



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings parents!

This week is National Catholic Teacher Appreciation week and it has been a joy to celebrate our outstanding teachers at NDA. Being a teacher in a Catholic school is truly a vocation. Our Catholic teachers instill hope and change lives. Thanks to all of you who express your gratitude for our teachers in many ways. Your monthly breakfast treats, notes of appreciation and positive feedback go a long way in supporting our school and teachers.

This morning I had the honor of introducing Mr. Jack Vonhandorf, our new NDA principal to our faculty and staff. Mr. VonHandorf received a warm welcome from all present. He expressed his eager anticipation to begin his new role at NDA and is excited to meet our students and parents. Mr. VonHandorf will begin his role as Principal on July 1, 2015.

Next week we will celebrate the accomplishments of many of our students at the Annual Academic Awards Ceremony. Invitations to this event were mailed home to students who will be receiving an award. A follow-up email will be sent to the students tomorrow with a link for submitting an RSVP which is due on May 11. This event is for Freshmen through Juniors. Our Seniors will be acknowledged at the Senior Awards Breakfast on May 22. (Those invitations have already been sent as well).

Congratulations to our Tennis team and Coach Rob Hardin for winning their 20th consecutive regional Championship! You can cheer on the team this Saturday at NDA as they compete in the Sectionals. Please see below for more information.

As you read the information below, please note some great news about two of our Alumnae – Ariel Stenger (2008) and Paige Brewer (2011). We are pleased to congratulate them on being named Fulbright scholars! This is an outstanding accomplishment.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl





INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

Furthering our mission with technology

NDA students in Mr. Dan Martin's Church History classes have been using iPads and technology to further our mission at Notre Dame Academy. They have been cataloging the relics recently given to NDA by the Sisters of Notre Dame at St. Joseph Heights. You can view the relics online at:

<https://kycatholics.wordpress.com/relics/>

The page will be increasing in its number of photos and descriptions will be added as well.



STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Sophomore Class Rings

Herff Jones will be here Friday morning between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. to address any class ring issues. Sophomores should visit them in the foyer if they have any issues.

Grade Level Co-President Elections

Good luck to any freshmen through senior who is running for Class Co-President. Friday's schedule will be slightly adjusted as elections will take place Friday afternoon. Results will be shared with the student body on Monday.

Seniors will be permitted to leave after 7th period (2:15) this Friday.

Senior Send Off

Next Friday we will be sending off the Class of 2015! Seniors will not have classes on this day but are expected to report to school by 8:30 a.m. for a special prayer service. Following the prayer service, Seniors will join the rest of the school community for the Send Off in the Auditorium. Seniors are permitted to leave after the Send Off but are encouraged to stay for lunch immediately following this special event.

Attire for the seniors on this special day is dressy, classy and modest. NDA's dress code will apply, and any senior violating our dress code policy will need to change clothes in order to participate in the Senior Send Off.

Freshman through juniors will have all classes on this day, but the schedule will be adjusted.

MAY CROWING 2015 ◀

On Friday, May 1, we gathered as a school community to honor Mary by crowning her our Queen. As is the NDA tradition, the honor of Crowning May goes to a senior. All seniors are invited to submit a reflection about Mary and how they have viewed her as a role model. This year the honor of crowning Mary went to Shannon Wilson with the honor of carrying Mary's crown in procession going to Brittney White. Samantha Darpel, Rosemary Plunkett, Abigail Kennedy and Hailee Scheper made up the honor guard. All 6 of these young ladies showed great devotion and appreciation for our Blessed Mother in their reflections. You can read Brittney White's essay online [HERE](#).



CONGRATULATIONS!



COVINGTON ART CLUB ESSAY WINNER ◀

Congratulations to Hannah Good who placed second in the Covington Art Club's essay contest. She has won \$400.00 and is invited along with me and her parents to their upcoming luncheon.

STOCKHOLM JUNIOR WATER PRIZE WINNER ◀

Ellen Kendall's Science Research project has been chosen as the Kentucky Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP) state winner. Ellen has been invited to attend the national SJWP competition in Herndon, Virginia June 19-20, 2015. Congratulations Ellen!

TWO NDA ALUMNAE NAMED FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS ◀

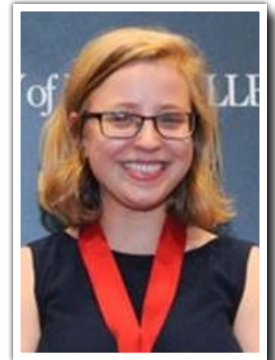
NDA alumna and University of Louisville graduate Ariel Stenger has earned a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant grant to work in a rural area of Thailand. She has taught at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in Lakota, S. D. for the past two years through Teach For America.

NDA alumna and University of Louisville senior Paige Brewer has earned a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant grant to teach in Kazakhstan.

Congratulations to both of these outstanding alums!



Ariel Stenger



Paige Brewer

DON'T FORGET! ◀

Our last PTO meeting is next Tuesday at 7 p.m. We will have refreshments and introduce the new President of PTO.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT? ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2015 enrollment. We are working with our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta) to arrange for 2 German exchange students. We are also working with the Cambridge Institute to recruit students from China, Korea and/or Viet Nam. We are hoping to enroll 3-4 students through this program. At this time we are seeking families who would consider hosting any of these students. Please email Mrs. Katie Caccavari at 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.

Important Reminder:

Please check PayPams for your daughter's cafeteria account balance as many currently have insufficient funds. If balances are unpaid at the end of the school year, students are unable to receive their report cards and seniors will not receive their transcripts. Seniors can receive a lunch money refund or transfer balance to a younger sister if a request is made by email to brungsk@ndapandas.org.

Thank you!

ATHLETIC NEWS ◀



2015 NDA GOLF OUTING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in serving on the committee or volunteering for the Notre Dame Boosters 17th annual Golf outing please contact the AD, Myanna Webster, at websterm@ndapandas.org. The outing will take place at Twin Oaks golf course on July 31, 2015.

TENNIS REGIONAL CHAMPS!

Congratulations to Tennis Pandas for winning the Regional Team Championships for the 20th year in a ROW !! This is a huge accomplishment for NDA and all of its past and present player. NDA has won the doubles titles for the past 19 years and been the double finalist 17 times out of the past 19 years. Kudos to all players and coaches!

Come and cheer for Francie Case (1st singles), Maryann Meadows/Abigail Kennedy (1st doubles), and Sarah Frisch/Kylie Moellering (2nd doubles) as they go for the individual Regional Titles. The matches start at 4pm at Lloyd HS.



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Junior Parents and Students: College Planning Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 6

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: NDA Theatre

Topics to be covered include:

- Important Role of Networking! / Campus Visits / Making the most of Campus Visits
- Selecting schools to apply to...How many?
- Considering Cost \$
- When students can start applications
- When applications are due
- What kinds of scholarships are available and how to find them
- Applying for Financial Aid...When & How?
- Q & A time

Please note: Notre Dame requires that all students have a Family Meeting with Ms. Burgei before November of their senior year. This meeting does not replace these Family Meetings. The goal of this meeting is to get the largest number of students/families helpful information as soon as possible. Questions: Contact Ms. Burgei at burgeik@ndapandas.org.



ACT Prep for June 13 test

There will be two intensive Torch Prep Boot Camps for ACT prep this summer. There is a Weekend Warrior program May 30-31, and June 6-7. There will also be a 4 day intensive training offered June 8-June 11. Please see the website at www.torchprep.com for more info.

Pandas, Looking for a Summer Job??

Student's ILP (Individual Learning Plan) can be a tool for locating jobs!

The Employment Tab on the ILP offers an Employment Guide with information on many topics, including:

- Job Market
- Networking Strategies
- Interview Skills
- Job Search by Zip Code



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Whether you are **Artistic** **ATHLETIC** **Musical** **Dramatic**
or you are just looking for **Something Fun**
to do this summer, **NOTRE DAME ACADEMY** has all
sorts of opportunities for you! Check them out at:

www.ndapandas.org

BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

Have you had a chance to stop in and check out the latest items in the Bambootique? We've got a few new things as well as LOTS of items that have been marked down in the hopes of clearing out the inventory in preparation for next school year. Come check us out! If anyone is interested in working in the shop, please email Aimee Dickhaus at ddickhaus@yahoo.com with your availability - we can always use more help!

▶ Important dates:

May 8	7th Grade Olympics
	Choral Concert
May 10	Band Concert
May 12	PTO Meeting
May 13	Academic Signing
May 14	Academic Awards
May 15	Senior Send-Off
May 20	Senior Alumnae Luncheon
May 21	Baccalaureate Mass
May 22	No School - Senior Awards Breakfast/Graduation
May 25	No School - Memorial Day
May 26	Exams Begin
May 29	Cleaning Day

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Part-time Position for Students
- Stem Camps now open
- Sisters of Notre Dame Women's Weekend Retreat

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

