



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I hope you and your family enjoyed a blessed and joyous Easter break. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect, think and pray. It was also a great chance for our students to relax a bit before the final few weeks of the school year.

It's difficult to believe that it is already May. This month at NDA, we focus on wrapping up another school year, exams and graduation. More importantly, as a school dedicated to Mary, we give special attention to our Blessed Mother. This Friday we will honor our patroness at our annual May Crowning celebration.

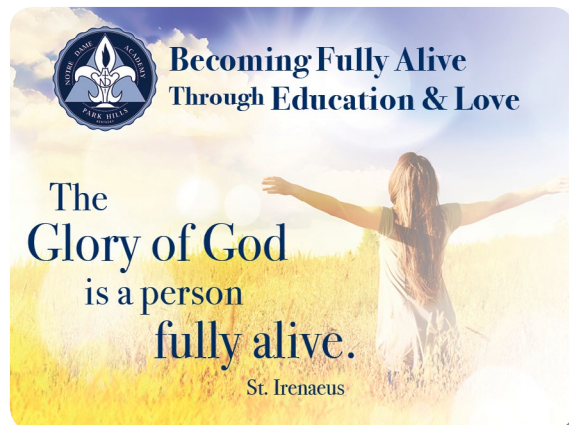
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Below you will find all sorts of exciting news about the many recent accomplishments of our NDA community. I am very proud our students' achievements and I thank our faculty and you, their parents, who have helped them along the way. While our students' successes are a source of pride for all of us, it is important to remember that a Notre Dame Academy education is more than that. It is about the good work of leading our students to become strong independent young women who strive to make a difference in the world. A Notre Dame Academy education is also about instilling in our students the spiritual and moral values that will prepare them for a life of success, community service and personal fulfillment. Handed down to us from the Sisters of Notre Dame, these are the values that inspire our work.

Enjoy this special time of year. As always, thank you for sending your daughters to Notre Dame Academy. We are blessed to have each and every one of them as part of our community *Becoming Fully Alive Through Education and Love!*

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Charity Volleyball Game

Tomorrow night NDA will host the annual charity volleyball game starting at 7:00 p.m., and cost is \$5 to attend. NDA and CCH will be playing each other and all proceeds will go to the NKY Emergency Cold Shelter. Theme for the game is Corporate (CCH) versus Country (NDA).

Congratulations to Student Council!

This year's Student Council earned national recognition by receiving the Council of Excellence Gold Award. For the third year in a row, NDA's Student Council qualified for this recognition through their leadership, service and student engagement. Mr. VonHandorf says "The council's democratic approach to decision-making promotes collaboration, a sense of community and student ownership -- very much a reflection of how the faculty and administration operate at Notre Dame Academy." We are very proud of our Panda leaders



Go for Gulu 5K

The Go for Gulu 5K, held before the Easter break, was a huge success! Just under 50 participants walked or ran in support of girls' education in Uganda and many others volunteered at the 5K!

The Uganda Pandas raise \$984 which will be donated to NDA's sister school in Buseesa and to Unified for Uganda. A huge thank you to the Uganda Pandas and other volunteers for preparing for the event and much gratitude to the faculty and students who participated in the race. A special shout out to the following members:

- Shannon Gormally, Katie Draud and Megan Bezold: Uganda Pandas Executive Officers
- Gabrielle Cottingham: Sponsorship Committee Chair
- Noelle Cottingham: Incentives Committee Chair
- Anna Tranter and Mary Ann Nerswick: Course Committee Chairs
- Emma Neuhaus and Shelby Wohlwender: Advertising Committee Chairs
- Ella David: T-shirt Design

Top 3 finishers for males and females are pictured below. Top three female finishers were Elly Piatt, Dinithi Fernando and Adair Dooley.



CONGRATULATIONS!

NDA STUDENTS HEADED TO GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL PROGRAMS THIS SUMMER! ◀



KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM (GSP) ◀

Notre Dame Academy has 6 students Accepted and 1 Alternate for this year's KY Governor's Scholars Program (GSP)! These students will be spending 5 weeks (June 16, 22, or 23 - July 20, 26, or 27) of their summer on a college campus (Northern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, or Murray State University) with other outstanding KY students enjoying a rare opportunity to share the joy and discovery of learning and the exchange of ideas in a warm community atmosphere, all at no cost. A select group of supportive high school and college teachers will work closely with these Scholars in their Focus Area and General Studies classes, and Seminar. Scholars will also experience co-curricular activities that include well-known speakers and performers, films, field trips, special events, and a wide range of recreational opportunities.



GSP: Accepted (6)
Chloe Collins
Ella David
Julia Day
Kate Hail
Grace Kramer
Grace Winstel
GSP: Alternate (1)
Molly Kleier



KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS (GSA) ◀

Notre Dame Academy has 7 Accepted Students and 2 Alternate Students for the 2019 KY Governor's School for the Arts (GSA)! Kentucky's finest young artists from 9 different Art Forms will spend three weeks (June 23 - July 13) on the campus of the University of Kentucky this summer in incredibly intense (and incredibly fun) arts instruction. The students will discover the power of their art and their place as an artist. It's a thrilling, often life-changing experience, as they meet new friends, explore their creativity, and discover new things about who they are and who they can be in the future.



GSA: Accepted (7)
Chloe Collins - Architecture
Gwyneth Thomas - Architecture
Alaina Flesch - Dance
Chloe Esmeier - Drama
Ainsley Moore - Instrumental Music/Cello
Grace Eckerle - Visual Art
Caroline Stegman - Visual Art

GSA: Alternates (2)
Chloe Collins - Visual Art
Caroline Stegman - Architecture



KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS (GSE) ◀

Notre Dame Academy has 5 students Accepted into the the 2019 KY Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE)! This free program exposes aspiring young entrepreneurs through a 3-week summer residential program (June 23 - July 13) on the campus of Northern Kentucky University to the mind-set, culture, innovative thinking and skills necessary to start a company. At GSE, they learn about the opportunities, benefits and pitfalls of taking a business concept from the idea phase to pitching it to potential investors. Teams develop a business model, design a prototype, and ultimately pitch their startup to a large audience and panel of judges and potential investors.



GSE: Accepted (5)
Isabelle Bailey
Phoebe Boyle
Kate Joyce
Molly Kleier
Briana Seiber



PANDAS QUALIFY FOR THE FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA NATIONAL COMPETITION! ◀

On Tuesday April 16, twelve of our students competed at the State FBLA Conference at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. The following students placed in the top four of their respective events and will be moving on to the National Conference in San Antonio, Texas, June 29 – July 2:

- Noelle Cottingham & Isabelle Cottingham – 1st Place – Hospitality Management
- Ruthie Franzen, Lydia Bruns & Sophia Ghazala – 4th Place - Social Media Campaign

And we would also like to express a big congratulations to the following FBLA members, Isabelle Bailey, Bri Seibert, Kate Joyce, Megan Heeb, Kora Hammersmith, Elana Bruns, Gabrielle Cottingham, Chaye Bonner and Kate McBride, on a job well done in their events as well! Congrats ladies and good luck at Nationals!

COMMITTED TO OUR FAITH ◀

Please join our NDA community in congratulating Mr. Jack VonHandorf and Mrs. Kathy Hildreth on completing their covenant as SND associates this weekend. We thank them for their commitment to our Notre Dame heritage.

Also, congratulations to the family of our NDA Director of Admissions, Katie Caccavari. Katie's husband Dr. Pete Caccavari was ordained as a Deacon in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati this past weekend. We are grateful for Pete's dedication to our Catholic faith and community.

May Mr. VonHandorf, Mrs. Hildreth and Deacon Caccavari know God's Goodness and our gratitude in the good work they do for others!

REGIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM ◀

Congratulations to Josie Lawry and Shelby Turney who were chosen to represent NDA in the Regional Youth Leadership Program offered through the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. This is a very competitive program and only one or two students from each Northern Kentucky School are chosen.

JV REGIONAL CHAMPS! ◀

Olivia Allender, Laura Neltner and Caroline Barlage won titles at the JV regional tennis tournament on Saturday at Richardson Road Park. Olivia and Caroline won the doubles championship, and Laura took the singles title. It's the second straight year the Pandas have had both the singles and doubles champions in the regional tournament.

congrats!



GOVERNMENT STUDENTS GET FIRST HAND LOOK ◀

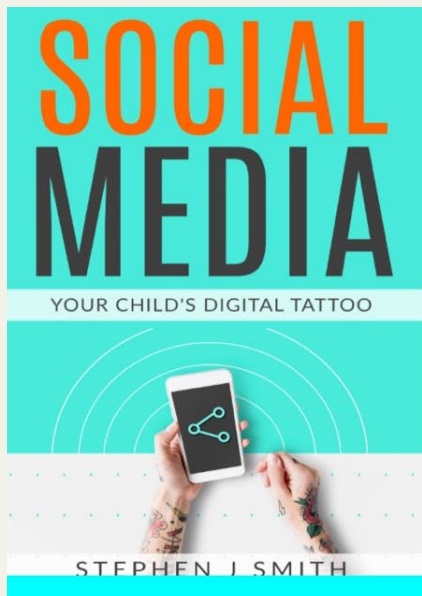
The senior Government class traveled to the Kenton County Justice Center on Tuesday to visit three courtrooms and experience the various types of cases that are heard on both the district level and the circuit level of courts. Our visit was hosted by NDA alum, Judge Patricia Summe, which was able to talk to the girls individually about the court system and the key problems/issues that the courts are dealing with today. The group then met with John Middleton, the Clerk of Courts, who explained the “behind the scenes” aspect of the judicial court, as well as the new driver’s license requirements that would soon be enforced. Finally, we visited with Stacy Tapke, the Kenton County attorney, who explained the differences between city/county and federal governments structures.



PANDA VOTER REGISTRATION ◀

This week Rho Kappa, the Social Studies Honors Society, is holding a voter registration drive for all students who will be turning 18 before November 15. After just two days of registration, we already have over 40 new registered voters!





SOCIAL MEDIA: YOUR CHILD'S DIGITAL TATTOO ◀

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Social Media:

Your Child's Digital Tattoo

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Stephen Smith, President,

A WIRED FAMILY LLC, is a former high school coach and teacher who also has over 25 years experience in the world of film, video and interactive media development. For the past 17 years he has worked exclusively in the telecommunications industry. He will provide an overview for parents and others on the consequences of student sexting, cyber-bullying and online privacy — while examining the technologies that enable but can also reduce these practices.

Steve's book, **SOCIAL MEDIA: YOUR CHILD'S DIGITAL TATTOO** is now available on Amazon.

Steve also writes a blog for parents entitled:

A Wired Family

www.awiredfamily.org

ALL ARE WELCOME ◀

We pray a decade of the rosary to "Notre Dame" Our Lady everyday at NDA at 7:25 a.m. in our new chapel! We welcome students, faculty and staff. Please make an effort to join us the remainder of the school year!



ATTENTION SENIORS AND SENIOR PARENTS ◀

There is some helpful information on the website for seniors to help you plan for the upcoming (and very exciting) weeks!

[Senior Class Information](#) (Graduation info at the bottom)

The Senior Breakfast is the day of Graduation, and the reservation form will be emailed to you and your parents within the next couple of days.



IMPORTANT LONGSHORE DINING HALL NOTICE ◀

ATTENTION PARENTS: Please check your daughter's account balance and pay any outstanding balances before the end of the month.

SENIOR PARENTS: Please check your daughter's account balance and let Cafeteria Manager Karen Brungs know if you would like a refund or transfer your balance. Thank you! Contact Information: Karen Brungs at 859.292.1856 or brungsk@ndapandas.org.

CONGRATULATE YOUR 2019 GRADUATE IN THE YEARBOOK! ◀

Senior parents: You're understandably proud of your daughter. Why not say it with a yearbook recognition ad? They're available in a variety of sizes, starting at just \$45, and you get to choose the photos and words you want. They're quick, easy and fun! Getting started is as simple as following this link: (https://www.jostens.com/apps/shop/yrbk_ra_flash.asp?CID=147347&PFID=20180825051151427151)

Select your ad size:



NDA SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES ◀

NDA has all sorts of Summer Enrichment Opportunities. You can find updated information about High School Summer Studio Art 2019 and Junior High Summer Studio Art Class 2019: Screen Printing online [HERE](#).

MUSIC NEWS ◀

There are a lot of exciting spring band events coming up for our NDA musicians:

NDA/CCH BAND:		
Spring Concert :	May 5	4:00 p.m.
CCH Commencement Ceremony:	May 21	6:15 p.m.
NDA Commencement Ceremony:	May 24	3:15 p.m.
Memorial Day Parade:	May 27	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
NDA Choral Concert and Dance Pandas:	May 14	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
* Please note that this is a rescheduled date		



DO YOU WONDER WHAT THE SOUTHERN BORDER IS LIKE? ◀

This summer Sister Maria Francine is facilitating a trip there to see the situation and speak with those involved, particularly immigrants and border patrol. This trip is for adults, not students. The Columbian Missions in El Paso who have a shelter there provides talks with immigrants, border patrol and relief workers. Sometimes we need, when possible, to take an initiative to be informed. Access [THIS LINK](#) for details. You may contact Sister Maria Francine at stacymf@ndapandas.org.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



UC Arabic Program

The University of Cincinnati has been awarded a grant from the National Security Agency to hold FREE fun, and intensive Arabic language learning program for students interested in deepening their knowledge of world cultures in an engaging, student centered environment. Students will earn 5 semester hours of college credits upon successful completion of the course. For information visit the website:

<https://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/rall/startalk2019.html>

Career Spotlight: Textiles Engineering

Interested in Science AND Textiles Art? Want to seek ways that textiles can be used for medical purposes? Check out a major in Textiles Engineering. North Carolina State has a great program in Textiles Engineering. For more info: <https://textiles.ncsu.edu/tecs/>

Interalliance IT Career Camp

Spend one week at a local university and dive into an IT Career of your choosing! Learn from local professors, explore local companies, and experience life on a local campus to see which career may be right for you! Info & Registration: [INTERalliance IT Careers Camp](#)

NKU CAMP SPECIAL OFFER
INTERalliance IT Career Camp Discount
SIGN UP BY 5/10 AND PAY ONLY \$200 FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK

INTERALLIANCE IT CAREERS CAMP

MORNINGS
Visit some of Cincinnati's most influential companies. Learn about the culture, careers, and compete on a company based challenge.

AFTERNOONS
Learn from professors on topics like Cybersecurity, Python and Design Thinking

EVENINGS
Work within your teams to apply what you've learned. Also, have a great time experiencing campus life!

SATURDAY
Present your hard work to a panel of professional judges and your parents with hopes of being awarded the IT Careers Camp Team of the Week!

APPLY TODAY! Spots are limited!
WWW.INTERALLIANCE.ORG



Got a Punching Bag?

Does anyone have a punching bag that they don't need but would like to donate to NDA? Please contact Mrs. Hildreth at hildrethk@ndapandas.org!



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NDA PARENT TOOLBOX?

If you are looking for a good read over the break, or even some interesting articles, there are many good ideas (Untangled, Under Pressure, The Confidence Code, anxiety, friends, teens and technology, etc.), in [NDA Parent Tool Box](#)!

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Have you checked out the Community News section of our website lately? It has all sorts of great information for you about things happening in our community!

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

- Educational Savings Accounts & Avoiding The 7 Costliest College Mistakes
- Work Study positions available
- Bible Study
- Serra Club Florence Freedom Doubleheader
- Save the Date - The Marriage Journey
- Part-time help needed

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



GALA TABLE CAPTAINS NEEDED ◀

Searching for GALA TABLE CAPTAINS/dedicated parents who are willing to help fill a table of 10. The job of table captain is quite simple and costs nothing!!!

All table captains are supplied with a "how to" basket, full of essentials needed to fill their table: NDA address book, gala post cards, pens, and, if desired, stamps.

The table captain simply chooses and invites friends and family (invitees don't have to be from NDA, all are welcome) to join them at the gala! There is NO financial obligation to pay for your table reservations! You simply secure a positive response from at least 10, get them to reserve their spot at your table and ultimately FILL that table :)

Table captain post cards/invites are completed by August/early September. Afterward, you can sit back, relax, and look forward to a fun evening with friends. It really is THAT SIMPLE...but it amounts to GREAT SUCCESS!

If interested, please contact Holly Danneman at hgdmd6@gmail.com



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► Important dates

May 2	Food Truck Day/Panda Rec NDA/CCH Charity Volleyball Game
May 3	May Crowning Choral Concert
May 4	Math and Language Placement Test for incoming 8th graders
May 5	NDA/CCH Band Spring Concert
May 7	SOCIAL MEDIA: YOUR CHILD'S DIGITAL TATTOO - dismiss at 12:30 p.m. Diocesan Teacher Recognition Luncheon
May 9	Freshmen to Play Spring Sports Pep Rally
May 10	HR Rep Elections
May 12	Mother's Day
May 14	Choral Concert
May 15	Academic Signing
May 16	Academic Awards
May 18	Drama Banquet
May 17	Senior Alumnae Luncheon Senior Send Off
May 20-22	Senior Exams Baccalaureate Mass
May 24	Senior Breakfast Graduation
May 27	No School: Memorial Day
May 28-30	Exams
May 31	Cleaning Day 4th Quarter Ends Faculty/Staff Luncheon