



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

As the academic year comes to a close, I am filled with gratitude for our students, faculty and staff at NDA. Together we are a strong and diligent community. We are enriched by our dedication and commitment to education. As we progress through the month of May, we see many examples of our hard work paying off in the success of our students. We have many of those stories below. Congratulations to the large number of NDA students who will be participating in the KY Governors Scholars Programs this summer as well as the alternates to those programs. I would also like to congratulate Paige Montfort on receiving an Academic All-Star Award and our Creative Writing students who were recently recognized for their talents. Many of our student athletes have also been very successful in recent weeks. You can read all about those students and their achievements below.

This Friday, NDA we will celebrate our May Crowning and Ground Breaking Ceremony for our *Excellence Without Boundaries* Program. It will mark the official beginning of Phase 1 - the construction of our new library and chapel. The actual construction will begin on May 30. Both are being done as additions to our existing building. This will be an all school celebration and we will welcome many guests to our campus for the program. Our guests will include Bishop Foys, Sr. Mary Ethel, and many donors and friends of NDA. Student leaders will have a role in welcoming guests, celebrating our May Crowning and participating in the ceremonial digs. We look forward to celebrating this momentous and historic occasion. **Please note: All students should be in full uniform on Friday, everyone will need to pack a lunch on Friday - there will be no hot lunch. Also, on Friday morning, if your daughter parks in spots 1 to 67, she will need to park across the street at The Garden's of Park Hills.**

Our Uganda Pandas club is hosting a 5K this Saturday, May 6. The Go For Gulu 5K is will benefit four children sponsored through the Unified for Uganda foundation. The U4U family believes that every child should have access to education. I encourage you to consider participating in this event. You can register online [HERE](#).

Also on Saturday, our Senior Art Show featuring work of current senior Art students will be held at the She's All That Boutique and Art Gallery in Ft. Mitchell.

On Sunday, the NDA/CCH Band concert will be held at NDA at 4:00 p.m. in the theatre. Our Band Director, Mr. Greg Cerimele, guarantees that this concert is a wonderful event that you and your family will find very entertaining.

Enjoy the week and please encourage your daughter to continue to be diligent in her studies and finish strong this school year.

In Notre Dame,

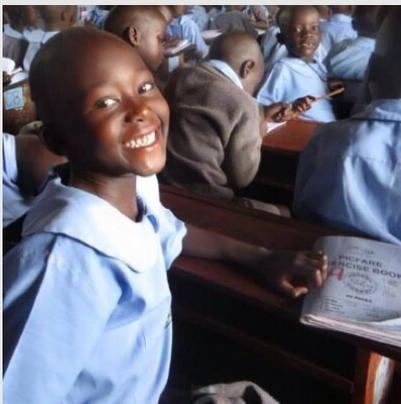
Mr. Jack VonHandorf



# GO 4 GULU 5K



Unified  
for  
Uganda



## MAY 6, 2017

Runners begin at 8:30

Walkers begin at 8:45

Onsite registration begins at 7:30

Register online by April 23rd to receive a free t-shirt

To register go to:

[schumacherj9.wixsite.com/uganda-pandas](http://schumacherj9.wixsite.com/uganda-pandas)

Cost is \$25

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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](mailto:schumacherj@ndapandas.org) or [cooneyo@ndapandas.org](mailto:cooneyo@ndapandas.org).



## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### 2017-2018 Student Council Grade Level Officers

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as Grade Level Officers for next year:

#### Juniors:

Sophie Middendorf  
Bridget Wall

#### Sophomores:

Julia Hughes  
Ellie O'Hara

#### Freshmen:

Molly Kleier  
Josie Montfort

Homeroom Representative applications are due this Friday and elections will take place on May 19. Good luck to all those running for office.



### 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.

**ATTENTION SENIORS:** If you would like a refund of your cafeteria balance or to transfer your balance to a younger sister, please email Karen Brungs at [brungsk@ndapandas.org](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org). Thank you!

## SENIOR PARENTS: SAY YOU LOVE HER WITH A YEARBOOK AD ◀

You're understandably proud of your daughter. Why not say it with a recognition ad in the 2016-17 yearbook? Priced at \$45 and up, they're easy and fun to design at [jostens.com](http://jostens.com) or by following [this link](#).



## NDA/CCH BAND CONCERT ◀

Don't miss the NDA/CCH Band concert this Sunday at NDA at 4:00 p.m. in the theatre!



## NDA HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR GERMAN STUDENTS FOR FALL 2017 ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2017 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@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 a host family. Thank you for your interest.



### PPC NEWS ◀

The Panda Parent Club is in need of a parent to take over the Teacher Appreciation Committee and the Hospitality committee for next school year. If you would like to learn more about these positions contact Lori Alcantara at [alcantaralori3@gmail.com](mailto:alcantaralori3@gmail.com) or Leanne Kirn at [kirnl@ndapandas.org](mailto:kirnl@ndapandas.org).



Join us at Skyline for NDA Benefit Night - TOMORROW, May 4 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Ft. Wright! That evening 20% of all sales will be donated to NDA Dances and Events! You can access your coupons [HERE](#).

# CONGRATULATIONS



## PANDAS ATTEND GOVERNORS SCHOOL PROGRAMS ◀

An overwhelming number of NDA students were selected this year to participate in the Kentucky Governor's Schools Programs. A total of fourteen NDA students have been accepted to these select summer programs and seven NDA student were chosen as alternates.

The Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program (GSP) recently announced that three Notre Dame Academy students have been named Governor's Scholars for 2017. Additionally, The Kentucky Center Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) announced that nine students from Notre Dame Academy have been accepted into the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts 2017 program and two students from Notre Dame Academy have been accepted into the 2017 Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE). A total of three NDA students were selected as GSP alternates, and four NDA students were selected as GSA alternates.

Notre Dame Academy juniors Jessica Beirl, Emma Hatter and Lauren Judy have all been selected to participate in the 2017 Governor's Scholars Program. Olivia Bosch, Rachel Massie and Bridget Wall have all been selected as GSP alternates.

Notre Dame Academy's Theresa Berling, Riley Best, Claudia Hillmann, Sarah Rolfsen, Anna Burns, Lindsey Foust, Caroline Lucas, Rachel Darpel and Ellie O'Hara have been selected to participate in the 2017 Governor's School for the Arts program. Carena Bhola, Sara Mathew, Maddie Mariani and Samantha Wichmann have all been selected as alternates.

Notre Dame Academy's Livia Ganshirt and Ming Waih Wong Burgess have been selected to participate in the 2017 Governor's School for Entrepreneurs.



## ACADEMIC ALL-STAR ◀

Congratulations to Paige Montfort who received the Academic All-Star Award recently at the 2017 Excellence in Education Celebration Dinner. The dinner was presented by the Northern Kentucky Education Council and the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce recognizing student, educator, community and business leaders for their significant contributions toward education. The awards symbolize our region's long-standing commitment to education and the vital role that educators and businesses play in ensuring our students are ready for college, career, and life. Funds raised through this event help support future education and workforce initiatives of the Northern Kentucky Education Council and Impact Northern Kentucky, a non-profit affiliate of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.



## NDA STUDENTS WIN WRITING AWARDS ◀

The English Department and Creative Writing class would like to congratulate Madison Jones, Lydia Watson and Sammie Kleier who won prizes in the Northern Kentucky University area high school writing competition. The letter from NKU called their writing some of the best pieces submitted to these annual competitions.

Maddie, Lydia and Sammie are invited for an awards and open-mic reading celebration and will be published in the NKY literary chapbook.

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS

While we understand that the television programs your daughter views is completely up to your discretion, we feel we have a responsibility to our students to make their parents aware of the potential risk factors involving the trending Netflix series 13 Reasons Why.



The series involves the topic of teenage suicide. As always, we take this topic very seriously and try to provide resources to support you in healthy conversations with your daughter regarding the topic. We encourage you to have a conversation with your daughter about teen suicide/bullying if she is viewing this series. Here are a few resources to help you:

[JED Foundation](#)

[Sprigeo](#)

[National Association of School Psychologists](#)

# PANDAS MEET PENGUINS! ◀

On Friday, April 24 Mr. Stamm's Marine Biology class visited the Newport Aquarium to experience the wonders of the aquatic world and reinforce the ideas learned in class concerning marine organism natural history and conservation. They even got a personal encounter with African Penguins thank to biologist Ric Urban, a leading expert in the conservation of these awesome species!





## NDA GOLF OUTING ◀

**NDA Golf Outing:** Friday July 28, 2017 at The Plantation at Twin Oaks. Registration begins at 9:45 am. 11:00 am "Shot Gun" start. Registration: \$100/person, \$400/foursome. Includes: gift, cart, green fees, unlimited refreshments, lunch on course and fabulous buffet dinner (\$35 for dinner only). Priority game package \$25/ golfer. To register go to [ndapandas.org](http://ndapandas.org). Search Athletics. Golf Outing.

## NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

### TRACK & FIELD

Congratulations to all team members and coaching staff as our young track & field team staged a large upset at Campbell Co. High School Thursday evening! Ryle and Highlands tied for 2nd place with 60 pts. each and NDA tallied 63 pts. to become 2017 NKAC large school Champions! With well balanced performances the Pandas scored in 13 of the 14 events without a first place finish. They ended with four 2nd place finishes, one 3rd place, five 4th place, two 5th place and one 6th place . Congrats again everyone including Coach Jim!

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Congratulations to five of our Notre Dame Academy athletes who have been nominated for **Player of the Year** in their sport for The Cincinnati.com Greater Cincinnati Sports Awards presented by Beacon Orthopedics and Sports Medicine. The Enquirer and Cincinnati.com will honor more than 150 of the area's best high school athletes. Bengals Head Coach Marvin Lewis will be the guest speaker and Lindsay Patterson will be the emcee for the evening. The Notre Dame Academy nominees are:

Kennedy Baugh - Softball  
Lauren Bracken - Golf  
Abby Sammons - Lacrosse  
Christen Sherrard - Soccer  
Sophie Skinner - Swimming

The awards show will be May 22, 2017 at The Aronoff Center. Each sport will have five nominees and the winners will be announced the night of the show.

### SWIMMING AND DIVING

Congratulations to the NDA Aqua Pandas Swim and Dive Team for being NKAC Division I Champions this year!

### DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

NDA's Kennedy Baugh has been nominated for LaRosa's MVP of the Week! You can vote for her [HERE](#).

### ROWING

This past weekend seven NDA girls traveled to Saratoga Springs, NY to compete in the prestigious Saratoga Invite. With over 56 teams from the East Coast and Midwest, the NDA rowers all medaled competing as part of the Cincinnati Junior Rowing Club.

Girls 1st Varsity 8 - Silver

- Marie Shannon Malloy
- Emily Schutzman

Girls 2nd Varsity 8 - Gold

- Ellee Grosser
- Briana Baker
- Gabby Hacker

Girls Lightweight 8 - Gold

- Ashley Wright
- Olivia Vonderhaar
- Ryan Cleves

Girls Varsity 4 - Bronze

- Gabby Hacker
- Briana Baker



## SENIOR ART SHOW ◀

The end of the year Senior Art Show will be held this Saturday at the She's All That Boutique and Art Gallery. This show will feature original artwork for display (and some for sale) by the Senior Art Students of NDA as well as CCH. There will be food and drinks as well as live music by local band Draud Haus. This is only one night only, so stop down...ALL are welcome. Special thanks to Gabe Wainscott and family for donating the space for the evening.

### Senior Art Show

Featuring the work of current Senior Art Students from NDA and CCH

Held at She's All That Boutique and Art Gallery

2508 Dixie Hwy, Fort Mitchell, KY 41017

Saturday, May 6th, From 6pm - 8pm



## NDA SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES ◀

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 <https://www.ndapandas.org/admissions/summer-enrichment-programs.aspx>

## NDA SUMMER ART ◀

Just a reminder that the forms and payment for the Summer Art class for High School students are due by May 26. For information please check out:

<http://www.ndapandas.org/admissions/summer-enrichment-programs.aspx>

and if you have any questions, please send them to: [eckerlem@ndapandas.org](mailto:eckerlem@ndapandas.org)

Another reminder that the form and payment for the Junior High Art Class is due by May 26. For more information please check out:

<https://sites.google.com/site/ndajuniorhighsummerstudioart/>

and if you have any questions, please send them to: [eckerlem@ndapandas.org](mailto:eckerlem@ndapandas.org)

## BAMBOOTIQUE CLEARANCE SALE ◀

It is time to clear out our clearance items! For the remainder of the school year, all clearance items will be an additional 50% off the already reduced price!

### Stop in and check it out!

Mondays 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Thursdays 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Fridays 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Closed April 13-21, May 5 and May 12. Last day open for this school year is Friday, May 19.

No additional discounts will apply during this sale, including faculty/staff discounts.



## SUPPORT NDA ON MOTHER'S DAY ◀

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14. Shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon will donate to Notre Dame Academy. Amazon has a large variety of gifts that are perfect for Mother's Day including electronics, jewelry, clothing, and more. Shop [HERE](#).



SAVE THE DATE:  
OCTOBER 14, 2017  
AT SUMMIT HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

## ► Important dates

May 4	Out of Uniform Day for 4th of July Raffle
May 5	May Crowning/Ground Breaking Ceremony Drama Banquet
May 6	Uganda Pandas 5K
May 7	NDA/CCH Band Concert 4:00 p.m.
May 10	Academic Signing 4:00 p.m.
May 11	Spring Sports Pep Rally
May 12	Final Mass
May 12	Choral Concert
May 12	NHS Dance Off
May 16	Alumnae Luncheon/Senior Send Off
May 17	Senior Exams begin
May 18	Academic Awards
May 19	Homeroom Rep Elections
May 22, 23, 24	Exams
May 25	Cleaning Day/Last Day of School Baccalaureate Mass - St. Agnes Church - 7:00 p.m.
May 26	Senior Breakfast - Receptions, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Graduation - Northern KY Convention Center, 4:00 p.m.

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- NDUEC In Need of Summer Volunteers
- Serra Club for Vocations, Florence Freedom Fundraiser
- National Catholic Youth Conference
- Work Study Opportunities for the Sisters of Notre Dame

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

