



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings parents!

As we enter this final stretch of the school year, we continue to support our students that they may be young women of faith, living their own stories of God's goodness each and every day. We do this in the classroom, in athletics and through many activities, especially our service opportunities. Our success is measured by how effectively our students live out their Catholic values. Their individual future educational plans and career path choices are not nearly as important as making sure that they become loving, intellectually competent, faithful leaders in our society. Please know that our NDA community is highly dedicated to our mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world.

Congratulations to our juniors who were recently elected to NDA's Student Council Executive Council. I truly appreciate the work our Student Council does throughout the school year acting as a liaison between the student body and the administration and faculty. These young women are very committed to organizing activities for the entire school, giving our students a more enriching experience at NDA.

Don't miss our Spring Musical, *Seussical the Musical*, this weekend. Ms. Stine and many of our students have put a great deal of time and energy into this performance. I am sure you will find it very entertaining. You can find further information on show times and ticket sales below. A special performance will be held on April 17 to benefit the Notre Dame Urban Education Center. Please see more information about this event [HERE](#).

Our students have some wonderful scholarship opportunities at NDA. If your daughter is interested in applying for any of the scholarships offered for the 2016-17 school year, please check our website [HERE](#) for application information. The application deadline is **April 15**.

Thank you to all of you who recently attended one of our *Excellence Without Boundaries: Empowering 21st Century Women* Parent Information Sessions. There are three more opportunities to attend a session next week. If you have not already signed up for one of the sessions, please do so [HERE](#). I highly encourage you to take time out of your busy schedule to come and see our exciting plans for the future of NDA.

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

*Living our story
of God's Goodness*



STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

2016-2017 Student Council Executive Council

Congratulations to the following rising seniors who were elected to Student Council Executive Council:

- School Co-Presidents Katie Hellmann and Jay Mullaguru
- School Secretary Julia James
- School Treasurer Ellie Kathman

Orange and White Flag Football Game

Please join the NDA and St. Ursula communities at the Orange and White Flag Football Game taking place on Sunday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. All proceeds from t-shirt and ticket sales will support Leukemia research. Tickets will be \$10 at the gate (tickets free for anyone 10 years of age or younger). Festivities begin on Notre Dame’s campus at 5:00 p.m. with a “Meat and Greet” and the opportunity to mingle with students from across the river. Beat Ursula and Beat Cancer!

Prom and After Prom

Prom is scheduled for Friday, April 22 and will take place at the Hilton Netherland Hotel in downtown Cincinnati. Check-in begins at 8:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 8:30 p.m. Prom concludes at 12:00 with After Prom following at Five Seasons on the campus of Thomas More College. Prom tickets are \$50 per student and available to purchase before and after school. Ticket sales end this Friday. If a student needs to arrive late to or leave early from either Prom or After Prom, they must have written permission from a parent, and this should be given to Mrs. Grayson by the end of the day on Wednesday, April 20.



NDA & CCH PRESENT *Seussical The Musical* ◀

Don’t miss this year’s spring play, *Seussical The Musical* by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman. Show times are Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m., as well as Sunday, April 17 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#).

ATTENTION NDA SOPHOMORES ◀

The NDA ring ceremony will be held on April 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the theatre and will be followed by a reception in Alumnae Hall. All students are welcome - it is not necessary to purchase a ring to participate in this event. Please join us in a celebration of sisterhood at Notre Dame Academy as the sophomore class unites to receive their class rings. The event is for sophomores, and families and friends are welcome to attend but we do ask for this RSVP to help us as we order refreshments. Please RSVP [HERE](#).

BUY YOUR YEARBOOK BEFORE THE PRICE GOES UP ◀

Pandas and parents, NDA yearbooks for this school year are still on sale at Jostens.com. Follow this link (http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2016-Yearbook/2015082404185244052/CATALOG_SHOP/) to reserve your copy for \$60 before the price goes up April 15!



Time is Running Out!

Financial Aid
Work Study &
Scholarships

DEADLINE:
April 15

If you are planning to applying for Financial Aid, Work Study, or NDA Scholarships, do it today. Time is running out!

The Financial Aid applications are only 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. Financial assistance requests increase each year. **We cannot stress enough the importance of getting your applications completed as soon as possible.**

For more information about Financial Assistance at NDA click [HERE](#).

Did you realize that NDA offers a number of endowed and academic scholarships for which students can apply? The deadline for each of these scholarships is April 15. For more information on these scholarships click [HERE](#).



PPC NEWS ◀

After Prom Fundraiser

It's your last chance to help raise funds for this year's After Prom! Come in to the Skyline at 1730 Dixie Highway in Ft. Wright on Wednesday, April 20 between 3:00 and 9:00 p.m. Bring in the coupons [HERE](#), show it on your smartphone, or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause

to make sure that 20% of the proceeds will be donated to Notre Dame Academy.



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 on Friday, April 22 as well as for donations of prizes, desserts, and snacks.

After Prom PRIZES

All of the girls are eligible to win prizes just by attending After Prom! Last year, some of the prizes that were won were TVs, an iPad, designer purses, and Reds tickets. Cash donations will be used to purchase additional items. All donations can be dropped off at the school office or contact Jackie Klosterman at jackie.klosterman@gmail.com or 859-468-6747.

After Prom VOLUNTEERS & FOOD DONATIONS

We are using VolunteerSpot 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 Volunteer Spot: <http://vols.pt/4xyhSK>
2. Enter your email address – you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password
3. Sign up! – VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.

NOTE: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Julie Darpel at juliexdarpel@gmail.com or 859-240-6366 and she can sign you up manually.

PPC Meetings

Please note, the Panda Parent Club will not meet in April. The last PPC meeting of the school year will be held on May 10, 2016. We hope to see you there!

STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

Recently the NDA community celebrated *Women Making A Difference Day*. Many of our students organized service projects for the day. Below are short descriptions from students of Ms. Staggs about the service projects they did for the Women Making a Difference Day.



For our group's service project we raised awareness about the lack of garment workers' rights. We were shocked that each garment worker only had \$1 to spend per meal. So we wanted to simulate what they ate, and to do this we made soup and rice. We raised \$64 and are planning to donate it to the Clean Clothes Campaign that helps educate workers about their rights.

Angela Kyntchev, Anna Resing, Kaylee Moore

We are proud to say we raised \$293.53 at our two bake sales (one held at a basketball game and one held during the WMD day). We are donating the money to Restavek Freedom, an organization that works with children living in slavery in Haiti. Thank you for the opportunity to help the kids in this terrible situation!

Jenna Schmahl, Paige Griffin, Claire Talkers

At the Women Making a Difference Day Service Fair, we sold beaded animals made by women in Africa. The proceeds went to support the Ed Colina Foundation. The Ed Colina Foundation helps give food and education to women and children in Sub-Saharan Africa. Thanks to the support of fellow students and faculty, they were able to raise \$1,330! We would like to thank everyone who helped support us make a difference in the lives of the impoverished women and children in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Morgan Weltzer and Claire Jacob

We placed donation cans in local businesses and we also sold bracelets to collect money for Restavek Freedom. We raised \$263.68 from the donation cans and profit on the bracelets that we put out and we used the money to buy 40 care kits full of hygiene items that we will give to Restavek Freedom to send to children they work with in Haiti. We also plan to donate \$125 to the organization.

Haley Planicka, Onali Fernando, Lucy Pastura, Grace Kelly



BAMBOOTIQUE OFFERS NEW ITEMS! ◀

Have you been to NDA's Bambootique lately? There are many new items that our Pandas are going crazy for! You can check out a few of the new items on our website [HERE](#) OR stop in the Bambootique and see them all first-hand!

GRADUATION TIME - ATTENTION SENIORS ◀

A representative from Herff Jones Graduate Service will be at NDA on Thursday, April 21, 2016, during your daughter's lunch period to deliver their cap and gown for graduation.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

College Fairs in our area Next Week!

There are 2 opportunities to see a lot of colleges without traveling far! For all Grade Levels and both Fairs are FREE!



Spring College Fair

Location: Xavier University
Date: Tuesday, April 19th
Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
More than 100 colleges will be in attendance
More information: www.xavier.edu/collegefair

Covington Latin College Fair

Date: Wednesday, April 20th
Time: 7:00 - 8:15 pm
Location: Covington Latin School



Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE)

All applicants will be notified via email **April 12**. A letter will also be sent to applicants' home addresses, letting them know if they were accepted into the program, not accepted, or are on the wait list.



Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program (GSP)

Wednesday **April 13** is the latest date for to mail notifications to students of their status: Accepted, Alternate, or Not Accepted.



Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts (GSA)

On Friday **April 15**, accepted and Alternate Students will be posted electronically on the GSA Website. All students who applied will receive a confirmation through email or mail.

Please inform Mrs. Hildreth of your status in these programs (Accepted, Alternate, Not Accepted) after you are notified.

Congratulations to our BEST Award winners chosen by faculty for Quarter 3:

Freshman: Libby Smith
Sophomore: Sophie Middendorf
Junior: Caroline Iglesias
Senior: Abby Gruner

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

There will be an **Athletic Signing** on April 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium to honor the student athletes that will be pursuing their athletic endeavours at the collegiate level.

2016 NDA GOLF OUTING ◀

NDA's Golf outing will be held on July 29 at Twin Oaks. It will be an 11 a.m. shot gun start. All proceeds benefit ALL of the NDA Athletic teams. Sign up at today [HERE](#). Sponsorship opportunities available [HERE](#).

ART STUDENTS ACKNOWLEDGED BY WORLD RENOWNED STREET ARTIST ◀

Each year, the NDA Art 2 class creates a project based off Brooklyn artist Joe Jurato who was just recently named one of the top 10 stencil artists around. The project is a combination of studio art and photography where they create little figurines (either with paint, spray paint, colored pencil, or digitally) and the students take their figurines and photograph them in everyday scenes, making the figurines part of and interacting with the real world. We then collect one photograph from each student, and send our collection of work to Joe Jurato. When Joe receives the images, he is incredibly grateful and ALWAYS acknowledges the NDA Art 2 students by taking time out of his busy schedule, and sharing our students' work with his thousands of followers on various social media sites. Joe is an incredible talent and I would HIGHLY recommend checking out his work if you're an Art fan.

Below is Joe Jurato's post featuring the works from NDA's Art students as well as his kind words.



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>

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!



NDA HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR GERMAN STUDENTS FOR FALL 2016 ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2016 enrollment. We are again working with our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta) to arrange for 2 German exchange students to study at NDA for the fall semester. At this time we are seeking families who would consider hosting these students. Please email Mrs. Katie Caccavari at caccavarik@ndapan-das.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 a host family. Thank you for your interest.

IMPORTANT DATES:

April 14	Alumnae Dinner Theatre
April 15-17	Spring Musical - <i>Seussical the Musical</i>
April 16	Incoming Freshman Math and Language Placement Tests
April 20	Sophomore Ring Ceremony
April 22	No School - Prom
April 24	Orange and White Flag Football Game
May 2-13	AP Exams
May 4	May Crowning
	NDA Speaker Series: Our Lady Getting to Know Our Patron 7:00 p.m.
May 6	7th Grade Olympic Day
May 8	Band Concert
May 11	Academic Signing
May 12	Academic Awards
May 13	Spring Sports Pep Rally
	Choral Concert
May 17	Senior Send Off
May 18-20	Senior Exams
May 23-25	Exams
May 26	Cleaning Day
	Baccalaureate Mass
May 27	Senior Awards Breakfast
	Graduation

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- St. Agnes Youth Group
- Help stop the spread of Pertussis in NKY
- Serra Club Florence Freedom Doubleheader
- Pro-Life Mass and Prayerful Rosary procession to Planned Parenthood
- Sisters of Notre Dame July 4th Festival
- Work Study Positions Available with the Sisters of Notre Dame
- Part-time Job Opportunities for Students and Moms

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

