



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 making a difference 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.



At this morning's prayer service I challenged each student to set aside some time to reflect on what the Passion of our Lord means to us and to our world. 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 service this morning by calling to stage representatives of each grade level and staff, to wash their hands.*



# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### 2019-2020 Student Council Grade Level Co-Presidents

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as Student Council Grade Level Co-Presidents for the 2019-2020 school year:

#### Rising Seniors:

Molly Kleier  
Kate Joyce

#### Rising Juniors:

Samantha Bailey  
Jenna Danneman

#### Rising Sophomores:

Ellie Joyce  
Caroline Muck



### Charity Volleyball Game

When we return from Easter break, we will hold the annual volleyball game on Thursday, May 2 at NDA starting at 7:00 pm. NDA and CCH will be playing each other and all proceeds will go to the NKY Emergency Cold Shelter. Theme for the game is Corporate (CCH) versus Country (NDA).

## GROW CLOSER TO GOD ◀

We pray a decade of the rosary to “Notre Dame” Our Lady everyday at NDA at 7:25 a.m. in our new chapel! We welcome students, faculty and staff. Please make an effort to join us the remainder of the school year!



## FROM THE DESK OF THE CAMPUS MINISTER ◀

Dear Students,

As you all know this week is Holy Week - a week that draws us into reflection on the Passion and suffering of our Lord. Mr. VonHandorf challenged us this morning to set aside some time to reflect on what that means to us and to our world. I wanted to invite you all to an opportunity on Friday from 12:00-2:00 p.m. in Washington Park in Cincinnati. We will be praying the Way of the Cross for Justice. This focuses on ways in which Christ stands with people around the world who are suffering from injustices.

Notre Dame Academy and the Sisters of Notre Dame will be praying a station that focuses on The Empowerment/Inequality of Women. This is a way in which we can stand up for those women around the world who are victimized and suffering.

All are welcome to attend this event. If you are able to attend and wouldn't mind helping to read some of the petitions, prayer etc., we would love to have your help. Even if you just want to stand with us as we pray - we would love to have a show of students, faculty and staff to stand with us. Just find me when you arrive and we will get you all set up. I will be arriving around 11:15/11:20 - but you could get there at 11:30/11:45 and find me. We will be meeting at the Gazebo in Washington Park where the event will take place.

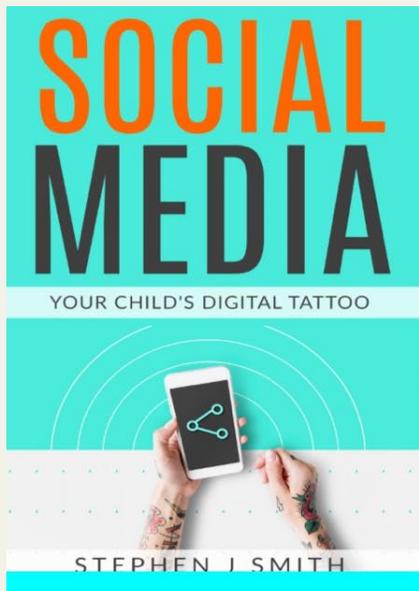
The other topics that will be reflected on are:

Racial Justice  
Immigration

Poverty  
Violence and Burden within the church

May you all have a Reflective Holy Week and a Blessed Easter.

Peace,  
Mrs. Bridget Price



## SOCIAL MEDIA: YOUR CHILD'S DIGITAL TATTOO ◀

On Tuesday, May 7, we are welcoming Steve Smith who will speak to our students about the importance of digital citizenship and how to protect themselves online. School will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. on this day.

## Social Media:

### Your Child's Digital Tattoo

This powerful program has been presented to over **325,000 students**. It covers the basics concerning the evolution of the mobile and broadband world as it relates to student communication, including: inappropriate on-line behavior, bullying and its impact on mental health. We'll cover the causes, the technology and how students can help control these trends.



**Stephen Smith, President,**

**A WIRED FAMILY LLC**, is a former high school coach and teacher who also has over 25 years experience in the world of film, video and interactive media development. For the past 17 years he has worked exclusively in the telecommunications industry. He will provide an overview for parents and others on the consequences of student sexting, cyber-bullying and online privacy — while examining the technologies that enable but can also reduce these practices.

Steve's book, **SOCIAL MEDIA: YOUR CHILD'S DIGITAL TATTOO** is now available on Amazon.

Steve also writes a blog for parents entitled:

**A Wired Family**

[www.awiredfamily.org](http://www.awiredfamily.org)

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

School officers from Notre Dame Academy and St. Ursula met with representatives from the Advancement department of Cincinnati Children's Hospital yesterday (Tuesday, April 16). We were able to present a check of \$5,265 from this year's Orange & White Game! The representatives from Children's Hospital shared with the students about the different kinds of research that our money helps to fund in the field of childhood cancer and the amazing advancements that Cincinnati Children's has been able to make in the last several years.

Pictured: left to right: Theresa Berling, Julia Hughes, and Emily Thaman, Anna Scott, Maggie Sullivan, and Elizabeth Schwartz.





## CONGRATULATIONS ◀

Congratulations to NDA faculty member Michelle Johnson. She will be receiving the “Outstanding High School Catechist/Teacher” award. She will be presented with this award at the Catechetical Leaders Appreciation Reception on May 8.

## OPTIME, DISCIPULAE! ◀

Congratulations to the following Latin 1 students who earned awards on the 2019 National Latin Exam. Students in all levels of Latin at NDA took the exam during the school day back in March. The NLE is sponsored by the American Classical League and National Junior Classical League and is offered at 7 different levels and taken by well over 100,000 middle and high school students around the United States and the world each year.

Hana Kennedy - Magna Cum Laude

Josie Kleman - Cum Laude

Ana Kothandram - Magna Cum Laude

Gwen Brauer - Cum Laude

Brooke Donelan - Magna Cum Laude

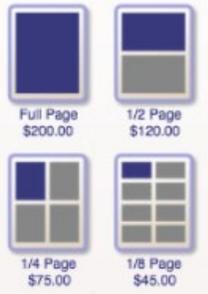
## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR GERMAN STUDENTS FOR FALL 2019 ◀

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](mailto: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.

## CONGRATULATE YOUR 2019 GRADUATE IN THE YEARBOOK! ◀

Senior parents: You're understandably proud of your daughter. Why not say it with a yearbook recognition ad? They're available in a variety of sizes, starting at just \$45, and you get to choose the photos and words you want. They're quick, easy and fun! Getting started is as simple as following this link: ([https://www.jostens.com/apps/shop/yrbk\\_ra\\_flash.asp?CID=147347&PFID=20180825051151427151](https://www.jostens.com/apps/shop/yrbk_ra_flash.asp?CID=147347&PFID=20180825051151427151))

Select your ad size:



## DO YOU WONDER WHAT THE SOUTHERN BORDER IS LIKE? ◀

This summer Sister Maria Francine is facilitating a trip there to see the situation and speak with those involved, particularly immigrants and border patrol. This trip is for adults, not students. The Columbian Missions in El Paso who have a shelter there provides talks with immigrants, border patrol and relief workers. Sometimes we need, when possible, to take an initiative to be informed. Access [THIS LINK](#) for details. You may contact Sister Maria Francine at [stacymf@ndapandas.org](mailto:stacymf@ndapandas.org).

## NDA/CCH BAND NEWS ◀

There are a lot of exciting spring band events coming up:

Spring Concert :	May 5	4:00 p.m.
CCH Commencement Ceremony:	May 21	6:15 p.m.
NDA Commencement Ceremony:	May 24	3:15 p.m.
Memorial Day Parade:	May 27	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



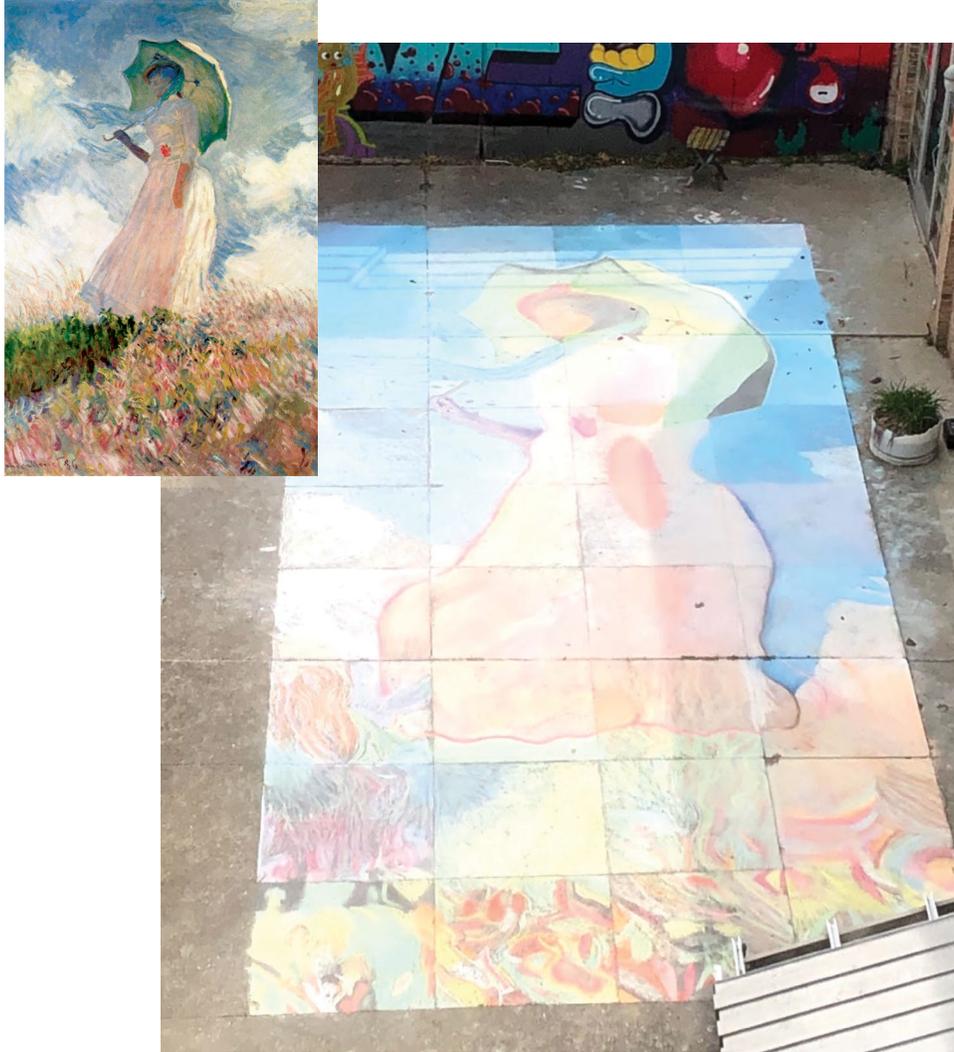
## IMPORTANT LONGSHORE DINING HALL NOTICE ◀

SENIOR PARENTS: Please check your daughter's account balance and let Cafeteria Manager Karen Brungs know if you would like a refund or transfer your balance. Thank you! Contact Information: Karen Brungs at 859.292.1856 or [brungsk@ndapandas.org](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org).

## NEWS FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT ◀

### Concrete Creation!

Students in Mr. Eckerle's Art 1 class are learning about Monet so they recreated his 'Woman With a Parasol' on NDA's art studio back patio!



### Fine Arts Students to Attend Governor School for the Arts This Summer

This year, around 1,400 Sophomores and Juniors from all over Kentucky applied for Kentucky's Governor School for the Arts. 629 earned a spot as a finalist, and 256 students earned the chance to participate in this summer's GSA program. Fourteen NDA students were finalists and the following list is a list of the seven students that got accepted and a list of the programs that they were accepted into. Congratulations to the following seven students who were accepted into the GSA class of 2019.

Chloe Collins – Accepted Architecture  
Chloe Collins – Alternate Visual Art  
Alaina Flesch – Accepted Dance  
Chloe Esmeier – Accepted Drama  
Ainsley Moore – Accepted Instrumental Music  
Grace Eckerle – Accepted Visual Art  
Grace Eckerle – Accepted Architecture  
Caroline Stegman – Accepted Visual Art  
Caroline Stegman – Alternate Architecture  
Gwyneth Thomas – Alternate Visual Art  
Gwyneth Thomas – Alternate Architecture

congrats!

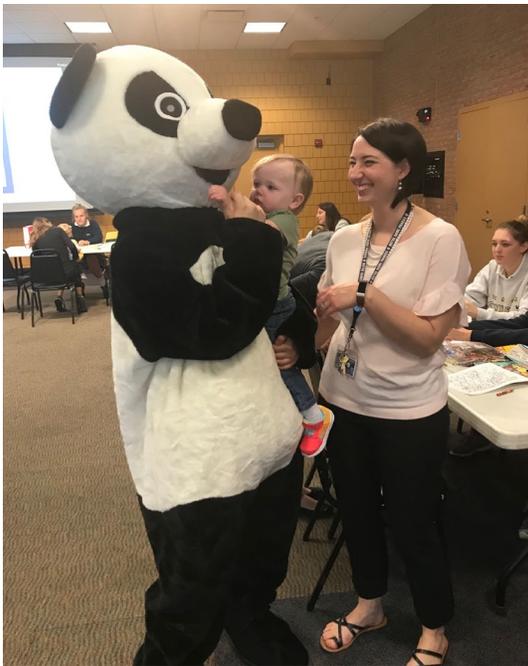
### Summer Offerings in Art

NDA has awesome opportunities in ART this summer! If you are interested in either **High School Summer Studio Art 2019** or **Junior High Summer Studio Art Class 2019: Screen Printing** you can find out all of the information you need to register on our website [HERE](#). Don't delay! There are limited spots available!



## NDA BABY DAY ◀

Our annual Baby Day at NDA was a huge success! Yesterday we had several little visitors on campus. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students who are studying child development to put into practice the theories/concepts they have studied. The activities were loads of fun for the children and very educational for the psychology students.



**ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS** ◀  
**SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS**

Registration is now open for the 2019 - Summer Sports Camps Hosted at Notre Dame Academy

**SUMMER**  
**Opportunities!**

**IN ATHLETICS**

Registration is now open for the 2019 - Summer Sports Camps  
Hosted at Notre Dame Academy

**Archery** - June 3-5 | \$75.00 per camper  
Grades 5-12 - 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Basketball** - June 17-20 | \$75.00 per camper  
Grades 3-5 - 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Grades 6-9 - 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Lacrosse** - June 17-20 | \$75.00 per camper  
Grades 4-9 - 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Soccer** June 10-13 | \$90.00 per camper (\$75 for additional sibling)  
Grades 1-9 - 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Volleyball** July 10-12 | \$60 per camper Grades 3-4 / \$90 per camper Grades 5-9  
Grades 3-4 - 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Grades 5-7 - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Grades 8-9 - 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Tennis** - June 10-13 | \$100 per camper  
Grades 4-9- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Cross Country** - June 17-20 | \$75 per camper  
Grades 1-9- 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



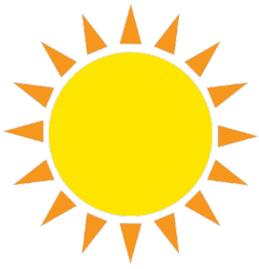
REGISTRATION ONLINE at [www.ndapandas.org](http://www.ndapandas.org)

Make checks Payable to Notre Dame Academy  
**Memo Line - include the sport and child's name**

Mail to : NDA Athletics - 1699 Hilton Dr., Park Hills, KY 41011

You can register from our website - or using this link below:

[Summer Camp Registration Form](#)



## 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](#).

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

### Girls State

June 9 - 14

Takes place at Georgetown College in Georgetown, KY  
For current Juniors interested in Government



What is Girls State?

- A week-long, residential program designed to give students an interactive training in the governmental process.
- Some activities include: role play as government officials, role play as officials assigned to House of Representatives or Senate, run for elected city and state offices, live in mythical cities, and more.
- Cost: \$275

If interested, contact Ms. Burgei at [burgeik@ndapandas.org](mailto:burgeik@ndapandas.org)



### 1N5 Youth Mental Health - [Innovation Challenge](#)

- June 8 & 9 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Children's Hospital
- Work in small groups, brainstorm solutions to mental health challenges
- Pitch your team's idea to a judging panel
- Win Grant Money to fund your idea



### Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program

Congratulations to our Notre Dame Academy students who were accepted into the 2019 Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program (GSP) as Nominees or Alternates!

Accepted: Chloe Collins  
Ella David  
Julia Day  
Kate Hail  
Grace Kramer  
Grace Winstel

Alternate: Molly Kleier



### HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NDA PARENT TOOLBOX?

If you are looking for a good read over the break, or even some interesting articles, there are many good ideas (Untangled, Under Pressure, The Confidence Code, anxiety, friends, teens and technology, etc.), in [NDA Parent Tool Box!](#)



## GALA TABLE CAPTAINS NEEDED ◀

Searching for GALA TABLE CAPTAINS/dedicated parents who are willing to help fill a table of 10. The job of table captain is quite simple and costs nothing!!!

All table captains are supplied with a "how to" basket, full of essentials needed to fill their table: NDA address book, gala post cards, pens, and, if desired, stamps.

The table captain simply chooses and invites friends and family (invitees don't have to be from NDA, all are welcome) to join them at the gala! There is NO financial obligation to pay for your table reservations! You simply secure a positive response from at least 10, get them to reserve their spot at your table and ultimately FILL that table :)

Table captain post cards/invites are completed by August/early September. Afterward, you can sit back, relax, and look forward to a fun evening with friends. It really is THAT SIMPLE...but it amounts to GREAT SUCCESS!

If interested, please contact Holly Danneman at [hgdmd6@gmail.com](mailto:hgdmd6@gmail.com)



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## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Have you checked out the Community News section of our website lately? It has all sorts of great information for you about things happening in our community!

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

- Way of the Cross for Justice
- Work Study positions available
- Blue Ribbon Sunday
- Serra Club Florence Freedom Doubleheader
- Bible Study
- Save the Date - The Marriage Journey
- 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](#).



## ▶ Important dates

April 17	Mid quarter Holy Week Prayer Service Diocesan Track Meet
April 18	Easter Break Begins
April 29	School resumes
May 2	Food Truck Day/Panda Rec NDA/CCH Charity Volleyball Game
May 3	May Crowning Choral Concert
May 4	Math and Language Placement Test for incoming 8th graders
May 5	NDA/CCH Band Spring Concert
May 9	Freshmen to Play Spring Sports Pep Rally
May 12	Mother's Day
May 15	Academic Signing
May 16	Academic Awards
May 18	Drama Banquet
May 17	Senior Alumnae Luncheon Senior Send Off
May 20-22	Senior Exams Baccalaureate Mass
May 24	Senior Breakfast Graduation
May 27	No School: Memorial Day
May 28-30	Exams
May 31	Cleaning Day 4th Quarter Ends Faculty/Staff Luncheon