

An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

In just a couple of weeks, we will begin our 110th year of providing a premier Catholic education to the young women of Northern Kentucky and the Greater Cincinnati Area. I am happy to welcome you to this community, where we strive to instill in our students not only knowledge, but also the spiritual and moral values that will prepare them for a life of success, community service and personal fulfillment.

Before we begin the 2015-16 school year, I would like to share with you some of the amazing experiences our students have encountered this summer. As you will see in the stories that follow, some of our students have participated in a Leadership Summit presented by one of our NDA alumnae, others traveled to Italy where they visited the SND Mother House, and a few students attended a Unified for Uganda Leadership Summit at Xavier University. Additionally, ten of our students participated in the Kentucky Governor's School Programs, and one of our students was chosen to be part of the USA Volleyball Youth National Team.

Please note a few business items that follow, most importantly, the Parent Information Meetings to be held next week. These meetings will take place on Tuesday, August 4 (Juniors and Seniors) and Wednesday, August 5 (Freshmen and Sophomores). I invite you to join me for a Welcome Back Social sponsored by PTO and the Alumnae Office at 6:00 p.m. prior to the meetings. Refreshments will be provided. 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, PTO and more. Grade level specific information will be included each night. It is very important that each family is represented at these meetings. I look forward to the opportunity to meet you at the Welcome Back Socials prior to the meeting. Parents of new students should find additional announcements in the section below.

In my short time at NDA, I am 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 the many graces and blessings of the year.

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:

Junior/Senior Parents - Tuesday, August 4, 6:30 p.m. in the theatre

Freshman/Sophomore Parents - Wednesday, August 5, 6:30 p.m. in the theatre

MEET NDA'S NEW PRINCIPAL:

The NDA PTO and Alumnae Office are sponsoring a Welcome Back Social prior to each Parent Information Meeting. This is the perfect opportunity for parents to meet NDA's new principal, Mr. Jack VonHandorf. The Welcome Back Socials will begin at 6:00 p.m. on August 4 and 5. Refreshments will be provided.

FALL CLASS SCHEDULES:

Students and parents can view fall class schedules on Power School starting on August 1 (for information about accessing Power School, please click [HERE](#)). Copies of schedules will also be handed out at the upcoming parent/student information nights.

2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR:

The calendar for the 2015-16 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 Monday, August 3.
- If you are the parent of an incoming freshman or a sophomore transferring to NDA, please plan to attend the parent meeting on **August 5 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 meeting on **August 4 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.

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

NDA students have been very busy this summer participating in all sorts of activities! From Leadership Summits, to traveling, to athletic endeavors, our Pandas are making a difference all year long!



LEADERSHIP SUMMIT ◀

Last week, 18 Pandas completed Notre Dame's first annual Leadership Summit. The Summit, made possible through the efforts of Notre Dame alum, Sue Wehrman ('81), challenged the young women in attendance to grow as strategic thinkers while developing their abilities to successfully lead teams, committees and clubs. Ms. Wehrman, currently serving as On Site Services Global Operations Leader at General Electric Power and Water Division, engaged the support of many community members who participated in the Summit and presented on the following topics:

- Deborah Chudzik ('86) Leadership as Trust
- Daniel Knowles The Role of Ethics and Values in Leadership
- Bob Viney Giving Voice to Values
- Malissa Gallini Values in Decision Making
- Lauren Tubesing Values in Decision Making
- Amber Grayson Business Meal Etiquette
- Laura Koehl ('75) Women in the Workforce



We look forward to seeing the students apply what they have learned in their various leadership positions at NDA.

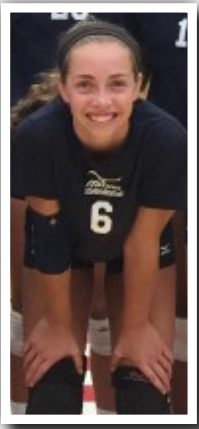
GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS ◀

Notre Dame Academy is proud to have ten students participating in the 2015 Kentucky Governor's School Programs. Seven of our students were selected for the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program (Courtney Blank, Mariah Bezold, Kirsten Richards, Kelsey Sucher, Lily Thaman, Emily Walter and Madeline Wermeling). Some of these young women spent five-weeks at Morehead State University and others are finishing up their five-weeks residential program at Bellarmine University and Murray State University this week. Earlier in the summer, two of our students participated in the Kentucky Center Governor's School for the Arts (Lauren Darpel and Rikki Buchberger). One NDA student had the opportunity to participate in the Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (Kelly Schmahl). A total of 8 NDA students were also selected as alternates for the three programs.



NDA's Lauren Darpel, put in many studio hours during her three weeks at the Governor's School for the Arts program.





GO MORGAN - GO USA! ◀

The U.S. Girls' Youth National Volleyball Team finalized its 12-player roster that will represent the United States at the 2015 FIVB Girls' U18 World Championship in Lima, Peru, on August 7-16 and NDA's Morgan Hentz is included on that roster!

Players were selected through USA Volleyball High Performance tryouts held across the country. The team represents eight states and eight USA Volleyball regions. Morgan spent two weeks in July at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., as the roster was shaved down from 20 to 12. The dozen players continued training July 24-28 before heading to the FIVB Volleyball Girls' Youth World Championship set for Aug. 7-16 in Peru. Group play will be held from Aug. 8-12, followed by bracket play Aug. 14-16.

Prior to the World Championship event, Morgan traveled with the team to Buenos Aires, Argentina, to participate in a Pre-World Championship Competition hosted by the Argentina Volleyball Federation. She will then travel to Lima on Aug. 4 to train and acclimate before the World Championship.

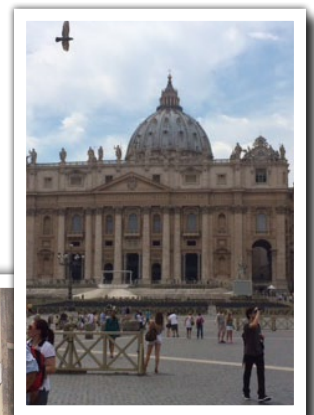
UNIFIED 4 UGANDA LEADERSHIP SUMMIT ◀

Leaders of Notre Dame's Uganda Panda Club attended a three day summit at the beginning of June at Xavier University. Francie Case, Katie Stratman and Claire Dunlevy attended the event hosted by Unified 4 Uganda (U4U) - a Cincinnati Non-Profit that financially and emotionally supports the education of destitute children in northern Uganda through the empowerment of American youth. As our own Uganda Panda Club strives to connect with our sister school in Buseesa, Uganda, the U4U organization will enable students in Park Hills, Kentucky, learn more about the culture and people of Uganda. The Uganda Pandas are looking forward to joining U4U in their efforts this year. SEE LINK BELOW to learn more about the 3-day summit and U4U. (Video by Katie Stratman)

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NDA ITALY TRIP ◀

Earlier this summer, NDA students along with Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Price, and Fr. Cleves traveled to Italy to experience the culture and the roots of our Catholic faith. While they were there we went to Rome, Florence, Venice, and Assisi and visited sites including St. Peter's Basilica, the Trevi Fountain, St. John Lateran, the Uffizi Gallery, the Catacombs, and many more! While they were in Rome they also had the opportunity to visit the Mother House of the Sisters of Notre Dame and the sisters who are living there. It was a great opportunity to see the work of the Sisters of Notre Dame around the world! Overall it was a wonderful trip and they all had a great experience!



BAMBOOTIQUE WORKERS NEEDED ◀

We are in need of parents to work the Bambootique this year. The shifts would be approximately 1.5-2 hours. Some months we are open every day and others we will be open a few times a week. Please email Aimee Dickhaus at ddickhaus@yahoo.com if you are able to help out this school year, whether it be on a monthly basis or as a sub.

JOB OPENING IN CAFETERIA ◀

NDA's cafeteria has an opening for a dishwasher (working in kitchen washing pots and pans) for the upcoming school year to work 5 days a week from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This job can be filled with a work study employee. For more information, please contact Karen Brungs at brungsk@ndapandas.org.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

Golf Outing July 31st

It's not too late to support the 17th annual NDA athletic golf outing at Twin Oaks on July 31st! You can donate financially, with gifts for raffle or sign up to play in a foursome. All information and forms are on the NDA website at: <http://www.ndapandas.org/athletics/golf-outing.aspx>. All proceeds benefit the athletic teams and programs and are greatly appreciated. We look forward to another great event and hope to see you there!

Freshman/New Student Athletic Orientation

Athletic orientation for freshmen and new students is September 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Theater and Alumnae Hall.

NDA'S FALL GALA ◀

Mark your calendars - NDA's largest fundraiser, The Autumn Gala, is **Saturday, September 26, 2015**, at NDA. Join friends, family and alumnae for a night of food and fun while supporting the mission of NDA. This year there's a tasty twist! The evening will include live and silent auctions, entertaining games, and A Taste of NDA, a celebration of culinary delights from some of the area's favorite chefs and eateries. Whether your taste buds prefer sweet or savory, you are sure to enjoy this appetizing evening for a great cause.

The event is being chaired by Leanne Kirn, JoAnn Rigney '93, and Erin Yung. These ladies are already hard at work planning a very special evening, and they could use your help. To lend a hand, please contact Leanne Kirn at 859.261-4300, kirnl@ndapandas.org.

We still have a couple of open spots for food vendors. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jan Gilliam at 859.292.1850, gilliamj@ndapandas.org.

Many sponsorship opportunities are available to support NDA and the September 26 event. The Autumn Gala revenue supports NDA's efforts to keep tuition as affordable as possible. Contact Leanne Kirn at 859.261.4300, kirnl@ndapandas.org to find out more about becoming an event sponsor for The Autumn Gala, A Taste of NDA.



▶ Important dates: Opening of School Year

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| July 29 | Freshman/New Student Orientation 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. |
| July 31 | 17th Annual NDA Golf Outing |
| August 3-7 | NDA Bridge Program |
| August 4 | 6:00 p.m. Welcome Back Social / 6:30 p.m. - Junior/Senior Parent Meeting |
| August 5 | 6:00 p.m. Welcome Back Social / 6:30 p.m. - Freshmen/Sophomore Parent Meeting |
| August 13 | First Day of 2015-16 School Year |
| September 2 | Athletic Orientation for New Students/Parents |