



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

This is our final newsletter of the school year. I appreciate you taking the time to read the information that has been presented each week. Communication is a very important component of our partnership in your daughter's education.

We are once again requiring a common reading assignment for the coming school year. The book we will read is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Students are required to read this book prior to their return for the new school year in September. We will have activities and discussion groups as part of our Common Reader Day in the fall. The date for our Common Reader Day is September 19 and students will receive supplemental reading materials for the book via email this summer. There is a link to all other summer reading assignments below.

We have had an amazing school year at NDA *Living the Gospel Empowered by Mary's Witness!* As we begin our summer break, we give thanks for the many ways in which God's Goodness and Provident Care have blessed our school this year.

I would like to congratulate our Class of 2018. As a class, they earned over \$15 million dollars in scholarships. An incredible 40% of them received offers of half tuition or more to the school they are attending in the fall. Our recent graduates will be attending 43 different colleges and universities in 12 different states. They have been well prepared academically and they have been empowered spiritually. I have no doubt that these young women will make a tremendous difference in the world.

I would also like to congratulate Rachel Massie on receiving the 2018 NDA Distinguished Graduate Award from the Sisters of Notre Dame. This is a well deserved honor as Rachel is certainly an outstanding witness to a Notre Dame Academy education.

I am grateful to our faculty, staff, students and parents for all they have done to make the 2018-19 school year such a success. I am amazed how willing you, our parents, are to help and contribute to NDA. Your generosity of time, talent and treasure is often reflected by the actions of your daughters. These lessons begin at home. I receive many compliments about our students throughout the school year. Whether they are at school, on a field trip, or at an extra curricular event, I receive comments that our students are well behaved, polite and appropriately dressed. These observations solidify for me that we have set very high expectations for our students and it is important that we continue to do so. There is pride in being a Panda. You get what you expect.

I find that I am ending the school year much like I began it - truly impressed with our students and their enthusiasm for education. It is clear to me and I hope to each of you, that at NDA, we are part of a tradition larger than any one of us, a strong academic tradition of empowering young women to make a difference in the world. Thank you for partnering with us. I look forward to seeing our students in September and I wish you and your family a blessed and safe summer.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Panda Pomp & Circumstance...



Congratulations!



Celebrating Sisterhood!

Go Make a Difference!



Class of 2018!



Good Luck!



2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

IMPORTANT DATES ◀

September 4	First Day of School
October 12	No School: Professional Development Day
November 1	No School: All Saints' Day
November 2	1st Quarter Ends
November 21-23	No School: Thanksgiving Break
December 20-January 2	No School: Christmas Break
January 15-17	Exams
January 17	2nd Quarter Ends
January 21	No School: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 18	No School: Presidents' Day
March 21	3rd Quarter Ends
March 22	No School: Prom
April 18-26	No School: Easter Break
May 20-22	Senior Exams
May 24	No School: Graduation
May 27	No School: Memorial Day
May 28-30	Exams
May 31	4th Quarter Ends/Cleaning Day

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ◀

- As you can see from the dates above, due to the continuation of our Capital Campaign renovations at NDA, our school year will begin **after Labor Day** once again.
- Due to the shortened number of days in the school year, next year we will again be **adding 33 minutes to each school day**.
- Each school day will **begin at 7:45 a.m.** and **end at 3:03 p.m.**
- All classes will last **52 minutes** with **4 minutes** in between for changing classes.
- **Semesters will be an even number of days** with mid-term exams held in January.
- The athletic "**Dead Period**" will run from **June 22 - July 9** this summer.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please remember that although our school year does not begin until September 4, other area schools will begin in early or mid August, therefore fall athletic schedules will remain the same as in past years. Many games and matches will be held prior to the beginning of our school year.

2018 Notre Dame Academy Distinguished Graduate ◀

Rachel Massie

Congratulations to Rachel Massie who received the Distinguished Graduate Award from the Sisters of Notre Dame at this year's Senior Awards Breakfast. The Sisters of Notre Dame Distinguished Graduate Award recognizes graduates in schools sponsored by or affiliated with the Sisters of Notre Dame National Education Partnership, as being outstanding witnesses to Notre Dame education. The names of the award recipients are recorded each year in a book kept in the Motherhouse (international headquarters) of the Sisters in Rome, Italy. It is placed on the altar dedicated to Sr. Maria Aloysia, the founder of the Coesfeld SNDs and an outstanding educator.



THANK YOU MS. DICKMAN! ◀

A HUGE Thank you to Ms. Lynn Dickman from the members of the NDA English Department, students, faculty and staff, for all she has done for the Notre Dame Academy community over the past twenty-six years! There are no words to adequately express our gratitude for all that she has meant to us. We wish Ms. Dickman well as she pursues other dreams including Wildlife Rehabilitation. Ms. Dickman - you will always be a member of the paNDA family!



May 23 - June 1	7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
June 4 - June 22	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
June 25 - July 6	OFFICE CLOSED
July 9 - August 10	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Beginning August 13	7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

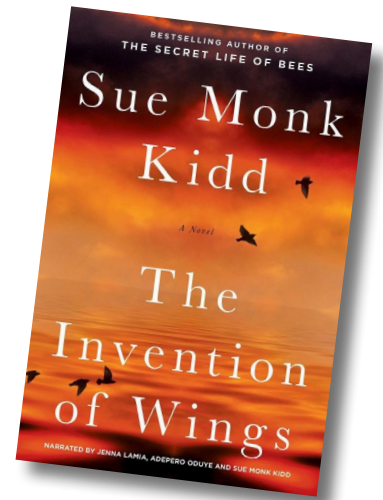
SUMMER READING ◀

Don't forget about your summer reading assignments! Our Common Reader for the 2018-19 school year is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. The historical fiction novel is about two unforgettable American women who live with hope, a quest for freedom, and the desire to have a voice in the world.

You can find a 25% off coupon at Joseph Beth in Crestview Hill [HERE](#).

Students will be receiving supplemental materials via email this summer in preparation for the assessment. Assessment on our common reader has typically occurred on our common reader day. This year's Common Reader date is September 19.

Other summer reading assignments can be found on our website [HERE](#).



Important Reminder For Parents:

Please check your daughter's cafeteria account balance as there are many overdue account balances. You can check PayPams for your balance.

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS: 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!**

FIRST PARADE FOR NDA/CCH BAND AND NDA DANCE TEAM! ◀

Congratulations to the NDA/CCH Band and NDA Dance Team on their first parade performance on Memorial Day in Park Hills!



WELCOME TO THE PANDA FAMILY! ◀

Good news from Mr. & Mrs. Greife yesterday... "Our granddaughter arrived at 10:38 this morning - two weeks early. Mom and baby are doing well. Grandma and grandpa are so thrilled!

Congratulations to Ron and Mary Ann Greife!



NDA GOLF OUTING ◀

NDA Golf Outing: Friday July 27, 2018 at The Plantation at Twin Oaks. Registration begins at 9:45 am. 11:00 am "Shot Gun" start. Registration: \$125/person, \$500/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. Search Athletics. Golf Outing.



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY ALUMNAE EVENT



PANDA PERK ALERT! ◀

NDA alumnae Melissa Kirn '07, Michele Kirn '08, and Christine Kirn '09 are generously opening up their Grainwell Market Boutique for a private, after-hours, shopping night just for NDA alumnae!

Join us TODAY from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Grainwell Market Boutique for our next Panda Perk event! Grab your NDA friends and enjoy beverages while shopping! You will receive 20% OFF a single item along with a chance to win prizes that we will be raffling off throughout the evening. Non-alum guests are welcome to attend if accompanied by an NDA alumna.

MAY 30, 2018
6:00 - 8:00 P.M.



NDA SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES ◀

NDA has all sorts of Summer Enrichment Opportunities. You can find information about them online [HERE](#).



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR GERMAN STUDENTS FOR FALL 2018 ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2018 enrollment. We are again working with our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta). Notre Dame Academy has become such a great experience for the girls from Vechta that we have been asked to increase from 2 to 3 German exchange students 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, 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.



LEARN A BAND INSTRUMENT THIS SUMMER! ◀

Did you know that colleges offer scholarship money to students who play band instruments!

Join us on Tuesday and Thursday mornings this summer to learn a band instrument for free. No experience needed!



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

Please watch your email for an invitation/re-enrollment information from FACTS. All billing has been processed at this time. The email comes directly from FACTS Management not from NDA so please check your spam folder if you do not see it by Wednesday, May 30. If you do not receive this email by next Tuesday or Wednesday, please email Marilyn Slaughter so she can follow-up with FACTS. slaughterm@ndapandas.org

Once you receive the email we urge you to log in right away to make sure we have all the correct information. If your daughter receives an Academic scholarship based on GPA, those will not be posted until after grades are finalized, all other scholarships, work study and financial aid should show on your bill. Also if you want to change your payment plan that can be done at this point though FACTS.

Please direct any questions to Marilyn Slaughter in the NDA Business Office, 292-1844 or slaughterm@ndapandas.org.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



New Feature! Parent Toolbox!

A listing of relevant resources for Parents can now be found on the NDA website under Quicklinks and the Counseling and Student Services. One resource from there will be highlighted quarterly.

This month we highlight the book [Enough As She Is](#), by Rachel Simmons.

NDA Counselors and Administrators recently participated in a four-part webinar offered by Rachel, to learn more about ways to help teenage girls. (We highly recommend this book as great Summer Reading for Parents!) One thing you could do today is list the qualities that you would like your daughter to personify on one half of a paper, and on the other side of the paper list the ideas she is currently learning from achievement culture. (This will be very enlightening.)

Backed by vivid case studies, Rachel warns that we have raised a generation of young woman obsessed with achievement, who avoid healthy risks, over think setbacks, and suffer from 'imposter syndrome.' As they spend more time projecting an image of effortless perfection, some girls will withdraw from essential relationships that offer support and solace. She explains why just wanting our girls to "be happy" is a mistake. *Enough As She Is* offers practical ideas to help girls manage over thinking, resist the urge to compare, take healthy risks, avoid toxic messages, prioritize self-care, practice self-compassion, and seek support when they need it.

Summer Opportunities

For more summer opportunities visit our website:

<http://www.ndapandas.org/academics/counseling-and-student-services/summer-enrichment-programs.aspx>

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

Spring Sports Awards Night

The Spring Sports Awards Night will be Monday, June 4 at 7:00 pm in the Theatre. All Spring Athletes and their families are invited to attend.

Need a Sports Physical for Next Year?

Ortho Cincy is offering Sports Physicals at NO CHARGE on Saturday, June 2 and Saturday, September 29 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at their Edgewood location. Please bring the completed KHSAA Physical form signed with a parent's signature.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Registration is now open for the 2018 - Summer Sports Camps Hosted at Notre Dame Academy. NDA is hosting several youth sports camps this summer.

Please note: Tennis Camp was added and will be held 7/16-7/19 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

You can view more detailed information on the NDA website under the tab for [Athletics / Summer Camps](#).



SAVE THE DATE ◀

Mark your calendars for this year's NDA Gala! Last year's Gala was a sellout crowd and a full evening of entertainment! Save the date for Saturday, October 13, 2018 for this wonderful event which will once again be held at Summit Hills Country Club. Invitations will be mailed in early September. We hope to see you there!

► Important dates

May 31	9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. England/Ireland Trip Meeting
May 31	NDA String Ensemble to Perform at the NDUEC Dinner
June 4	Spring Sports Awards Ceremony 7-8:30 p.m.
June 4-7	NDA Leadership Summit
June 5	Panda Newbie Game Night
June 9	ACT at NDA
June 18-22	Freshmen Ipad set up sessions
June 26	Common Reader Planning Meeting
July 12	Freshmen Service Project
July 27	NDA Golf Outing
August 6	Faculty In-service and Diocesan Mass
August 20-24	Bridge Program
August 27	Freshmen Orientation
Aug. 27 - Aug. 30	Senior Retreat #1
August 28	Freshmen/Sophomore Parent Night
August 29	Junior/Senior Parent Night
August 30	All Faculty/Staff In-service
August 31	Faculty In-service
September 4	First Day of School!

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Cross the Bridge for Life
- Part-time Position Available
- Catechist Day of Reflection
- FC Youth Night Game
- Travel the World Without Leaving Home This Summer
- School Cafeteria Manager Needed
- Positions Available for Students
- World Meeting of Families

You can find a complete list of community news [HERE](#).

