



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I hope you are having an enjoyable and relaxing summer. It has been another exciting summer at NDA watching the progress of our *Excellence Without Boundaries* campaign renovations. We are anxiously awaiting the return of our students and see their reaction to all of the changes within our school building.

Our students have been very busy this summer with several different activities. Many of our students participated in our Leadership Summit led by NDA alumna Sue Wehrman '81. We look forward to our students incorporating what they learned into their leadership roles at school and we are excited about the leadership that the class of 2019 will be providing our student body. Our Peer Ministry Team has spent time planning for the upcoming year and will be providing our community with some new ideas and activities. Incoming freshman attended iPad orientation sessions so they are ready to hit the ground running on their orientation day on August 27. Finally, NDA fall athletes have started practices on campus as well.

I hope your daughters are enjoying our common reader - *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. The Common Reader Committee is busy planning for this year's Common Reader Day. Thanks to all the faculty and students who will be helping with this special day.

Please note a few business items that follow, most importantly, the **Parent Information Meetings**. These meetings will be held on **Tuesday, August 28** (Freshmen and Sophomores) and **Wednesday, August 29** (Juniors and Seniors). The meetings will begin at **6:30 p.m.** in the NDA Theatre and last approximately one hour. The meeting agenda will include information on academics, student life, campus ministry, counseling, instructional technology, our Panda Parent Club and student schedules will be handed out. Grade level specific information will be included each night. **It is very important that each family is represented at these meetings.** Please note that on both back to school parent meeting nights, we will have a reception with light appetizers starting at 5:30 p.m. Also at this time, Joseph Beth Booksellers will be selling the required English novels for the school year at discounted prices.

The calendar for the 2018-19 school year can be found on our website [HERE](#). Also, please see the important list of dates regarding the beginning of school in the list below.

I look forward to welcoming our students and families for the 2018-19 school year when we will focus on the fourth educational principal of the Sisters of Notre Dame: *An Integrated Education for Transformation*. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer with family and friends and I will see you in a few weeks for the Parent Information Meetings.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Notre Dame Academy
is built on the
Four Educational Principles
of the Sisters of Notre Dame:



- The centrality of a good and provident God
- The human dignity of each person as an image of God
- The Notre Dame educator as a Gospel witness
- An integrated education for transformation



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR INCOMING AND RETURNING FAMILIES:

Freshman/Sophomore Parents - Tuesday, August 28, 6:30 p.m. in the theatre

Junior/Senior Parents - Wednesday, August 29, 6:30 p.m. in the theatre

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2018-19 CLASS SCHEDULES:

Fall class schedules will be available online on August 20.

2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR:

The calendar for the 2018-19 school year can be found at our website [HERE](#). Also, please see the important list of dates regarding the beginning of school in the list below.

FAMILY DIRECTORIES:

Each year we provide a directory of contact information for our families. This will be made available at the beginning of the school year. Please watch for an email regarding this directory and permission to publish your information.

SUMMER READING:

You can find all of NDA's summer reading assignments [HERE](#).

REMINDERS FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN & TRANSFER STUDENTS

- All incoming freshmen need to turn in their **immunization forms** by Friday, August 31.
- **FRESHMAN ORIENTATION** is an important part of the transition process for students. This year's Freshman Orientation will be held on **Monday, August 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for incoming freshmen**. Lunch will be provided. The orientation program will include information about the daily schedule, course requirements, opportunities for co-curricular involvement and the use of the iPad. Your daughter will have the opportunity to meet current and new students and start to develop some important relationships. Students will meet in Alumnae Hall and need to bring their iPads to the Freshman Orientation. Students are not required to wear uniforms for orientation. Dress is casual.
- If you are the parent of an incoming freshman or a sophomore transferring to NDA, please plan to attend the **Parent Information Meeting** on **Tuesday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m.** in the theater. If you are the parent of a junior or senior transferring to NDA, please plan to attend the **Parent Information Meeting** on **Wednesday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m.** in the theater. At the parent meeting you will receive important information about the school year and how we will help your daughter in making the transition to NDA. Student schedules will be distributed at this meeting as well as information about accessing Power School (online grading and records) accounts.
- **NDA BRIDGE PROGRAM (For Incoming Freshmen)**
This program assists freshmen in gaining some Math, English and study skills before the start of the school year. It will be held at Notre Dame Academy from Monday, August 20 - Friday, August 24, 2018. It begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at noon. Cost is \$75.00. Checks made payable to NDA should be sent to the attention of Katie Caccavari at NDA, 1699 Hilton Drive, Park Hills, KY 41011. To register or for more information email: Mrs. Christine Monohan • NDA Academic Counselor • monohanc@ndapandas.org. The deadline to register for the Bridge Program is August 15.

2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

CALENDAR ◀

September 4	First Day of School
October 12	No School: Professional Dev. 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: MLK, 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 Capital Campaign renovations at NDA, our school year will begin **after Labor Day** again this year.
- Due to the shortened number of days in the school year, this 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.
- **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.

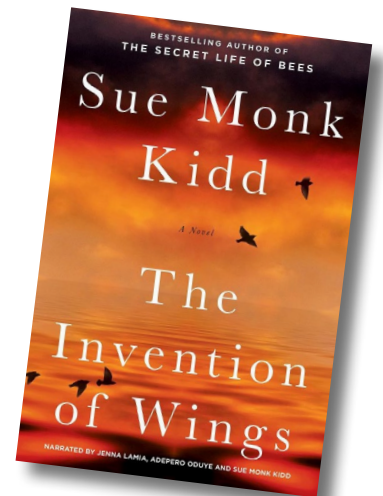
SUMMER READING ◀

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. This year's Common Reader date is September 19.

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

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



July 9 - August 10

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Beginning August 13

7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

NEWS FROM THE ALUMNAE OFFICE ◀

Parents, we will be sending you a Family Legacy Form within the next week. Please check your email and fill the form out accordingly.

UNIFORM POLICY ◀

All students at Notre Dame Academy are required to wear a school uniform, which emphasizes our traditional dress code. This code is intended to: encourage cleanliness, neatness and pride in one's appearance; foster respect for the way in which one presents herself to others; create a semiformal atmosphere needed for a disciplined learning environment; provide a uniform manner of dressing which minimizes social differences that may exist among students. By choosing to be a student at Notre Dame Academy, this code becomes the student's responsibility, and it is her responsibility to know the spirit of NDA's dress code and to be in compliance with that dress code while on school property. The cleanliness, length and neatness of the uniform skirt and uniform top reflect this pride. Students should rarely be out of uniform during the school day. Any exception requires a note from the parents and a permit from the school office to be presented to each teacher. Below is an updated listing of the NDA Uniform Policy for the 2018-19 school year.

Notre Dame Academy has a school uniform that consists of:

- a gray uniform skirt or uniform slacks (the skirt or pants must fit properly, be zipped and buttoned, hemmed appropriately and free of stains, rips, and/or holes). Students are required to obtain a new skirt or pants if it no longer zips, has tears, holes, or stains.
- a white or light blue banded Notre Dame Academy polo shirt
- solid white, gray, black or navy blue socks
- appropriate shoes that have a back to them
- nametag/lanyard (will receive on the first day of school)



Optional items that may be purchased and worn with the uniform include:

- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy pullover sweater
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy sweatshirt
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy fleece
- a navy blue blazer with NDA's emblem for special occasions such as Mass, award ceremonies, etc.
- gray, black, or navy blue leggings
- black dress slacks for designated events

Students are expected to be in uniform throughout the school day and to wear the uniform skirt zipped and buttoned. It may not be rolled at the waist and may be no more than three inches above the knee. NDA encourages parents to check how the uniform fits at the beginning of each school year and to purchase a new one if necessary.

No colored undergarments or undergarments with visible writing that detracts from the uniform may be worn under the uniform blouse. If a student chooses to wear a T-shirt under the uniform shirt, it must be a plain white V-neck and may not be visible. No slacks may be worn under the uniform during the school day. Students may wear the uniform sweater or sweatshirt during the school day. No other sweaters or sweatshirts are acceptable.

Each Friday students are encouraged to wear NDA spiritwear with their gray skirt or slacks. A variety of NDA spiritwear items are available at the NDA Bambootique.

Schoolbelles is NDA's official uniform provider. NDA's number is S1935.



TAKE A SNEAK PEEK AT ALL OF THE CHANGES AT NDA! ◀

A great way to keep up on all that is happening with our renovations at NDA is to check out Sr. Mary Dolores Giblin's blog. As our archivist, Sr. Mary Dolores has been documenting our progress online and she's included some very interesting photos.

You can read all about our renovations on the NDA Heritage Blog [HERE](#).



WE NEED YOUR HELP ◀

As you know, we have been under construction this summer with our *Excellence Without Boundaries* campaign renovations. We have accomplished quite a bit over the summer months but as with all construction, we have a great deal of clean-up to do to get ready for the students to return to the classrooms in September.

If you and/or your daughter would be willing to help us out with the clean-up, we would really appreciate it! You will be receiving an email in the next few days with an online sign up. We thank you in advance for your help!



SUMMER HOUSEKEEPING for your iPad ◀

All students should run OS updates on their iPad. This should be completed before returning for the school year. Also please clean off any items that you will not need for the 2018-19 school year.

FYI - Students will receive information in their email within the next few weeks about changes being made to the wifi network at NDA this year. Students will use their own username and password when logging on to the wifi. This username and password will be their PowerSchool login information.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

Fall sports have started so please check the website for schedules! Any fall athletes who have not registered please take a moment to do so [HERE](#).

Thank you to our coaches for all of your hard work to make our camps so successful this year! We had record numbers come out to participate.



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.

CALLING FORMER AND CURRENT NDA RUNNERS ◀

All former and current NDA Cross-Country athletes are invited to join us Friday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m. for our annual Alumnae Run! We will be racing 2 miles on NDA's XC course. A grill-out will follow the race.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2018

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀ 2018 NDA Leadership Summit

In the beginning of June, 19 Pandas completed Notre Dame Academy's fourth annual Leadership Summit hosted by 1981 graduate, Sue Wehrman who currently serves as the

Global Supply Chain Development Leader with General Electric Power Division. Ms. Wehrman engaged many other community members in an effort to support our young, female leaders, and NDA thanks the following individuals for their help in making this year's Summit a huge success:

Mary Jill Hugan '80
Dan Joyner
Lauren Tubesing and Malissa Gallini (General Electric)
Amber Grayson and Colleen Haws (Grandview Tavern)

Ms. Wehrman and the above facilitators challenged the students to grow as reflective, goal oriented, communicative and confident leaders who can successfully lead, motivate and influence their teams, committees and clubs. A highlight for many attendees was the time spent facilitating meetings at the Summit. Students learned tools for leading an effective meeting while Ms. Wehrman gave them the opportunity to apply use these tools in a real-life setting.

Ms. Wehrman finds the "girls are eager to learn, share and grow. The girls learn that leadership is about listening, facilitating and driving teams to meet measurable goals. It is encouraging to see the next generation embrace the ideas of servant leadership and use their Catholic background as a moral framework for decision making."

Congratulations to the following students who successfully completed the 2018 Leadership Summit:

Sophomores:

Cate Scheper
Maria Judy
Ceceilagh Pitstick
Josie Lawrie

Juniors:

Grace Caccavari
Kenzie Eberhart
Lauren Zalla
Allie Weidinger
Mollie Tagher

Seniors:

Caroline Schuh
Emily Thaman
Isabel Coomes
Katie Draud
Lily Pierson
Marianne Betancourt
Theresa Berling
Anna Holt
Haley Planicka
Nina Pauly



INCOMING FRESHMEN SERVICE PROJECT ◀

Our newest Pandas are already learning to make a difference in the world! Incoming freshmen recently came to NDA for a Plann Service Project. They made plastic yarn out of Kroger grocery bags which will later be made into various products including sleeping mats for the homeless, backpacks, gardening mats, etc. They worked with “Shari the Bag Lady” and had a great time getting to know each other and recycling the bags into a useful product!



DANCE PANDA AUDITIONS! ◀

Dance Pandas is not your typical dance team. We do a wide variety of dance styles throughout the year, with a flexible schedule that allows most students to balance dance with other activities while learning fun new dance styles! You do not need formal dance training to try out— it’s not all flips, tricks, and turns, although we love those things too!

Members of Dance Pandas perform in the NDA Showcase and choir concerts, at NDA basketball games and Covington Catholic football games. There will be opportunities for both trained and new dancers in our 2018-2019 season, and you don’t have to sign up for every performance to be part of the team. Rehearsals will be after school and dancers only need to come to rehearsals for the dances they’ll be performing in.

Informational Meeting

Interested but want to know more? Come to our informational meeting Monday, August 6 at 7 p.m. in the Theatre! We will discuss the upcoming season, auditions, and more specifics of how the group works.

Auditions

Already know you want to try out? Great! [Sign up for the two-day audition clinic August 9–10 here](#). Please have your schedule in front of you before you begin.

Thursday, August 9, 9–11 a.m. Learning Clinic in the Theatre

Come learn everything you need to audition for Dance Pandas and sign up for your August 10 audition slot. Meet current members of the team and practice routines. Those interested in auditioning must attend the clinic for consideration, or contact Ms. Stark to set up a virtual audition if attending the clinic is not possible.

Friday, August 10, 9–11am Auditions in the Theatre

Small groups perform their audition combinations in 15 minute time slots in the theatre. Dancers should arrive warmed up and ready to go.

Out of town, but still want to audition? Contact Ms. Stark at starkk@ndapandas.org.

NKY PICNIC TABLE PROJECT ◀

This summer NDA had the opportunity to participate in the Northern Kentucky Picnic Table Project today on the Purple People Bridge! Thanks to NDA Art teacher Matt Eckerle and his students for lending their artistic talent to the project and painting this incredible Bob Ross picnic table. We are proudly displaying the table outside of NDA on Marion Circle so check it out when you have the chance!



NDA FACULTY NEWS ◀

WORLD LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

NDA Spanish teacher Stacey Bill spent time in Florida this summer for an AP Spanish Literature Institute preparing to teach a new AP course at Notre Dame Academy.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

NDA Science Teacher Molly Proudfit was nominated as an Educator of Distinction through the National Society of High School Scholars. Educators of Distinction are outstanding role models and exemplary practitioners who have made a lasting difference in a student's life by encouraging them to strive for excellence, not just in their academic pursuits, but in all their endeavors.

She was nominated by one of the students in her Honors Biology sections last year, Anna Enzweiler. In Anna's nomination letter she wrote, "Mrs. Proudfit is incredibly knowledgeable. She taught me endless information in my Honors Biology class that was both entertaining and useful. The way she teaches is very personal, as she makes an effort to get to know her students and understand how each student learns and works both individually and with their participation to the whole class."

OH THE PLACES THEY WILL GO! ◀

Our recent graduates are headed to 43 different colleges and universities in 12 different states this fall. Spencer Johnson, father of recent graduate Kelsey Johnson, built a M*A*S*H-style directional sign post showing the Class of 2018's roads to success!



Ashland University
Baldwin Wallace University
Bellarmine University
Bluegrass Community & Technical College
Columbia College Chicago
DePaul University Chicago
DePauw University
Drexel University
Eastern Kentucky University
Emerson College
Florida State University
Gateway Community & Technical College
Georgetown College
Indiana University Bloomington
Marietta College
Miami University Oxford
Morehead State University
Northern Kentucky University
Ohio Northern University
Ohio State University
Ohio University

Spring Hill College AL
Thomas More College
University of Alabama Tuscaloosa
University of Central Florida
University of Cincinnati
University of Cincinnati Blue Ash
University of Cincinnati Clermont
University of Dayton
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of North Carolina School of the Arts
University of North Florida
University of Tennessee Knoxville
University of the Cumberland
University of Toledo
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin Madison
University of Wisconsin Whitewater
Virginia Tech Institute & State University
Western Kentucky University
Wright State University
Xavier University

WORLD TRAVELING PANDAS ◀

Here are a few pictures from our international summer trip to England and Ireland!



SAVE THE DATE ◀

It's time to SAVE THE DATE for the 2018 *Autumn Gala*! Planning for the Gala is in full swing, and the committees are working hard to once again provide an incredible and memorable experience for all. Last year this event was sold out so be sure to purchase your tickets early!

The 2018 Autumn Gala will be held on **Saturday, October 13 at Summit Hills Country Club**. It will feature cocktails, a gourmet sit-down dinner, specialty raffles, Keepsake Photos, Signature Cocktails, and enhanced Live and Silent Auction items. An open bar will be available throughout the evening.

This year we are excited to offer 2 new games, **The Golden Ticket** and the **Mystery Raffle**. The Golden Ticket offers a chance for you and a friend to win a trip to New York City (**airfare included**) in early December to see **Hamilton** on Broadway! The Mystery Raffle allows you to

take a chance on a surprise gift valued at \$500.

Class gift gathering parties have been scheduled for early August. All should have received an Evite to attend. Hosts for the Class Parties are Senior- Coco James and Gina Fries, Junior- Becky Quigley, Sophomore- Jennifer Summe and Friends, and Freshman- Holly Stanley. It's not too late to RSVP. Questions regarding the parties can be directed to the respective hosts or Nancy Goeke 859.292.1851 goeken@ndapandas.org.

WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

Applications are currently being accepted for 2019 Women Making A Difference honorees. The deadline to submit a nomination is October 1. The nomination form can be found on the web [HERE](#).

▶ Important dates

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.

- Witness for Entire Family
- Catechist Day of Reflection

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

