



*An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy*

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

This has been an incredible week for our NDA community. On Friday, we celebrated our last Mass of the school year together. While the last Mass of the school year is always very special, Friday's Mass was particularly memorable to all of us because we had the unique opportunity to witness one of our seniors coming into the church. Christin Sherrard made the decision to enter the Church after her Senior Retreat. Christin is the first student ever to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at NDA. It was a very faith affirming event for all in attendance.

We also celebrated our Spring Sports Pep Rally on Friday. Good luck to our spring athletes as some of them continue to compete for state titles this weekend.

In the midst of preparing for exams, we took time yesterday as a community to celebrate our seniors, the class of 2017. They began the day with a prayer service thanking God for all that He has blessed them with over the past four years. Next, they attended the annual Alumnae Luncheon where they were inducted into the NDA Alumnae Association. NDA graduate Katelyn Connor '08 spoke to our soon-to-be graduates about the gift of being an NDA alumna saying, "Notre Dame Academy is this amazing foundation, a foundation of academics, friendships and faith. You probably do not truly realize yet the value of the incredible gift your parents gave you." It was a very meaningful day for our class of 2017 and I would like to thank everyone who helped in making it so special for our seniors.

Yesterday we also took time to say thank you and goodbye to Dr. Dan Martin. Dan has accepted a theology position at St. Xavier High School in Louisville. Dan has made many contributions to our faculty and staff here at NDA and he will be greatly missed. We wish Dan and his family well in the next phase of their lives.

I would like to thank the 32 NDA Drug Free Club members who wrote essays for this year's NDA Drug Free Club Scholarship Essay Contest. Three of those students: McKenzie Conner, Bella Ritson and Annie Gronotte, finished in the top ten and received awards. Congratulations to those students and all of our NDA Drug Free Club members. I am very proud of the number of students at NDA who have made the choice to be drug free.

Please note that senior exams will continue through Friday of this week and exams for freshmen, sophomores and juniors will take place next Monday (5/22) through Wednesday (5/24). I encourage you to discuss the exam schedule with your daughter. This can be a stressful time and we encourage students to support one another and make healthy choices to reduce stress.

Enjoy your week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Good luck to our students running for Student Council Homeroom Representative Friday morning!



May 30 - June 2	7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
June 5 - June 22	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
June 23 - July 14	CLOSED (Dead Period)
July 17 - August 11	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Beginning August 14	7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



## IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

The Business Office is in the process of finalizing grants, aid and work-study jobs for the 2017-18 school year. Once that process is complete, anyone who is receiving financial assistance will get an email from FACTS showing your awards. That email should be coming this week.

FACTS tuition payment information for NEW STUDENTS: The process at NDA may be different from some of the other schools that use FACTS. The Business Office at NDA actually inputs all of your information in FACTS, including academic scholarships earned by incoming freshmen. Once that process is completed you will receive an email from FACTS asking you to join and set up a payment plan. **New families cannot set up their FACTS account until they receive that email invitation from FACTS.** These invitations should be coming at the end of May.

Current parents will receive notification from FACTS in regard to their payment plans. All plans remain the same year to year unless you notify FACTS that you want to change it. If you wish to change your payment plan (e.g., you now do a monthly plan but want to switch to a one-time payment) you must notify the NDA Business Office or FACTS prior to June 15. Changes to payment plans cannot be made after that deadline. Families wishing to pay tuition in full with a one-time payment, will receive a \$100 discount if they pay in full by July 15. Families who pay in full with a one-time payment are still required to sign up for FACTS since we will be using FACTS for incidental billing again in 2017-2018.

The finance office would like to remind all **Senior parents** that all tuition and fees must be current for your daughter to graduate. Please log into your FACTS account and make sure that you are up to date.

Please direct any questions to Laura Hehman in the NDA Business Office, 292-1844 or [hehmanl@ndapandas.org](mailto:hehmanl@ndapandas.org).



## 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 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.



## 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>

## CAFETERIA 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.



## 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.

## SENIOR PARENT REMINDERS ◀

The **Finance Office** would like to remind all Senior parents that all tuition and fees must be current for your daughter to graduate. Please log into your FACTS account and make sure that you are up to date.

The **Cafeteria Manager** would like to remind you that 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!



## 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).

## 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!

Last day open for this school year is Friday, May 19. No additional discounts will apply during this sale, including faculty/staff discounts.

**Stop in and check it out!**

Thursday 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Friday 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.





## CELEBRATING OUR FAITH TOGETHER IN A SPECIAL WAY ◀

Last Friday at our final all school Mass, our NDA community was honored to witness the Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation of senior Christin Sherrard who made the decision to enter the Church after her Senior Retreat. As Fr. Hennigen said, "She responded to God's love and His call for her to come follow Him." Welcome into the faith of God's family Christin! After Mass, the Sisters of Notre Dame gave each of our freshmen a Mary medal.



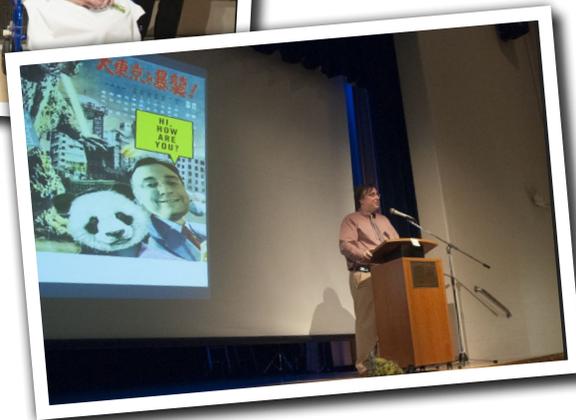
## SPRING SPORTS PEP RALLY!



# Senior Luncheon



# Senior Sendoff!



## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



### Attention All Students:

NDA had 32 students submit essays to the 2017 Drug Free Club Scholarship Essay Contest (along with 120 other students from our Region) who answered the question: “How has being a member of



Drug Free Clubs of America helped or

changed you, your school, your family, and/or others you know?” Three of our students finished in the Top Ten, and have received awards! Congratulations to senior McKenzie Conner, a Runner-Up and recipient of \$1,000; junior Bella Ritson and sophomore Annie Gronotte, Honorable Mentions and recipients of \$25 gift cards. Their essays will be available for reading on a TBD link! We are very proud of all of our drug-free Pandas!

## PANDAS CREATE TREASURED MEMENTOS ◀

Monday evening was the inaugural Quilt Show for the Textiles students. Two Textiles I classes and one Textiles II class proudly displayed their quilts. In total, 45 quilts and three garments were on display. Mr. Tim Moeller, head of maintenance, designed and built the quilt hangers for the class. Approximately 125 family members, friends and classmates came to view the quilts and celebrate the students' accomplishments. The show was a great success!

*I am very proud of my students. It is not a quick endeavor to make a quilt. They spent many hours at their sewing machines and in the Textiles classroom. It is quite an accomplishment to go from learning how to turn on the sewing machine to making a queen size quilt in one semester. They persevered and overcame obstacles to create an enduring work of art which will be with them for many years to come. Their quilt will be a treasured memento of their time at NDA. I am humbled and honored to accompany them on this part of their journey.*

Pat Brennan



## SENIOR ART SHOW ◀

On May 6, the Senior Art students from NDA joined together with the Senior Art students from CCH to host a one night only Senior Art Show. The artwork was an amazing display of the artists' talent, hard work, and dedication to their craft. Thanks to all of the people that made it out to check out the show. Special thanks to senior Sarah Draud and members of Draud Haus for providing live music for the show. Special thanks also to Gabe Wainscott and the entire Wainscott family for providing a beautiful space for our students to show their work.



## SENIOR ART STUDENTS TAKE CHICAGO ◀

Once again, the Senior Art students made our annual trip up to Chicago for one last weekend before graduation. 14 students went up this year and were met with absolutely beautiful weather as we spent Saturday hanging out in Millenium Park and spending time walking along Lake Michigan. In the evening, we had a blast checking the Blue Man Group and then ate a late dinner of Chicago style pizza. On Sunday, we spent the afternoon at the Art Institute of Chicago seeing many Masters' works including Picasso, Van Gogh, Cassatt, Rauschenberg, Warhol, Dine, Monet, Hopper, Newman, Johns, and experiencing works we've never seen before. Overall it was a memorable way to end their senior year. Special thanks to Maggie Green and Dave Herbe who gave up their weekend to help chaperone the trip!!! AND OF COURSE...I always say that 'my kids are the best kids' and it has been an absolute blessing watching these kids grow as artists and as individuals and it is truly a gift to be a part of their Senior Art Show and to have had the opportunity to take such a great group of kids to Chicago to hang out for the weekend. For that, a very special thanks to my Senior Art students!

Matt Eckerle



## NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

**Congratulations to NDA's Kennedy Baugh who is this weeks LaRosa's MVP of the Week!**

### TENNIS

Congratulations to the Girls Tennis Team who finished 1st in the region and will compete at State in Lexington starting today.

### TRACK & FIELD

Congratulations to the NDA Track Team, who finished 4th in the region and will be competing in 10 Track events at State on Saturday, May 20.

### LACROSSE

Congratulations to the Lacrosse Pandas who won the region Semis 10-4 over South Oldham to make it to State's Final 8 for 3rd year straight. Region championship is tonight vs. Oldham County.

## NEWS FROM THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME ◀

In addition to sponsoring Notre Dame Academy, the Sisters of Notre Dame have a number of other ministries and activities. Check out some of the things happening with the SND's this summer!



### SND Jubilee

Congratulations to the Sisters of Notre Dame who will celebrate their Jubilee, or their anniversary of professing their final vows, in 2017.

#### Iron Jubilee ~ 65 years

Sister Mary Walter Ann Kammer  
Sister Mary Marjorie Gasdorf  
Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken  
Sister Marie Sand  
Sister Christa Marie Fox

#### Diamond Jubilee ~ 60 years

Sister Marylyn Ehrman  
Sister Mary Martha Beiting  
Sister Marjorie Marie Thiel  
Sister Mary Michelyn Beckerich  
Sister Mary Rachel Nerone  
Sister Mary Harietta Gausepohl  
Sister Mary Dolores Giblin

#### Golden Jubilee ~ 50 years

Sister Mary Bonita Schack  
Sister Mary Ethel Parrott



### 4th of July Festival

The 95th SND 4th of July Festival will be held on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. This wonderful family event benefits the SND Uganda and East Africa Missions, local SND ministries, and retired SNDs. For more info, visit [www.sndky.org/festival](http://www.sndky.org/festival). To register as a volunteer for service hours, contact Jodee at [jmcelfresh@sndky.org](mailto:jmcelfresh@sndky.org) or 859-392-8228.



### Stretch Your Heart: New Orleans

Stretch Your Heart is a service-trip for single women between the ages of 18-40. Participants volunteer alongside Sisters of Notre Dame at the Re-build Center, a shelter for people who are homeless in New Orleans. The trip also includes opportunities to explore the city and enjoy fellowship with other volunteers and sisters.

Application deadline is June 12. Visit <http://www.sndky.org/newsfeed/entry/stretch-your-heart%3A-new-orleans-2017-330/> or contact Sr. Ruth Lubbers at [smrlubbers@gmail.com](mailto:smrlubbers@gmail.com) or 859-291-2040 for more information.



### Notre Dame Urban Education Center In Need of Summer Volunteers

Notre Dame Urban Education Center (NDUEC) is seeking volunteers who wish to help provide educational support services to young children in Covington. Tutors, as well as P E monitors, are greatly needed for the summer program. NDUEC

is open mornings, Monday through Thursday, for summer school starting June 5. If you have a couple hours a week to make a difference in a child's life, call Mary Gray at 261-4487 or email her at [nduecvolunteer@sndky.org](mailto:nduecvolunteer@sndky.org).

## Pilgrimage WALK

Join the Sisters of Notre Dame on a Pilgrimage Walk to mark Via Lucis (The Way of Light): The Stations of the Resurrection.

Sisters of Notre Dame  
[www.sndky.org](http://www.sndky.org)

**WHEN:**  
Saturday, June 17, 2017

**THE ROUTE:**  
Pilgrims meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica in Covington, KY, and carpool to the starting point in Mt. Adams.

The walk begins in Mt. Adams, winds through downtown Cincinnati, and ends at the Cathedral Basilica in Covington. Estimated distance is 6 miles.

**TIPS:**  
Pilgrims are asked to dress for the weather and please bring a sandwich and drink that you are able to carry.

**TO REGISTER:**  
Contact Sr. Margaret Agnes Hemmerle by June 14 at [mahemmerle@yahoo.com](mailto:mahemmerle@yahoo.com) or 859-291-2040.

### Pilgrimage Walk

Sr. Margaret Agnes Hemmerle is hosting a Pilgrimage Walk on Saturday, June 17. This is open to NDA students and faculty/staff. To register and for more info, contact Sr. Margaret Agnes Hemmerle at [mahemmerle@yahoo.com](mailto:mahemmerle@yahoo.com) or 859-291-2040.



## ► Important dates

May 17	Senior Exams
May 18	Senior Exams Examfest 2:45 Alumnae Hall Academic Awards 7:00 p.m.
May 19	Senior Exams Homeroom Rep Elections
May 22	Exams
May 23	Exams
May 24	Exams Graduation Practice at NDA
May 25	Cleaning Day Last Day of School Faculty/Staff Luncheon Graduation Practice at NKY Convention Center 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
June 5,6,7, 15,16	iPad Orientation for incoming freshmen

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- NKY Hates Heroin Craig Underwood Memorial 5K
- Work Study Opportunities for the Sisters of Notre Dame
- SND Jubilee
- SND Pilgrimage Walk
- SND 4th of July Festival
- Stretch Your Heart: New Orleans
- NDUEC In Need of Summer Volunteers
- Serra Club for Vocations, Florence Freedom Fundraiser
- National Catholic Youth Conference



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