



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings parents!

“Virtue must animate us to do everything well for the greater glory of the good God.” These are the words of St. Julie Billiart, spiritual mother of the Sisters of Notre Dame. We celebrate her feast day this Friday and in doing so, it is fitting that we reflect on her words and what she is calling us to do. At this time of year we celebrate the many accomplishments of our students and especially those getting ready to graduate from NDA - our class of 2016. It has been my pleasure this school year to witness our seniors discovering and sharing their gifts and talents “for the greater glory of the good God.”

Today at our Academic Signing, we celebrated the success of those graduates who are receiving scholarship offers in the amount of half tuition or more at the college or university they are attending. An impressive group of 42 students were acknowledged at this event. This is a true testimony to their hard work and the education they receive here at NDA!

Congratulations to our May Student of the Month – Liz Urban. Liz is to be commended for her work ethic and dedication to learning as well as her willingness to help others. Please read more about Liz’s involvement at NDA and the many ways she contributes to our school community in the section below.

As you will see in the stories below, we have much more good news to share about the students and faculty at NDA. From their work in the classroom to their efforts in the community, I’m sure you will agree that our Pandas are making a difference in the world!

Parents, soon you will be receiving a letter from NDA President Dr. Laura Koel with information regarding tuition rates, incremental fees and FACTS billing and account sign-up for the 2016-17 school year. Financial aid award information will also be sent out this week from our Finance Department.

Senior Parents, please note that senior exams begin on Wednesday of next week, May 18. I encourage you to discuss the exam schedule with your daughter.

Let us give thanks for the many accomplishments of our NDA students and also for their teachers and you, their parents, who have helped them along the way. May we all discover and share our gifts and talents “for the greater glory of the good God.”

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



FEAST OF ST. JULIE BILLIART, SND SPIRITUAL MOTHER ◀

This Friday, May 13, we celebrate the official Sisters of Notre Dame feastday for St. Julie Billiart. St. Julie Billiart is the spiritual mother of the Sisters of Notre Dame, since she was not living when the religious order began, but the order is based on her spirituality and teachings. She was born on July 12, 1751; she died on April 8, 1816; she was canonized a saint on June 22, 1969.

As we pray, let us say with St. Julie Billiart: “How good is the good God” !

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Senior Send Off

On Tuesday, May 17 we will be sending off the Class of 2016! Seniors will not have classes on this day but are expected to report to school by 9:15 a.m. for a special prayer service. Following the prayer service, Seniors will attend the Alumnae Luncheon hosted by our Advancement Office, and then they will join the rest of the school community for the Send Off in the Auditorium.

Attire for the seniors on this special day is dressy, classy and modest (short skirts/dresses are not permitted and shoulders must be covered). 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. You See Photography will also be at NDA on this day to take the class picture.

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

[CLICK HERE](#) to view other graduation activities.

Seniors can wear their college tees on Monday, May 16.

ACADEMIC SIGNING ◀

NDA's annual Academic Signing was held today at 4:00 p.m. in the theatre. This event was for seniors receiving scholarship dollars in the amount of at least half the cost of tuition at the school they are attending. This year we have 42 seniors signing (34% of the class). This is a true testimony to the education and preparation they receive here at NDA!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH - MAY ◀

NDA junior Liz Urban has been chosen as our May Student of the Month. Liz is described as honest, hardworking, benevolent, thoughtful and kind. As President of the Teen Leadership Club, Liz works hard promoting physical and mental health among her peers. She is dedicated to using her God given gifts to serve others. You can read all about Liz [HERE](#). Congratulations Liz!

NDA STUDENTS DISTINGUISH THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SCIENCE AND PSEUDOSCIENCE ◀

Students in Ms. Proudfit's CP and Honors Biology classes recently analyzed pseudoscience materials published by anti-climate organizations for their validity using media evaluation questions that they wrote together. After learning the science behind global climate change and its cause, students created media materials in response to the pseudoscience materials and addressed their main pseudoscience claims from a scientific perspective. Students wrote children's books and blogs (links to examples below), made posters and pamphlets, and conducted social media campaigns to respond to the pseudoscientific nature of these popular claims regarding climate.

Here are two examples of the wonderful work these students produced in this project:

<https://cleanplanetblog.wordpress.com>

<https://environmentactionsite.wordpress.com>



NDA STUDENTS RECEIVE SERVICE LEARNING AWARD ◀

On Friday afternoon, the Spanish 4 Honors class received certificates for the March Jefferson Service Learning Award through Children's Inc. These students were recognized for their service learning project working with Free the Girls. The students investigated a need in the area of immigration and human rights and then developed ways to help the organization through awareness raising and fundraising as well as holding a bra drive to help the organization. Their project developed into a very special day here at NDA - Women Making A Difference Day, held on March 23. This class was an integral part of planning a school wide day of student service presentations, key note speakers from outside agencies, and service fair (along with the help of Ms. Staggs' Freshman English Classes). These young ladies have truly made an impact and we are so proud of the work they have accomplished!



JOINING FORCES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE ◀

Students from NDA joined students from St. Ursula Academy earlier this week to present a check to Children's Hospital Medical Center for \$8,425. The donation was raised at this year's Orange and White game held at NDA in April. NDA partnered with St. Ursula Academy, Covington Catholic, St. Xavier and Moeller High Schools to raise money for Cincinnati Children's Hospital Leukemia and Lymphoma research. Thank you again to everyone who was a part of this wonderful day!

Pictured L-R: Dr. Maureen O'Brien (works with Leukemia patients), Libby Greenwell, Arden Cleves, Abby Schuh, Kirsten Richards, Maggie Sullivan, Gracie Ehemann, and Emma Maliborski.



NDA STUDENT RECEIVES HOXWORTH SCHOLARSHIP ◀

Senior Francie Case recently received the Hoxworth High School Scholarship. Each spring, up to six scholarships are awarded by Hoxworth Blood Center to graduating seniors from the Hoxworth service area. Top candidates excel in academics, school-related activities and community service activities, with a specific emphasis on involvement in the community blood program. Francie submitted a :30 video promoting blood donation and won an Apple iPad & \$250 cash. Congratulations Francie!



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT ◀

Congratulations to NDA science teacher Molly Proudfit who was recently accepted to the CDC's Science Ambassador Program, a summer program that helps science and math teachers integrate epidemiology into their courses. As a Science Ambassador, she will work with CDC scientists to create lesson plans about epidemiology that apply best practices in STEM teaching pedagogy. The lessons will be published on the CDC's website for use in classrooms nationwide. She will also have the opportunity to tour the CDC's Insectary and Emergency Operations Center, where scientists are currently researching treatments and preventative measures for malaria and Zika virus.



CAR WASH FOR PERU TRIP ◀

Join us for our Peru fundraiser car wash located at St. Agnes Church on Sunday, May 15 from 1-5 p.m. Our girls will work hard to make your car shine. Come join us for fun and conversation and drive away in your clean car! Donations accepted and be used for the girls' projects while in Peru from June 14-June 21. Thank you for enabling the girls to have this experience!



Saturday, September 24

Parents, we need your help!

We are in need of hundreds of gift items, certificates, timeshares, condos, tickets, and unique experiences for our 2016 Autumn Gala. Donations or contributions may be mailed or brought to school.

Here is an added BONUS for your help: Your name will be entered in a drawing for 2 free tickets if you make your donation before **May 20!**

Thank you in advance for your support!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Governor's Scholars Program

Sophomores interested in applying to the **Governor's Scholars Program** next fall as Juniors should seriously consider taking the ACT on June 11. Registration for the June 11 ACT is May 6. Contact Mrs. Kathy Hildreth with questions.



DRUG FREE CLUB

Last week a Google Form was sent to current Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior students who may be **interested in applying for Officer and Representative Positions** with next year's Drug Free Club! Students who want to lead this exciting club can apply by completing and submitting this Form by end of day on Monday May 16. 2016-2017 Drug Free Club Officers and Representatives will be announced on Friday May 20! Contact Mrs. Hildreth or Mrs. Maggard with any questions!

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

SOFTBALL

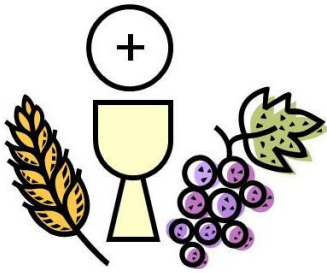
Congrats to our Softball Pandas who won senior on Monday against Beechwood!

LACROSSE

Congratulations to our Lacrosse Pandas who won Monday night against Fairfield!

FRESHMAN TRACK

Great job to our freshman track team who won regionals at Boone County on Friday!



JOIN US FOR MASS

Please join us for Mass this Friday morning at 7:15 a.m. in our Chapel. This Mass will be said in honor of Sr. Mary Reina who has been in the infirmary and could use our prayers. Sister has been a constant source of prayer for our NDA community for decades. We welcome students, faculty, staff and visitors from our community to celebrate the Mass together!

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!



Important Reminder:

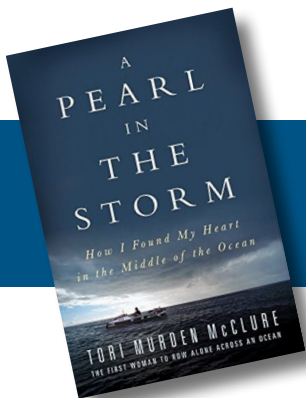
Please check your daughter's cafeteria account balance as many currently have insufficient funds. You can check PayPams for your balance.

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. **Thank you!**



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](#).



Notre Dame Academy 2016-17 Common Reader:

A Pearl in the Storm by Tori Murden McClure

SND 4th OF JULY FESTIVAL ◀

The Sisters of Notre Dame need some reliable and hardworking volunteers at for their 4th of July Festival. You can find a volunteer form on our website [HERE](#). You can also find more information about the festival [HERE](#).



SENIOR ART STUDENTS HIT CHICAGO ◀

Last weekend, a group of Senior Art students took the yearly Art trip to Chicago. After stopping off at the Congress Plaza Hotel, everyone made their way to Millennium Park and enjoyed the sculptures, the playground and the beautiful weather. We then caught the train out to Wrigley to watch the Chicago Cubs take down the Nationals. After a train ride back, and a quick stop in the hotel, we moved on to witness one of the most interesting performances we've ever seen with the Blue Man Group. After the show, we stopped for a late dinner of Chicago-style pizza and ended our exhausting day a little after midnight. We ended our Chicago trip by taking in the collection of work at the Art Institute of Chicago and a walk along the lake. A good time was had by all! HUGE thanks to all the Seniors that attended and made the trip a blast and special thanks to Nancy and Dave Pugliano, Steve Zimmerman, and Luke Blackburn for giving up their weekend and chaperoning the trip in order to make the trip possible.



NDA/CCH SENIOR ART SHOW 2016



SENIOR ART SHOW SATURDAY NIGHT ◀

THIS Saturday the Senior Art Students from NDA and CCH will be holding a ONE NIGHT ONLY exhibition at the BLDG gallery located at 30 W. Pike St., Covington, KY. The show will be from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. Each year this show exhibits the tremendous artistic talents from both schools and has proven to be an event not to miss. We would love to see you all there!



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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

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 11	Academic Signing 4:00 p.m. in Theatre
May 12	Academic Awards 7:00 p.m. in Theatre
May 13	Mass in Chapel Spring Sports Pep Rally Choral Concert 7:00 p.m. in Theatre
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...

- Thank You Paul Michels and Michels Contructions, Inc.
- DCCH Center for Children and Families - Meet and Greet - June 2
- Our Lady's Blue Army - June 4
- Carrabbas Care Days for DCCH - June 7 and 8
- Cross the Bridge for Life - June 5
- Regional Pro-Life Mass - June 14
- Serra Club Florence Freedom Doubleheader - June 22
- Sisters of Notre Dame July 4th Festival
- Life's a Ball - Faces of Pro-Life Awards - August 20
- 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.](#)