



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I hope you and your daughters are enjoying these last days of our summer break. It has been nice to see so many of our students back on campus this week with various activities and athletic events. I look forward to seeing all of their smiling faces coming through our front doors on our **first day of school - Monday, August 19!**

We are all excited to welcome our incoming students at this year's **Freshman Orientation** which will be held on **Monday, August 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** I am also looking forward to seeing our Panda parents at NDA next week for our Parent Meetings. The **Freshman Parent Information Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13** and the **Sophomore, Junior and Senior Parent Information Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14.** 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 2019-20 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 ask that you take a moment to pray for our first group of seniors and their chaperones who are on retreat this week. We pray that through this opportunity they develop a deeper relationship with Christ and continue to grow in our Catholic faith.

Thank you for partnering with us as we strive to educate young women to make a difference in the world!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





## IMPORTANT BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

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You can find important Back School Information regarding Parent Information Meetings and The 2019-20 school year calendar [HERE](#).



### 2019-20 REQUIRED BOOK LISTS ◀

You can find the entire list of required novels that Joseph Beth will be selling at our parent nights [HERE](#).

### REMINDERS FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN & TRANSFER STUDENTS

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Freshman Orientation and Parent Information Meeting information for incoming freshmen parents and parents of transfer students can be found [HERE](#).



Beginning August 5 - 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### UNIFORM POLICY ◀

All students at Notre Dame Academy are required to wear a school uniform, which emphasizes our traditional dress code. You can find NDA's uniform policy [HERE](#).



**FINALFORMS**

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We are very excited to announce that Notre Dame Academy has partnered with FinalForms, an online forms and data management service. FinalForms allows you to complete and sign forms online for your daughters. Final Forms is also being used by the Athletic Department. Be on the lookout for an email from NDA in the coming week about Final Forms. You can read more about Final Forms and learn how to sign up and upload your KHSAA physical before tryouts/first practice [HERE](#).



# STUDENT LIFE

## NDA 2019 LEADERSHIP SUMMIT ◀

Last week, 18 Pandas completed Notre Dame Academy's fifth annual Leadership Summit hosted by 1981 graduate, Sue Wehrman. You can read more about this wonderful program and see many pictures from the week [HERE](#).



## READY FOR 2019-20! ◀

NDA's Student Council is ready for the school year after their annual planning meeting last week. They are looking forward to welcoming the freshmen Pandas at Freshman Orientation on Monday, August 12 and excited to welcome the entire student body on Monday, August 19!



## SUMMER READING ◀

Our Common Reader for the 2019-20 school year is *I Choose to be Happy*, by Missy Jenkins Smith. It is a very uplifting book even as it tackles the difficult topic of school shootings. The book was written for a teenage audience and includes many stories about the author's life since the shooting as they relate to the principles of listening, empathy, forgiveness, laughter, optimism and kindness.

We are very excited to announce that Missy Jenkins Smith will join us for our Common Reader Day on October 9 along with her co-author, William Croyle.

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



## GSE UPDATE ◀

Congratulations to our Panda Entrepreneurs! Within three weeks in June, these young women visited 15+ startups and businesses, met with 40+ guest entrepreneurs and speakers and logged 240+ hours learning and preparing their business pitches for GSE Demo Day. Great job to all of these innovative young women on your presentations and thanks to Governor's School for Entrepreneurs for providing such an incredible experience for KY's young entrepreneurs! (L-R: Isabelle Bailey, Molly Kleier, Phoebe Boyle, Briana Seibert and Kate Joyce)

## WELCOME! ◀

We are blessed with an incredible faculty at Notre Dame Academy! This year we welcome Patty Millay Mueller '81 (Biology Department), Chris Goddard (Longterm substitute in Religion Department) and Ally Landen (English Department student teacher).



## NEW CHAPLAIN ◀

Fr. Jason Bertke, Associate Pastor at St. Agnes Church, has been named NDA's chaplain for the 2019-2020 school year. Notre Dame Academy would like to welcome Fr. Jason and thank him for celebrating the July Alumnae Mass with us.



## FAITH AND SCIENCE ◀

From June 16-20 three NDA faculty members, Pat Brennan, Terri Perrino and Bill Stamm, took part in the McGrath Institute's Conference on Science and Religion at the University of Notre Dame. There they met with other high school teachers to hear inspiring and informational talks on the relationship between faith and science in our lives and the classroom. They hope to bring the ideas they learned back to NDA, and to continue this important discussion with the community.



## GRATEFUL GRADUATE ◀

One of our recent graduates, Emma Donaghy, took the initiative to apply for a summer internship at the Commonwealth Attorney's Office and is learning a great deal this summer! You can read more about her experience in a letter she recently sent to NDA Social Studies teacher Mrs. Nancy Stratman - [HERE](#).



# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



## NDA GOLF OUTING ◀

Thanks to everyone in the NDA community who came out to support our Annual Golf Outing last Friday! It was a beautiful day to hit the links and support our Pandas!

## IMPORTANT ATHLETIC FUNDRAISER NEWS ◀

As you know, this past year the Notre Dame Academy Athletic Department replaced its long-established fruit sale fundraiser with a customized NDA coupon book fundraiser. Parents and student athletes found the coupon book fundraiser to be far less labor-intensive and time consuming with many offering insightful feedback. We are happy to announce that in the 2019-2020 school year, student athletes will have 3 options from which to choose to fulfill the coupon book fundraiser requirement including the option not to sell coupon books but pay the amount raised from each book sale. You can read more about the options [HERE](#).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Parents need to select an option for each daughter participating in athletics during the 2019-20 school year by August 27, 2019 through Final Forms.

**If no option is selected by August 27 2019, OR a student chooses to participate in athletics after August 27, 2019, the student will be required to choose Option #3 and pay the Full Fundraising Fee and sell NO books.**



## NDA ALUMNAE RUN ◀

Calling all former/current NDA runners and friends! Join us Saturday, August 10, at 10:00 a.m. for our annual Alumnae Run! We will be racing 2 miles on NDA's XC course. A cook out will follow the race.



## CHEER PANDAS ◀

A few of our NDA Cheer Pandas recently had the chance to attend UC Cheer Camp with NDA alum Grace Harmeling!



## BAND CAMP ◀

Mr. Cerimele says that “collaboration and cooperation” made this past week was the BEST Evening Band Camp at NDA/CCH!

Interested in joining this fun group? Check out Band Rehearsal Thursday Aug 8, 7 - 9 p.m. and BRING A FRIEND (Grades 8 - 12)!



## VOTE FOR GRACE ◀

Hey Pandas, vote for NDA senior Grace Caccavari! Grace was selected to compete in the final round of a talent competition called Celebration of Music. There will be 2 winners: the person who gets the most fan votes online and a “producers choice” based on the live competition round in Louisville on August 18. Vote for Grace [HERE](#).



## SUMMER ART CAMP ◀

NDA Art teacher Mr. Eckerle doesn't stop for summer - he's been busy teaching junior high summer art camp students about screen printing! [Here](#) are a few examples of their incredible work! Some students printed on paper and others students printed their own t-shirts.

## 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. You do not need formal dance training to try out—it's not all flips, tricks, and turns, although we love those things too!

You can find more information about our upcoming Dance Panda auditions [HERE](#):



## College Rep Visits

## 2019-20 College Rep Visits ◀

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch periods. Here is a list of upcoming visits:



**SEPTEMBER 18**

**ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY**



## SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 12 ◀

Planning for the 2019 Autumn Gala is in full swing, and the committees are working hard to provide an even greater experience for all. The 2019 Autumn Gala will be held on Saturday, October 12 at Summit Hills Country Club and will feature an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, a gourmet sit-down dinner, specialty games, and silent and live auctions.

Read more about The Golden Ticket and a sampling of some of the items that will be offered in the Live and Silent Auctions [HERE](#).



## ALUMNAE NEWS ◀

### Alumnae Mass

All are welcome to join us at our monthly Alumnae Masses in our new Mary, Mother of the World Chapel with a continental breakfast to follow. You can read about upcoming Alumnae Masses [HERE](#).

### Alumnae Day

To register a team, or an individual, click [HERE](#). For more information please contact Molly Molony-Greene at [molony-greenem@ndapandas.org](mailto:molony-greenem@ndapandas.org).

*Women Making  
A Difference*

## WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

The Women Making a Difference award program recognizes Notre Dame Academy alumnae who have made significant contributions to their families and their communities through service, professional, and philanthropic efforts. We are currently accepting nominations for the 2020 Award Ceremony. Nominations are due no later than Friday, September 27. For more information on nominating a deserving alumna please [CLICK HERE](#).

**COMMUNITY  
NEWS**

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



# ► Important dates

## August

6-9	Senior Retreat #1
12	Freshman/New Student Orientation
13	FR Parent Night
14	SO/JR/SR Parent Night
19	First Day of School
21	Opening School Mass
28	Alumnae Mass

## September

2	No School: Labor Day
6	Picture Day
11	Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents Parent Mini Night
13	Club Orientation
14	Student Council Fall Mixer
20	Fall Sports Pep Rally
21	NDA Alumnae Day
24	Naturalization Ceremony at NDA
25	Alumnae Mass Donor Scholarship Breakfast

## October

1	SND Foundations Day
2	Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents
3	Parent Teacher Conferences
6	Golden Girls Celebration Mass and Brunch
9	Common Reader Day
10	Junior Retreat
11	No School: Faculty Professional Development
12	Autumn Gala
16	SO/JR PSAT   Freshman Retreat #1
18-20	Fall Play
21-24	Senior Retreat #2
25	Grandparents' Day Mass
30	Alumnae Mass