



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Embracing Dignity in Self Others and Community is not only our theme for this school year, but it is also at the core of our education at NDA. Based on the second Educational Principal of the Sisters of Notre Dame, **The Human Dignity of Each Person as an Image of God**, our theme is paramount to our mission at Notre Dame Academy. We aim to graduate young women who will use their education and God-given gifts to make a difference in the world. I love NDA because it is a community embedded in this SND tradition, where we experience God's goodness and provident care each and every day.

As you will see in the many stories below, our students have certainly been using their God-given gifts to make a difference in the world lately. They have been working and playing hard and achieving much success. Our community is very proud of all of their recent accomplishments.

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

- **Mass this Friday** - Mass will take place every Friday at 7:20 a.m. during Lent in the chapel.
- **Jane Eyre - The Musical** - Our students and Ms. Stine have been working very hard on our upcoming spring musical. You can purchase tickets for the show online at a link below.
- **Women Making a Difference** - This year's luncheon honoring three amazing NDA alumnae and our very own Sr. Mary Rita Geoppinger will be held next Thursday. I highly encourage you to attend this special event.
- **The NDA Uniform Policy** - The updated Uniform Policy for the 2017-18 school year is below. One new addition to our uniform is gray slacks. While our tried-and-true traditional NDA gray skirt remains, we think it is important to offer our students a slacks option.
- **Prom Information** - The "Prom Headquarters" section below includes important information regarding the Prom Registration deadline of March 10 ([Registration Form](#)) 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 28. This is a great opportunity for prospective students to see all that NDA has to offer.

Thanks for your continued support of NDA; please be assured of our continued prayers during this Lenten season.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Notre Dame Academy
is built on the
Four Educational Principles
of the Sisters of Notre Dame:



- The centrality of a good and provident God
- The human dignity of each person as an image of God
- The Notre Dame educator as a Gospel witness
- An integrated education for transformation

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Enchanted Forest Dance

NDA and CCH Freshmen and Sophomores and their dates are invited to come to the Enchanted Forest, a semi-formal dance scheduled at Notre Dame Academy **this Saturday, March 11**, from 8:00-11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 per person, and will be sold in the foyer before and after school each day this week. All proceeds will benefit Notre Dame Academy's Drug Free Club.



JOIN US ◀

We will celebrate Mass Friday at 7:20 a.m. in our chapel. All are welcome!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS ◀

Mrs. Kimberly Wagner's sophomore students put together a wonderful video version of the Stations of the Cross once again this year. The reflections that go along with these Stations are all done from the perspective of high school students so young people will find these very relatable. The Stations of the Cross is a great reflection to use on a weekly basis during Lent to help us connect to Jesus' Passion! You can find the video Stations of the Cross [HERE](#).

YEARBOOK SALES ◀

Parents, now is a great time to order a 2017 yearbook and take advantage of the best price available! Yearbooks are \$60 and can be ordered by clicking [this link](#) or visiting [jostens.com](#).



NDA and CCH PRESENT ◀

Tickets are now on sale for our spring musical, JANE EYRE, March 31 - April 2. You won't want to miss this incredible production filled with haunting, beautiful music set on the backdrop of Bronte's classic gothic romance. The story is a lovely examination of the strength of faith and the nature of forgiveness and grace. You can purchase your tickets online [HERE](#).



WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE 2017 ◀

You are cordially invited to attend Notre Dame Academy's Sixteenth Annual *Women Making A Difference* Award Luncheon next Thursday, March 16, 2017, 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 NDA's Advancement office at 859.292.7729 to RSVP.

7th GRADE PANDA SPRING FLING! ◀

Do you know a 7th grade girl who is ready to make a difference in the world? If so, invite her to join in all of the Panda-monium at NDA's Spring Fling this Friday, March 10, 2017 from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. You can find the registration form on our website [HERE](#).



NDA UNIFORM POLICY 2017-18 ◀



All students at Notre Dame Academy are required to wear a school uniform, which emphasizes our traditional dress code. This code is intended to: encourage cleanliness, neatness and pride in one's appearance; foster respect for the way in which one presents herself to others; create a semiformal atmosphere needed for a disciplined learning environment; provide a uniform manner of dressing which minimizes social differences that may exist among students. By choosing to be a student at Notre Dame Academy, this code becomes the student's responsibility, and it is her responsibility to know the spirit of NDA's dress code and to be in compliance with that dress code while on school property. The cleanliness, length and neatness of the uniform skirt and uniform top reflect this pride. Students should rarely be out of uniform during the school day. Any exception requires a note from the parents and a permit from the school office to be presented to each teacher. Below is an updated listing of the NDA Uniform Policy for the 2017-18 school year.

Notre Dame Academy has a school uniform that consists of:

- a gray uniform skirt OR slacks (the skirt and/or slacks must fit properly, be zipped and buttoned, hemmed appropriately and free of stains, rips, and/or holes). Students are encouraged to purchase a new skirt or slacks if it no longer zips, has tears, holes, or stains
- a white or light blue NDA banded shirt for freshmen through seniors
- solid white, gray, black or navy blue socks
- appropriate shoes that have a back to them
- nametag/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 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 and a white blouse for designated events

Students are expected to be in uniform throughout the school day and to wear the uniform skirt zipped and buttoned. It may not be rolled at the waist and may be no more than three inches above the knee. NDA encourages parents to check how the uniform fits at the beginning of each school year and to purchase a new one if necessary.

No colored undergarments or undergarments with visible writing that detracts from the uniform may be worn under the uniform blouse. If a student chooses to wear a T-shirt under the uniform shirt, it must be a plain white V-neck and may not be visible. No slacks may be worn under the uniform during the school day. Students may wear the uniform sweater or sweatshirt during the school day. No other sweaters or sweatshirts are acceptable.

Each Friday students are encouraged to wear NDA spiritwear with their gray skirt or slacks. A variety of NDA spiritwear items are available at the NDA Bambootique.

Schoolbelles is NDA's official uniform provider. NDA's number is S1935.

CONGRATULATIONS!



NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS ◀

Congratulations to our National Merit Finalists: Brooke Schulte, Paige Montfort and Abbie Guard. We are very proud of these NDA scholars!

SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARDS ◀

Congratulations also to our very talented young writers who recently received a record breaking 153 writing awards for NDA!



NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

BASKETBALL

Congrats to basketball player Sophie Hagen for being voted by the area coaches to the Northern Kentucky Coaches Association Division I First Team! Basketball player Allison Gribbon also received recognition being named to the all district tournament team!



INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

SWAT Learns to code!

NDA's SWAT Team (Students Working to Advance Technology) was welcomed at the Apple Store in Kenwood Towne Center last week with a huge round of applause for leading the way in educational technology! These students along with Mrs. Molly Mullee and Mr. Nick Lander went on the field trip to Apple to learn how to code. NDA is the first and only school in the Tri-State to have such a wonderful opportunity through Apple. At the end of the session, the NDA students and teachers were invited back to learn Coding Level 2!



21st Century Learning

Students from NDA's Publications classes visited WCPO-TV and the Enquirer last Friday along with teachers Mr. Rory Glynn and Mrs. Molly Mullee. They were also fortunate to have the opportunity to meet Enquirer Editor/Vice President Peter Bhatia who took a few moments to speak to the students about 21st century news reporting.



Prom Headquarters

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
FOR JUNIOR & SENIOR
PARENTS & STUDENTS

Here are a few reminders as our Juniors and Seniors prepare for this year's Prom:

- If students plan to attend, they must first submit this [ONLINE FORM](#), THEN they must pay for their ticket before or after school between March 1, 2017 and March 10, 2017. No additional paper forms are necessary for NDA students or their dates. Tickets are \$55 per person (\$110 per couple), and please pay with checks made payable to Notre Dame Academy. Payment can also be made through [THIS FORM](#) with a credit card.
- Prom is scheduled for Friday, March 24 from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight at the Hilton Netherland Hotel downtown Cincinnati. School will dismiss early on this day, and anyone attending Prom must be in attendance for the day's duration.
- Prom is a drug and alcohol-free event, and random breathalyzers will be administered as students arrive at the Prom.
- Any student or guest whose dress, dancing or behavior is deemed inappropriate by the prom coordinators will be sent home after their parents have been notified. Dresses must be the appropriate length (extending below the student's fingertips when held straight at her side), cover the front and back areas appropriately and avoid cutouts where the midriff or usually covered areas are exposed. * **PLEASE NOTE: These same dress code expectations also apply to Covington Catholic's Prom.**
- Students should arrive to the Hilton no later than 8:20 p.m. or admittance to the Prom will not be granted, and students will be permitted to leave the Prom as early as 11:45 p.m. Anyone arriving later must provide documentation from a parent and be pre-approved by Mrs. Phillips.

Afterprom Information

Immediately following this year's prom is our very own After Prom right here at NDA! This event will last from 12-3:30 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 food, prizes, inflatables, a photo booth, a DJ, a tattoo artist, and our very own hypnotist!

The After Prom Committee is asking for your help to ensure that After Prom is a fun and memorable event for all. We are looking for **volunteers** to help us that night as well as for **donations of prizes, desserts, and snacks**.

We are asking for your help by donating cash or prizes to make the evening more fun and exciting for the girls. Last year, some of the prizes won were TVs, an iPad, designer purses, Reds tickets, and a mini dorm refrigerator. All donations can be dropped off at the school office or contact Jackie Klosterman at Jackie.klosterman@gmail.com or 859-468-6747.

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

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 on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/Jpfx3V>
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 Julie Darpel at julixdarpel@gmail.com or 859-240-6366 and she can sign you up manually.

PROM HAIR FUNDRAISER

This year the Juniors and Seniors have the opportunity to have their hair styled for Prom by some local Sorority members (and alumnae) for the price of \$20.00. All proceeds will be donated to the Cooperative for Education: 1000 Girl Initiative. The students will be assigned a time (12:00 noon, 1:00 or 2:00 pm) on March 24 to have their hair styled at NDA. All juniors and seniors were emailed a google sign up form today which needs to be completed by Friday, March 10 so that we can assign the times. The form can be accessed here. If you or your daughter has any questions, they can contact Mrs. Bridget Price.



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

Financial Aid Applications:

Financial aid applications are now open and will remain open until April 15th. 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](#).



NDA SUMMER CLASSES ◀

NDA has all sorts of Summer Enrichment Opportunities. Below is information on our Art Classes but you can find further information and registration forms online at <http://www.ndapandas.org/admissions/summer-enrichment-programs.aspx>

HAVE YOU READ THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAVEL? ◀

Congratulations to Rory Glynn and our Publications classes on the latest issue of The Gavel. This issue has been getting tremendous response from the NDA community! If you have not already had an opportunity to check it out, you can find it on our website [HERE](#).



PPC NEWS ◀

PPC Meetings are always the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the teachers lounge. Our next meeting is **MARCH 13**. All are welcome!



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

Panda Preview Night

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to visit NDA's campus and see what the **All-Girl Advantage** has to offer!

Panda Preview Night is for all 6th and 7th grade girls, and 8th grade girls who have not yet made a high school decision.

The program begins at 6:30 p.m. and offers two hours of sessions to learn about admission and financial aid, student support services and the academic experience at Notre Dame Academy.

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www.ndapandas.org





2016-17 College Rep Visits at NDA

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

March

9 Northern Kentucky University 8:15-9:00 a.m.



Thomas More College



17 St. Louis University



Morehead State University

28 University of Alabama



▶ Important dates

- March 8 Student Council Election Information Session - 8:30 a.m. auditorium
- March 9 NDA Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony 6:00 p.m.
- March 10 Mass in Chapel - 7:20 a.m. - All are welcome!
7th Grade Panda Spring Fling Event
End of the Third Quarter
- March 11 Freshman/Sophomore Dance: Enchanted Forest 8:00 p.m.
- March 13 **NO SCHOOL** - Professional Development
Panda Parent Club Meeting
- March 14 Blood Drive
- March 16 Women Making A Difference Day - Luncheon and Career Fair
- March 17 Grade School Teachers luncheon
- March 18 8th Grade Conferences
- March 21 Sarah Panzou Presentation
ACT Makeup at NDA
- March 22 Seniors at Playhouse in the Park
- March 25 Scholastic Writing Awards 3:00 p.m. NDA Theatre
- March 29 Juniors at Cincinnati Shakespeare
- March 30 Alumnae Dinner Theatre

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Work Study Opportunities for the Sisters of Notre Dame
- Scholarship Tax Credit Messenger Story

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

