



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

As we journey together through this holy season of Lent, we remember the importance of our identity as a Catholic high school. Our students have many opportunities not only during the Lenten season, but throughout the year, to grow in their faith at NDA. Forming the young women of Notre Dame Academy to be servant leaders is an integral part their experience here. Teaching them the importance of putting their faith into action and their responsibility to develop their God-given gifts and to share those gifts with others are key components of an NDA education.

Faith formation is not limited to our Religion classes at NDA, it can be seen in every subject area and each classroom throughout the day. We pray at the beginning and end of each day. We pray a decade of the rosary daily before school in our chapel. We celebrate the Eucharist together regularly and our community is offered the opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation frequently. Our students participate in retreats that further develop their relationship with God. Our Chaplain, Fr. Hennigan, and our Campus Minister, Bridget Price, work with our peer ministers to ensure that our students are sharing their faith with each other in positive and productive ways.

These fundamental elements of our Catholic identity at NDA help to form our students into women who will use their faith to make incredible differences in our world someday!

Tomorrow our students will celebrate *Women Making A Difference Day*. The day will include a Career Fair, breakout sessions featuring many different career topics and a special presentation by NDA alumna Lt. Col. Amy McGrath Henderson '93. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to explore and be exposed to many different types of careers. The goal of *Women Making A Difference Day* is to enable the students of NDA to imagine their own career possibilities and become empowered to pursue them. **Students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow** in order that our faculty and staff can attend the *Women Making a Difference Luncheon* at 12:00 p.m.

Our students have been focusing on *Embracing Dignity in Community Self and Others* this school year and our Student of the Month is a perfect example. Congratulations to Rachael Lukey on being chosen as our March Student of the Month. Rachael is to be commended for valuing the needs and sentiments of others and always being willing to help those in need in an out of the classroom. You can read more about Rachael below.

Congratulations also to our Latin Club, Mock Trial Team and our Future Business Leaders of America! You can read about the success of each of these clubs below.

Our Panda Preview Night will be held Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. If you know of anyone interested in NDA and the opportunity to join our school community, please share this information with them.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Prom and After Prom

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 at 11:30 a.m. on this day,** and **anyone attending Prom must be in attendance for the day's duration.** 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. You can find more information on Prom and After Prom below on the **Prom Headquarters** page.

### Attention Juniors

Next week, March 20-24, the Teen Leadership Club (TLC) will be collecting items from the Juniors to support the Notre Dame Urban Education Center. Each month from January thru April we will have a different grade donating items, and March is the Juniors' turn. The after school program at the Urban Ed Center assists around 55 students daily and the sisters like to provide a snack and drink because the children are always hungry when they come! TLC will be collecting individually packaged snacks and drinks such as peanut butter crackers, cookies, chips, pretzels, capri sun, etc. We would like to make a big donation because in our most recent correspondence with the Urban Ed Center, they indicated their cupboards were almost bare! Donations can be brought to school and placed in designated spots in the front lobby. If you donate, please make sure the portions are individually packaged. Thank you in advance for your generosity ~TLC



### JOIN US ◀

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

### AND THE VERDICT IS... ◀

Over the March 3-4 weekend, seventeen of our Notre Dame Academy students traveled to Eastern Kentucky University to compete at the Kentucky High School Mock Trial State Competition.

In only their second year, the team already needed to expand to two teams to accommodate for the increased interest. We are happy to report that both teams placed inside the Top 20.

Each team was awarded a Top Witness and a Top Attorney and the following students received those honors at the awards ceremony following the completion of the competition:

- **Julia Hughes (Sophomore) – Top Attorney – Team #1**
- **Emma Finn (Senior) – Top Witness – Team #1**
- **Elle Kathman (Senior) – Top Attorney - Team #2**
- **Julia James (Senior) – Top Witness – Team #2**



We would like to thank our four team coaches; Katelyn Conner, Amy Hebbeler, Sharon Gronotte and Kathleen Johnson. All four coaches are NDA graduates and practicing attorneys and we can't thank them enough for dedicating their time and giving back to Notre Dame Academy.

### OPTIME DISCIPULAE! ◀

The Latin Club recently sent a delegation of eight students to the Kentucky Junior Classical League Convention. Congratulations to the club for placing in two spirit competitions. Individual honors go to Lauren Reinersman who placed 10th in Art, 8th in Mottos and Abbreviations, 6th in Derivatives, and 4th in Roman History. Emily Thaman placed 8th in both Derivatives and Vocabulary. Teaghan Brauer placed 6th in Derivatives, and Alaina Brauer placed 9th in Roman History.

### FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA ◀

On Wednesday March 8, nine of our Notre Dame Academy students competed at the Region 4 FBLA Conference at Northern Kentucky University.

The following students placed in the top three of their respective events and will be moving on to the State Conference in Louisville in April:

- **Emma Nurre (Junior) – 1st in Cyber Security**
- **Kennedy Baugh (Senior) – 2nd in Computer Problem Solving**
- **Maddie McCauley & Ruthie Franzen (Sophomores) – 3rd Social Media Campaign**

And we would also like to express a big congratulations to our members, Annie Lee, Dymond Robison, Izzy Coomes, Hannah Hammond and Jenna Meiners, on a job well done in their events as well.





## RACHAEL LUKEY

MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Notre Dame Academy Sophomore, Rachael Lukey, who has been selected as March's Student of the Month. Rachael is described as "diligent, engaged, personable, and kind". Mr. Lander, her latin teacher, says Rachael, "always values the needs and sentiments of others and she is always willing to help those in need." Academically, her teachers notice a willingness to work hard and according to geometry teacher Ms. Tucker, Rachael is, "always thinking critically about the problems we are solving in geometry." We are lucky to have a student who not only uses her abilities to perform in the classroom but who also shows compassion for her peers. Way to go Rachael!

### SOMETHING ABOUT RACHAEL

According to Mr. Richmond, Rachael's religion teacher, she is "motivated by a strong faith", making her a good fit for the life club and peer ministry team which she is a part of. On the athletic side, Rachael participates in swimming.



Outside of NDA you can find Rachael at the Notre Dame Urban Education Center tutoring younger children or at Teen Court where she gets to experience different roles of those who work in the court system.

Being a sophomore has been a great experience where she has found her place with an "amazing friend group". She is also excited to get her class ring soon!



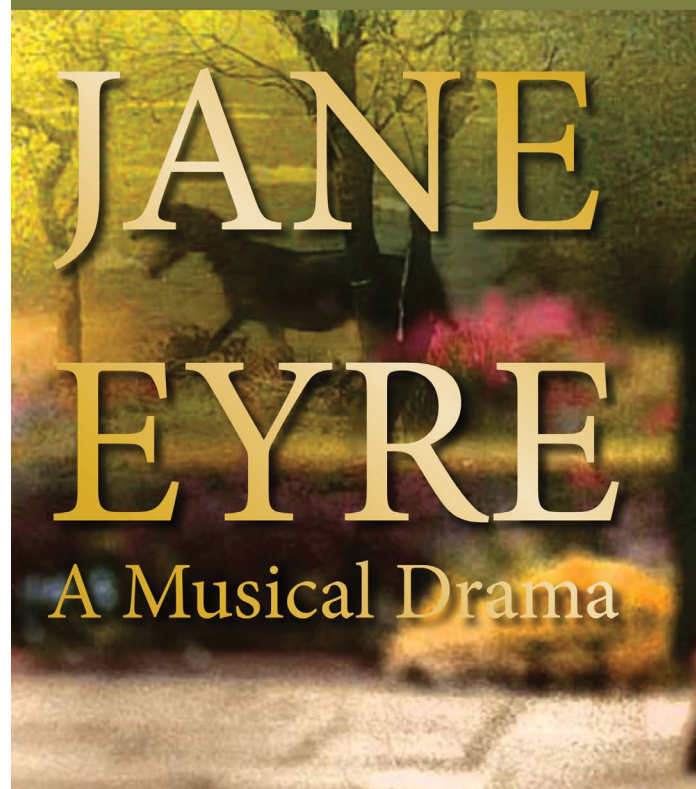
## Mark Your Calendar!



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Spring Musical

March 31 - April 2



# JANE EYRE

A Musical Drama

Don't 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.

**PURCHASE TICKETS HERE**



## IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

The count down is on...There is only 1 month left to apply for financial aid,work study and scholarships.

All financial aid applications must be completed with FACTS by April 15th. Please be sure to log into FACTS and get this taken care of right away. If your taxes are not complete yet you can come back and add those to FACTS once they are complete.

If you are interested in doing work study you must fill out the FACTS grants and aid application as well as the work study application. Also be sure to check out the scholarship opportunities on our website.

Financial aid and work study do not roll over from year to year, you must reapply.

You can access the Financial Assistance page of the website [HERE](#) and Scholarship Information [HERE](#).

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

### Governor's School for the Arts: Update!



Congratulations to our 25 NDA students (a mix of sophomores and juniors) advancing to the round of Live Auditions at Centre College in Danville, KY on March 24-25. We will be hoping for more good news on April 15 when the GSA Summer Program Class of 2017 is announced!

### Additional Summer Opportunities for Artists:

GSA is just one of many great ways to develop as a young artist over the summer:

- [Summer Arts Opportunities](#)
- 2017 Accepted Summer Arts Program Guide [here](#)

### Special Opportunity:

A counselor from Catholic Charities who specializes in adoption will speak to interested NDA students about unique issues, concerns, and challenges related to adoption that sometimes arise as students get older. This is a different opportunity to meet and talk with someone experienced in this area, to have questions answered, and to gain resources. We will meet on Wednesday April 26 at 8:00 a.m. (before school) in the NDA Chapel. Contact Mrs. Hildreth if interested.

### Drug Free Club of America: Scholarship Contest

All of our Drug Free Club Members are encouraged to participate in the annual scholarship essay contest sponsored by Drug Free Clubs of America. (Last year, NDA students won \$4,000 in scholarships!)

The essay question to be answered in a one-page typed, single spaced essay, is:

**HOW HAS BEING A MEMBER OF DRUG FREE CLUBS OF AMERICA HELPED OR CHANGED YOU, YOUR SCHOOL, YOUR FAMILY, AND/OR OTHERS YOU KNOW?**



**1st place wins a \$2000 scholarship!**  
**TWO Runners-Up will be awarded \$1000 each**  
**FOUR Finalists will receive \$500 each**

Contest Information and Applications were emailed on March 14 to DFCA members and their parents; please let Mrs. Hildreth or Mrs. Maggard if you did not receive this email or if you have questions.

**Completed essays and applications are due by APRIL 1, 2017 to Mrs. Hildreth or Mrs. Maggard.** Winners will be announced on or around May 1, 2017.



## 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.

17 St. Louis University



28 University of Alabama



Thomas More College



Morehead State University



## NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

### HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to our latest inductees to the NDA Athletic Hall of Fame!

- Rob Hardin
- Anna Walsh Konigsmark
- Jill Hampton Bakker
- Sara Rakker McSorley
- Ally Westling
- Kim Gunning



## IMPORTANT REMINDER! ◀

Reminder to replenish your student's meal account: Please check your daughter's cafeteria account balance as many currently have insufficient funds. You can check PayPams for your balance. Thank you!

## 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](http://jostens.com) or visiting [jostens.com](http://jostens.com).



## 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 10**. All are welcome!



## 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>

# 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:

- 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 at 11:30 a.m. 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.



## WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!

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.**

### PRIZES

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](mailto: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 [julixeddarpel@gmail.com](mailto:julixeddarpel@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.



## 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](#).

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ◀

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



## EARN MORE FOR NDA - ONE DAY ONLY! ◀

Amazon is celebrating its #1 ranking in customer satisfaction by the ACSI! Tomorrow, March 16, Amazon will donate 5% (10 times the usual donation rate) of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Notre Dame Academy. Get started [HERE](#) and login with your amazon account, choose Notre Dame Academy as your charitable organization and shop away.



# 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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## ▶ Important dates

March 16	Women Making A Difference Day - Luncheon and Career Fair
March 17	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.  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 24	NDA Prom and After Prom - DISMISSAL at 11:30 a.m.
March 25	Scholastic Writing Awards 3:00 p.m. NDA Theatre
March 29	Juniors at Cincinnati Shakespeare
March 30	Alumnae Dinner Theatre
March 30 & 31	National Spanish Exam
March 31-April 2	Spring Play
April 4	Vocations Speaker
April 13-23	Easter Break
April 13	Holy Thursday
April 14	Good Friday
April 16	Easter
April 24	Students return after Easter Break

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Work Study Opportunities for the Sisters of Notre Dame

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

