



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Today we celebrated our Holy Week Prayer Service remembering Jesus and His love for us in the breaking of bread and the washing of feet. The Service Program at NDA is one of the ways we break bread and share our lives and wash feet by being of service to others. Many of our students shared their service experiences with our community at our prayer service. It was inspirational to hear how our students are *Living the Gospel Empowered by Mary's Witness* this school year and impressive to learn the number of places where NDA provides service. It was also a great opportunity to reflect on the value of service in a community of faith and to prepare for the Easter Season of hope.

Our returning students have some wonderful scholarship opportunities at NDA. If your daughter is interested in applying for any of the NDA scholarships offered for the 2018-19 school year, please check our website [HERE](#) for application information. The application deadline is April 15. Also, please note that the applications for Financial aid and Work Study are also due 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. 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 job application for our Work Study Program as well as the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment form on the Financial Assistance page of our website [HERE](#).

Today marks the beginning of our Easter break and as we enter into this time away from NDA, I hope you will encourage your daughter to take some time to reflect and reconnect. The third quarter of this school year has been very busy. As I think back on the many activities and events at NDA over the past three months, I think about the importance of balance. Our students are active and involved in so much, however, it is also important for them to take time for themselves and for reflection. We all need to look at our lives and strive to achieve balance. I hope you are able to take some time as a family over this break to be together.

Please be assured of our prayers for you and your family during this holy season of Easter. On behalf of our faculty and staff, I wish you a safe and happy Easter and may the peace and joy of the resurrection fill your heart.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

*To symbolize our service,
we concluded our prayer
this morning by calling to
the stage representatives of
each grade level and staff, to
wash their hands.*



Prom and After Prom

The Junior and Senior Prom will take place on Friday, April 27 at Music Hall in Cincinnati. After Prom will follow at NDA. Students can register [HERE](#) and must do so by April 11 (shortly after we return from Easter break). Click [HERE](#) for additional Prom information.

Please help the Panda Parent Club plan for After Prom. See the information below.

2018-2019 Student Council School Officers

Congratulations to the following students elected to next year's Student Council:

School Co-Presidents: Julia Hughes and Elly Piatt
School Secretary: Theresa Berling
School Treasurer: Emily Thaman

Grade Level Co-President applications are due after the Easter break on Wednesday, April 11.

Prom Headquarters

Dear Students and Parents,

This year's Prom will be held on Friday, April 27th 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 11:30pm-3:30am. 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 caricature artist, and our very own hypnotist!

RESERVATIONS

Starting on Friday March 16th and ending on Wednesday April 11th, you can click on this link, https://www.cognitofrms.com/NotreDameAcademy1/_2018NDAProm, to make reservations for Prom and After Prom.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
FOR JUNIOR & SENIOR
PARENTS & STUDENTS



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
 - Your gift will be an After Prom t-shirt so make sure you select a size for YOURSELF
 - You may also purchase an additional t-shirt for your date but the cost for this will be \$10
 - Reservations must be made by April 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 or Jojo Santos.

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. 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/vbuSMOH>
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 Aimee Dickhaus at ddickhaus@yahoo.com and she can sign you up manually.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support!
The After Prom Committee



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

Panda Test Prep

June 4 - 8, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



PANDA TEST PREP ◀

ACT Prep Course

June 4 - 8, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$300

This summer, Notre Dame Academy is kicking off its **Panda Test Prep Program** with an ACT Prep Course. The course will be held Monday, June 4 through Friday, June 8 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. each day. This ACT Prep Course is aligned with the June 9 and July 14 ACT test dates. The course will be taught by NDA faculty members and features:

- **Five 3-hour classes** - Monday, June 4 - Friday, June 8 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **Small Class Size** - Class will be limited to 20 students
- **Personalized Learning** - Curriculum will be tailored to the needs of students based on past standardized test scores (CERT and ACT) taken by participating students

Notre Dame Academy's ACT Prep Course will provide participating students with the following:

- Understanding of ACT test format
- ACT test-taking strategies
- Review of ACT test sections: Math, Science, English & Reading
- Experience taking actual ACT tests
- ACT Test prep workbook
- Confidence in knowledge & abilities
- Personalized instruction from NDA faculty members

ACT TEST PREP REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Students can register online at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/NotreDameAcademy1/NDAACTPrepClass>

Registration is limited to 20 students and will be handled on a first come, first served basis.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 25, 2018

*If you have questions regarding NDA's Panda Test Prep or would like information regarding a financial need based scholarship for this ACT Test Prep Course, please contact Kelly Burgei at burgeik@ndapandas.org.

ANNUAL BABY DAY INVITATION TO FACULTY, STAFF, PARENTS, FRIENDS & ALUMNS ◀

Greetings from the NDA Psychology Classes! The Psychology classes are once again hosting the annual "Baby Day" activities on **Thursday, April 12, 2018**. This event will be held in Alumnae Hall again this year so that we will have plenty of room to accommodate a larger number of children and so that parents & grandparents will have easier access with no steps involved.

There are **two** 40 minute sessions available. The sessions are **10:15 -10:55 a.m.** and **11:30 - 12:10 p.m.** Contact Michele Johnson at johnsonm@ndapandas.org, if you wish to participate. Please include the name(s) of your child/children and their ages. Newborn through kindergarten age, are welcome.



This opportunity allows students who have studied child development to put into practice the theories/concepts they have studied. The activities are loads of fun for the children and very educational for the psychology students. All sessions will be held in the Alumnae Hall. If you are interested in participating please use the email address above for more details.

It is necessary that you remain with your child or grandchild unless you are a faculty or staff member at NDA.

Thank you,
NDA Psychology Classes

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA ◀

On Wednesday March 7, eight of our Notre Dame Academy students competed at the Region 4 Future Business Leaders of American Conference at Northern Kentucky University.

The following students placed 1st in their respective events and will be moving on to the Kentucky FBLA State Conference at the Galt House in Louisville April 16 - 18:

Gabrielle Cottingham (Junior) – Personal Finance
Megan Heeb (Junior) – Public Speaking
Maddie McCauley, Ruthie Franzen and Lydia Bruns (Juniors) – Social Media Campaign

We would also like to express a big congratulations to our members Isabel Coomes, Grace Kelly and Lily Dorning, on a job well done in their events as well!



MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

Earlier this year in Catholic Social Teaching we watched a video called Poverty Inc. and discussed the system for giving to charity that most people use and the benefits and downfalls of that system. As a part of the discussion we talked about micro-financing and the fact that helping an individual further their education or start/grow their own business makes a lasting impact on their lives, their community, and the economy of their country whereas our traditional forms of charity often address a person's immediate needs and give a handout instead of a "hand up." The class decided that they would like to get involved in micro-financing and give their own loan to a business in need. After doing some research we decided to work with an organization called Kiva to loan money to a person in need. The group decided to loan \$120 to Nyein, a woman in Myanmar, so she could hire laborers for her field. Not only did that money help her to feed her family and stock her shop, but it also gave jobs to other people in her community! Nyein has already paid back her loan in full and we will be choosing another project to loan our money to so that it can benefit

more people! The goal is to keep contributing to this project every year and to keep increasing the amount of money we have to help benefit others around the world. If you would like to learn more you can visit www.kiva.org!



PPC NEWS ◀

Help our Panda Parent Club in their efforts to host this year's Afteprom by eating at Skyline on April 5! You can download your coupon [HERE](#).



REPORT CARDS ◀

Third quarter report cards were sent Tuesday. Report cards for the third quarter are distributed digitally as PDF files in an attachment to an email. Printed report cards are not sent this quarter. The report card file is protected by a password that is your daughter's seven digit student ID number. If you have any problems opening the file or questions regarding the report cards, please contact NDA's registrar, Raymond Schlosser, directly at either schlosserr@ndapandas.org or by phone at 859-292-1846.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR GERMAN STUDENTS FOR FALL 2018 ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2018 enrollment. We are again working with our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta). Notre Dame Academy has become such a great experience for the girls from Vechta that we have been asked to increase from 2 to 3 German exchange students for the fall semester. At this time we are seeking families who would consider hosting these students. 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.



SOPHIE MIDDENDORF

MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Notre Dame Academy Senior, Sophie Middendorf, who has been selected as March's Student of the Month. Sophie, who serves as Senior Class Co-President, is hard-working, conscientious, proactive and focused. "Sophie leads by example and does likewise in the classroom. . . . Sophie gets others involved and makes her peers think beyond the box. She is very creative and her kindness helps others to become involved, even those who may be shy and reluctant. She is compassionate with others, but she works hard and expects a lot from herself. All of us are better Christians because of Sophie," says her Psychology teacher Mrs. Johnson.

SOMETHING ABOUT SOPHIE

For the past four years, Sophie has represented NDA on the Varsity Dive Team. She began her diving career at Bluegrass Swim Club where she fell in love with the sport and her teammates. She is looking forward to continued success in the sport next year when she represents the University of Louisville.



"Sophie is always attentive, always participates and always takes the lead in a group situation when no one has stepped forward. Her peers also look to her for guidance, and she readily helps whomever she can," says her Current Issues teacher Mrs. Stratman. Sophie herself says she likes to be supportive which drives her willingness to help and serve others. Sophie serves on Student Council and the Peer Ministry Team and also has also tutored at Notre Dame Urban Education Center where she likes "working one on one with the students." We are proud to call you a Panda, Sophie!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



College Visits:

One of the best things students can do to prepare for finding the best college 'fit' for them is getting on college campuses.

At NDA, students get a total of (5) College Visit Days to use during Junior and Senior year. These days are 'excused' absences and students can use these days until April 30 of each Academic Year. Freshman and Sophomores are welcome to go on College Visits as well (these will just not be official college visit days). [NDA College Visit Policy](#)

Scheduling college visits is usually as easy as filling out an online form. Here are some ideas and links!

University of Louisville offers a [Campus Visit program](#) Monday-Friday and select Saturdays, and include an admissions presentation and a student-led tour of campus.

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](#).

Kentucky rising junior may win scholarship, photo shoot

A rising junior at one of Kentucky's public or private high schools will win a \$500 scholarship and a photo shoot at his or her school through the "Promote Your School" scholarship contest, sponsored by KHEAA.

The school must participate in the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program.

To enter, the student must submit an essay about one of these subjects:

- How I will inspire others to do better.
- How education makes a stronger community.

The essay must be no more than 200 words long and cannot mention the student's name, school, county or community. The essay topic must be shown at the top of the page. The student's name, address and high school must be listed at the bottom of the essay. The student must be a junior during the 2018-2019 school year. For more information, visit www.kheaa.com/website/contest/intro.

Photos from the winning school will be used in KHEAA publications and on KHEAA websites.

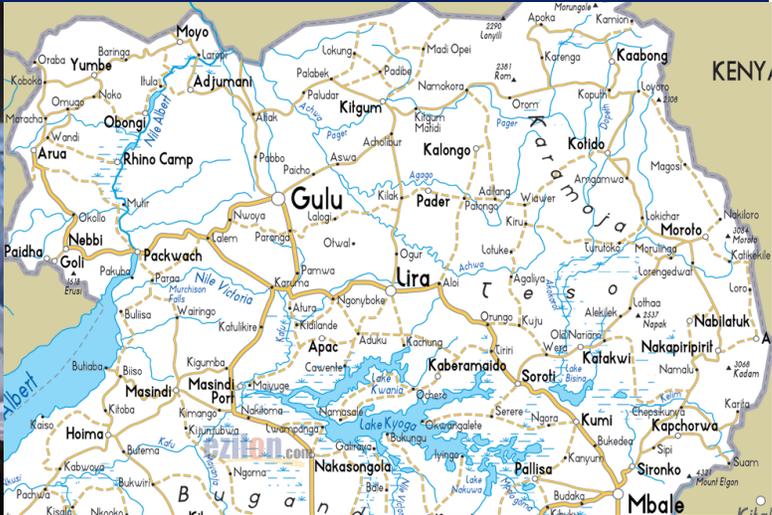
To enter, mail essay to KHEAA Publications, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602. Students may also email their essay to publications@kheaa.com or fax it to (502) 696-7574. The winner will be chosen by a committee of KHEAA employees.

The deadline for submissions is May 31.

REGISTER FOR THE GO 4 GULU 5K!

The Go For Gulu 5k is benefitting students at our sister school in Uganda as well four children sponsored through the Unified for Uganda foundation. The mission of the organization is to provide emotional and financial support for war town children in Northern Uganda. These children face various different setbacks preventing them from achieving academic success such as being orphaned, being forced to become head of household, HIV positive, and/or former abductee. Each student when sponsored receives a mentor to encourage academic success and behavioral success. Your donation goes to the priceless gift of education. The U4U family believes that every child should have access to education. Thank you for learning more about what this 5k is all about!

GO 4 GULU 5K



APRIL 21, 2018

Runners begin at 8:00

Walkers begin at 8:20

Onsite registration begins at 7:00

Register online by April 10th to receive a free t-shirt

To register go to: <http://ndaugandapandas5k-com5.webnode.com>

Cost is \$15



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All proceeds go to the education of four students through NDA's chapter of Unified for Uganda. With this sponsorship they receive their uniform, housing, tuition for school, and meals. If you or a company you know of would like to sponsor the race visit our website or contact schumacherj@ndapandas.org or burkec@ndapandas.org



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

Financial Aid Applications & Academic and Tuition Assistance Scholarships

Financial aid and Work Study 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. 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, 2018.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

BALL DROP

NDA Student Athletes can start selling ball drop tickets on Monday March 26! Tickets are \$10 for a chance to win \$1000 or second place of \$500 if we sell more than 500 tickets. The ball drop is at the golf outing on July 27. Students, sell your ball drop tickets and turn in with money to the front office or the athletic office by Wednesday March 28 for a chance to win 2 Lawn Seat Tickets to Kesha and Macklemore. We will also have gift card drawings on 4/13, 4/27, and 5/4. Whomever sells the most ball drop tickets will receive a mutually agreed upon prize! See Mrs. Webster for details. Reminder, make sure your name is on the ticket as a seller!

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

NDA soccer midfielder Katherine Shearer has been nominated by the enquirer for lacrosse athlete of the week! Please go to [this link](#) and vote for her!



NDA SUMMER CLASSES ◀

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

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](#).



DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ◀

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

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!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR ◀

Learn how to optimize your athletic performance through this informative FREE event at NDA. The presentation will feature one of our alumna, Becky Popham, class of 2003!

HEALTH, PERFORMANCE AND MOTIVATION FOR THE FEMALE ATHLETE

Are you a female athlete looking to have more energy and ready to make the most of your life? Take the first step and join us to get inspired with healthy strategies to help you stay at the top of your game.

Julie Isphording, Olympic marathoner and motivational speaker, will inspire you by sharing her thoughts on "Living an Olympic Life." Dr. Rebecca Popham, Physician with OrthoCincy Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, and Danae Brown, Physical Therapist with St. Elizabeth Healthcare, will also be on hand to contribute ways to prevent and treat injuries that are common to female athletes of all ages.

Learn how to optimize your athletic performance through this informational and inspirational free event.

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Notre Dame Academy
Performing Arts Center
1699 Hilton Drive
Park Hills, KY 41011

Doors open at 6 p.m.
Presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Light refreshments offered

SPACE IS LIMITED

visit stelizabeth.com/livingwithoutlimits
to register today!

Featuring:



Danae Brown, PT
Physical Therapist
St. Elizabeth Healthcare



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Julie Isphording
Olympic Marathon
Runner



Rebecca Popham, DO
Sports Medicine
OrthoCincy
Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine



► Important dates

March 29 - April 6	No School: Easter Break
April 9	School Resumes Panda Parent Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.
April 11	Prom registrations due
April 12	Baby Day
April 18	JR to the Play
April 19	Alumnae Dinner Theatre
April 20	Student Council Grade Level Officer Elections
April 20-22	Spring Musical: Pippin
April 21	Go for Gulu 5K
April 25	Sophomore Ring Ceremony
April 27	Midquarter
April 27	Prom
May 4	Choral Concert
May 6	Band Concert
May 7	AP Testing Begins
May 11	Spring Sports Pep Rally
May 16	Senior Alumnae Luncheon/Send Off
May 17, 18, 21	Senior Exams
May 17	Academic Awards
May 19	Theatre Exam Shows
May 21-23	Exams
May 24	4th Quarter Ends Cleaning Day
May 25	Graduation at NKYCC

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Call to Action Needed on Senate
- Support Cincinnati Shriners for Burns
- St. E's Orthopedic Information Session
- Scholarship Tax Credit legislation
- School Cafeteria Manager Needed
- Positions Available for Students
- World Meeting of Families

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

