sweater**
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy sweatshirt
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy fleece
- a navy blue blazer with NDA's emblem for special occasions such as Mass, award ceremonies, etc.
- gray, black, or navy blue leggings
- black dress slacks for designated events





IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

Work Study Job Application Deadline: April 15, 2019

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, 2019**.

Financial aid applications are also now open and will remain open until **APRIL 15, 2019**.

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, 2019.

CONGRATULATIONS! ◀

Congratulations to NDA Science Research students! NDA received Best School at fair this weekend at SEFNK in the senior division and students received the following individual awards:



Molly Kleier - Class of 2020
2nd place, Overall Physical Sciences at SEFNK
1st place, Chemistry category at SEFNK
1st place, NKU Chemistry Award
American Meteorological Award
Mu Alpha Theta Award
Yale Award
\$20,000 Thomas More University Scholarship

Katherine Crail - Class of 2022
2nd place, Overall Life Sciences at SEFNK
2nd place, Environmental Science category at SEFNK
2nd place, NKU Life Sciences
Naval Science Award
Tri Beta NKU Research Award
\$20,000 Thomas More University Scholarship

Mary Roebker - Class of 2022
2nd best overall project at SEFNK, 1st alternate to ISEF
1st place overall Life Sciences at SEFNK
1st place, Environmental Science category at SEFNK
1st place, NKU Life Sciences
Tri Beta NKU Research Award
Ohio Valley Society of Toxicology Award

TOP HONORS ◀

Congratulations to our second quarter honors students. You can find the list of first and second honors [HERE](#).



SENIOR MISSION RETREAT ◀

Last Wednesday, the senior class had the opportunity to gather together to share in their Mission Retreat. Throughout the day we discussed ways in which they have loved out the Mission of NDA and the Sisters of Notre Dame over the past 4 years. They also had the opportunity to hear from alumnae about how to continue the mission after they graduate in May. Thanks to Mr. Michael Byrd, Holly Danneman '92 and Michele Johnson '71 for sharing with our students about their Charism. At the end of the day, students took part in a prayer service where some of the Sisters came and blessed the hands of the seniors - sending them out into the world to continue the Mission!



NDA SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES ◀

NDA has all sorts of Summer Enrichment Opportunities. You can find updated information about High School Summer Studio Art 2019 and Junior High Summer Studio Art Class 2019: Screen Printing online [HERE](#).

ENGINEERING CHALLENGE ◀

Mrs. Perrino's Introduction to Engineering students successfully built cardboard chairs that could hold 200 pounds (or multiple students) without using glue or tape. The students applied the Engineering Design Process to the challenge which included a 3-D CAD drawing, building a scale prototype out of card stock and a build procedure.





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](#).

ATTENTION SOPHOMORE PARENTS ◀

Just a friendly reminder that your sophomore's 15 hours of service is due on March 20. Many have already completed their work - but there are still quite a few who haven't even begun. I have been meeting with the sophomores individually to make sure they have a plan. Please encourage your daughter to set up their service over the next couple weeks! Monday's day off would be the perfect opportunity to complete some service work. A few reminders - all service MUST take place with a non-profit organization and must be logged onto x2vol.com within 2 weeks of serving!



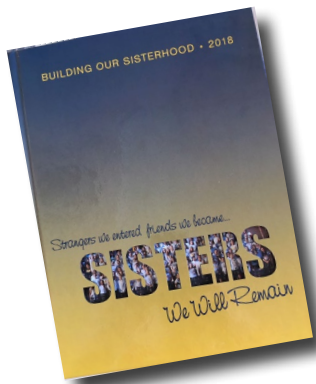
HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR GERMAN STUDENTS FOR FALL 2019 ◀

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.

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



WORK STUDY AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LONGSHORE DINING HALL ◀

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](#).



ALSO, we have a Work Study position open in the Longshore Dining Hall dishroom as well. If you are interested in this position, please contact Karen Brungs at 859.292.1856 or brungsk@ndapandas.org.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

PRE SALE TICKETS for Thursday's 8p Regional Basketball game at BB&T arena will be available for purchase in the morning in the front office. Tickets are \$8 now or \$10 at the door.

WINTER SPORTS PROGRAM The Winter Sports Program honoring all Winter athletes from Archery, Basketball, Bowling and Swimming and Diving will be on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the theatre. All athletes and their families are invited to attend.

PLEASE JOIN US for the Notre Dame Academy Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony! Make your reservations online [HERE](#).



You are cordially invited to attend

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

Thursday, February 28, 2019

6:00 p.m. - Cocktails and Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

7:00 p.m. - Induction Ceremony

Notre Dame Academy Alumnae Hall

\$25 per person

2019 Honorees:

Olivia Voskuhl

Marquise Hanser Griffin

Madie Cook

Alex Carl

Ellen Williamson

Sally Schulte Polhamus

1979, 1980, 1982 & 1983 Golf Teams

To make your reservation online, please go to

[https://www.cognitofirms.com/NotreDameAcademy1/_2019H
allOfFameInduction](https://www.cognitofirms.com/NotreDameAcademy1/_2019H
allOfFameInduction)

Prom Headquarters

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
FOR JUNIOR & SENIOR
PARENTS & STUDENTS

Dear Students and Parents,

This year's Prom will be held on Friday, March 22 at the Music Hall Box Office Ballroom in Cincinnati. Immediately following is our very own After Prom right here at NDA! This event will last from 11:30 p.m.-3:30 a.m. All Juniors and Seniors are invited to attend After Prom regardless of whether or not they have attended Prom. We have a fun evening planned for your daughters and dates, including Cincinnati food favorites, prizes, inflatables, a photo booth, a tattoo artist, a henna artist, and our very own hypnotist!

RESERVATIONS

Starting on Friday February 22 and ending on Friday March 15, you can click on this link <https://www.cognitofirms.com/NotreDameAcademy1/2019NDAProm> to make reservations for Prom and After Prom.

There are a few things to remember when making your reservations for Prom and After Prom:

- If attending Prom, please make sure to select 1 or 2 guests and completely fill out all information requested online
- If attending After Prom, please make sure to select 1 or 2 guests and fill out all information requested
 - o Your gift will be an After Prom t-shirt so make sure you select a size for YOURSELF
 - o You may also purchase an additional t-shirt for your date but the cost for this will be \$10
 - o Reservations must be made by March 11th in order to receive a t-shirt – NO EXCEPTIONS
- Make your payment for both Prom and After Prom online
- If for any reason you have to leave Prom or After Prom early you must have a note from your parent.

PRIZES

Parents we are asking for your help by donating gift cards or cash to buy gift cards to make the evening more fun and exciting for the girls. Some ideas would be Starbucks, Chick-fil-A, Movie Theaters, Sephora, Lush, Bath & Body, Panera, Chipotle, Spotify, iTunes, etc. All donations can be dropped off at the school office, attention Kristy Seither. For the students, anyone who brings in a donation will be awarded a Panda Buck (valid for a FREE ice cream), compliments of Mr. VonHandorf!

VOLUNTEERS & FOOD DONATIONS

Parents we need many volunteers to make After Prom a success! Please consider signing up to give a couple of hours of your time and/or to donate food or gift cards. We are using SignUp.com to organize our sign-ups. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our After Prom invitation page SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/TbkaJzR>
2. Enter your email address – you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password.
3. Sign Up! – Choose your spots – SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.

NOTE: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Michelle David at michelledavid888@gmail.com and she can sign you up manually.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support!

The After Prom Committee



ACT Test for the Juniors:

The juniors took the ACT test on Wednesday, February 20. This was an in school test and paid through their tuition. It is a real ACT test and therefore can be used for college admissions. Most students had their scores sent to potential colleges. The ACT states that it takes 3-8 weeks to receive scores. Score reports will be mailed by ACT, but students often are notified (via an email they provided to ACT) that their scores are available electronically sooner. For more information about ACT or to register for a future test visit the ACT website: www.act.org

CERT Test for Freshmen and Sophomores:

The freshmen and sophomores took the College Equipped Readiness Test on Wednesday, February 20. This is an online practice ACT test and was the second time that they took this test for this year. The students will have access to their scores immediately, and can use the website to see the questions and access videos about why an answer is correct. For more information about the CERT test see their website: www.certforschools.com.

CAMP CARDIAC

Scholarship and standard applications have just opened up for [Camp Cardiac](#) & [Camp Neuro](#) Cincinnati 2019! Camp Cardiac & Camp Neuro, run by medical students in over 30 cities nationwide, are 1-week summer day camps for high school students interested in exploring careers in medicine. Students may learn more and apply by visiting the above links. Both camps are open to high school students who are 15-18 years old and both offer scholarships! If you have any questions, stop by the Counselors Quad!

Math ACT Prep

NKY Tutoring is currently taking registrations for their next ACT Math Prep class. This prep would prepare students for the April 13, 2019 ACT test. The class consists of four 2-hour sessions which includes:

- Comprehensive review of math equations and formulas needed
- 3 math practice tests with a review of their results
- Confidence building to address issues like test anxiety

For more info and to register: <https://nkytutoring.com/schedule/>

College & Beyond ACT Prep Class

All 4 topics of the ACT will be covered in this 4-session Prep class. Classes will take place on 4 Saturdays from 9 a.m. -1:30 p.m. (March 16, March 23, March 30, and April 6). The cost is \$350. Students will have to purchase the ACT Prep Book on their own. Class location will be Covington Latin School. Registration: <https://exploremoregifted.org>

COLLEGE VISITS for Juniors

We want to encourage Juniors to be getting on college campuses before senior year starts. At NDA, students get a total of (5) CollegeVisit Days to use throughout their Junior and Senior years. These days are 'excused' absences and students can use these days until April 30 of each Academic Year. [NDA College Visit Policy](#) **Note:** Freshman and Sophomores are welcome to go on College Visits as well. These will just not be considered official college visits until Junior/Senior years. Here are some upcoming opportunities:

Gateway Community and Technical College "Open Houses"

Thursday, February 28 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at our Urban Metro Campus in Covington

Tuesday, March 5 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at our Boone Campus in Florence

These Open House events are designed to introduce students and parents to the programs and degrees offered at Gateway. Programs include: Massage Therapy, Early Childhood Education, Paramedics, Computer Information Technology, Associate in Science transfer degrees, and much more! We hope you can make it! RSVP: www.gateway.kctcs.edu/openhouse

Gateway Community College "Health Professions Career Expo & Open House"

April 21 (6 - 8 pm) and April 22 (9 am - 12 pm) | Learn about the variety of health profession opportunities at Gateway that lead to careers in Nursing, Emergency Medical Services (EMT), Paramedic, Massage Therapy, Health Information Technology (HIT) and Medical Assisting. Link: [Gateway Health Careers Expo](#)

University of Cincinnati Clermont "Spring Open House"

Thursday, March 14 | 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm | UC Clermont [Merit Scholarships](#) | Link: [UC Clermont Spring Open House](#)

Cincinnati Area "Spring College Fair"

Tuesday, March 26 | 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm | Held at Xavier's Cintas Center. *Over 100 colleges will be in attendance!

Link: [SPRING COLLEGE FAIR](#)

WKU Campus Visit Program

The WKU Campus Visit is your opportunity to "get to know" a college campus. This will help you make the best possible decision as you determine the path for your continued education. Link: [WKU Campus Visit Information](#)

GO 4 GULU 5K!!!

Wanna get some exercise and help the Uganda Pandas???

Well you can!!!

Event: Uganda Pandas 5k

Location: Notre Dame Academy

Date: April 13, 2019

Time: 8 am runners 8:20 am walkers

Cost: \$15



You don't have to run!

You can walk, jog, etc.!

MENTORING



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:

- Communication / Responsiveness Wednesday, March 13
- Critical Thinking/Decision Making Skills Wednesday, April 10
- Speed Mentoring Session Wednesday, May 1

YOU'RE INVITED ◀

Please join us for this year's Women Making a Difference Award Luncheon on Thursday, March 7! You can make your reservations online [HERE](#).



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 NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL
Women Making A Difference

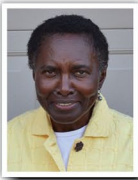
 AWARD LUNCHEON 2019

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019
 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.


2019 WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE HONOREES




Rosa Hollis-Bird
1962



KAREN BIEGER FINAN
1977



JULIE PREWITT SCHNEIDER
1984



JULIE MULLEN BRUNS
1987



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SAVE THE DATE! ◀

Save the Date for the 2019 Autumn Gala on Saturday, October 12. Invitations will be mailed later in the fall, but it's not too late to mark your calendars.

▶ Important dates

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| February 28 | Athletic Hall of Fame |
| February 6 | Ash Wednesday Mass |
| March 7 | Women Making a Difference Career Fair/Luncheon |
| March 8 | Green Dot Mixer |
| March 9 | Girl Up Day |
| March 10 | Daylight Savings time begins |
| March 12 | Blood Drive |
| | Winter Sports Award |
| March 18 | Body Peace Week |
| March 19 | Panda Preview Night |
| March 22 | Prom |
| March 30 | Chapel Blessing |
| April 2 | Sophomore Ring Ceremony |
| April 3 | Faculty Meeting |
| April 5 | Student Council Mixer |

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Upcoming Blood Drive - Get an out of uniform day for your daughter by donating!
- Part-time help needed
- Catholic Conference of Kentucky - Take Action on Educational Choice!
- Host Family Program

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

