



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I hope you have had an opportunity to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather God has blessed us with these past few days. Our students and faculty at NDA are continuing to live this year's theme of *Embracing Dignity in Self, Others and Community*.

Congratulations to our Student Council on a very successful mixer last Friday night. These students raised nearly \$1400 to help with future Student Council efforts and the Ugandan Mission. As you can see in the picture below, everyone had a great time.

I would like to thank our students who attended the NKY Chamber of Commerce Leadership Breakfast last Thursday morning. This was a wonderful opportunity for these future leaders to become inspired about what lies ahead for them. It was also a great chance for the leaders of our community to witness our NDA students taking a leadership role in Northern Kentucky.

Please note that Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. we will have our Parent Mini-Night and you are encouraged to attend this special night to learn more about your daughter's classes and teachers. This evening is not for individual parent-teacher conferences. Those can be scheduled on November 7.

I hope that your daughter is discussing her experience at school, and the progress she is making in her classes. It is still fairly early in the quarter so there will not be many grades yet in each class. Please remember that with only a few grades to date, the overall average at this time should be viewed in context. It is not too early to talk with your daughter about how her classes are going and where she is finding particular challenges and successes. Encourage her to take ownership of her work and be engaged by asking questions and participating in class.

As you will see, there is quite a bit going on in the coming days. I hope you will take the time to check out all that is happening at NDA! Remember, you can also see our daily announcements on our website [HERE](#).

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Picture Day

Picture Day is this Friday, and students are invited to dress out of uniform. Order forms were handed out to all freshmen through juniors in homeroom on Monday and are due to LifeTouch on Friday. Seniors do not order pictures on this day but are expected to take pictures for transcript purposes.

Clothing on Picture Day is expected to be tidy and appropriate and that of which provides proper coverage.

Mixer

A huge THANK YOU to our Student Council and student DJ Julia James for hosting our first Mixer of the year! As a result of our high attendance, we raised almost \$1400 which will help support future Student Council efforts and the Ugandan Mission. Stay tuned for more Student Council events!



Future Leaders

Last Thursday, six of our NDA future leaders attended the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce 2016 Leadership Breakfast along with NDA President Dr. Laura Koehl and NDA Assistant Principal Mrs. Amber Grayson. They enjoyed the energy and passion of the speaker Judge Glenda Hatchett who challenged the attendees to pursue their dreams and seek their purpose and passion. Our NDA students in attendance were: Angela Kyntchev, Onali Fernando, Jami Farwell, Julia James, Izzy Pope and Maria Danneman.

A PEARL IN THE STORM

by Tori Murden McClure



PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

You can access **Tori Murden McClure's NDA Common Reader Day Presentation** in it's entirety on our NDA YouTube channel [HERE](#).

*For the educated person the world is an open book;
to the ignorant, it is an unsolved mystery.*

Mrs. Longley
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INTERESTED IN A CREW POSITION? ◀

Interviews for Crew Positions for The Crucible and the NDA/CCH Showcase will take place September 7 at 3:00 p.m in the Theatre. All who are interested in these positions must interview OR email Ms. Stine at stinec@ndapandas.org.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Bullying Prevention Program

Personal Counselor Mrs. Hildreth met with freshmen and new students last Friday to present NDA's Bullying Prevention Program. Sophomore Student Council Members contributed to the presentation, and all of the students seemed to appreciate the [Stop Bullying Video](#), which promoted good discussion and understanding!



Cincinnati NACAC National College Fair

SUNDAY, September 11, 2016 | 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Duke Energy Convention Center – Downtown

525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Pre-registration link: www.gotomyncf.com



Drug Free Club

Drug Free Clubs of America applications returned on or before **September 21** to NDA will automatically be entered in an early-bird drawing for a special prize! We have already set a new record for school membership in this club, and more applications are being turned in each day! Be sure to get your application turned in to reap our rewards for living a drug free life!

Mentor Center

NDA will start offering homework assistance to students after school in the library on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:50-3:40 p.m.** There will be a few staff members there as well as peers to help other students. This service is offered throughout the school year.



KY Governor's Scholar Program

There will be an Informational Meeting for anyone interested in learning more about the [KY Governor's Scholars Program \(GSP\)](#) after school in the NDA Library on **Wednesday September 7**. The Governor's Scholars Program is a 5-week summer residential program for outstanding students in Kentucky who have finished their junior year of high school. If interested, come learn more about this wonderful opportunity! Contact Mrs. Kathy Hildreth for more information.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

FRESHMAN ATHLETE PARENT ORIENTATION

Freshman Athlete Parent Orientation for parents of freshmen and new student athletes is **TONIGHT at 6:30 p.m.** in the Theater and Alumnae Hall. It is recommended that at least one parent attend.

Attention Swimmers and Divers!

Are you interested in being a part of the Aqua Pandas?

If so, please come (with a parent) to the informational meeting on Monday, September 12th at 7:00 in the auditorium.

If you have any questions, email Courtney Sorrell at sorrellc@ndapandas.org.

Bowling

An informational meeting for Bowling will be held sometime next week. The date and time will be announced later this week.



2016-17 College Rep Visits at NDA

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch mods (M/T/Th/F 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Wednesdays 11:12 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) Below is a list of upcoming visits.


SEPTEMBER

8 Hanover College 

University of Kentucky 

12 Baldwin Wallace University 

13 Washington University St Louis 

20 University of Alabama Tuscaloosa 

21 Western Kentucky University 

22 Otterbein University 

27 Miami University Oxford 

29 Mount St Joseph University 

Northern Kentucky University 

30 Bellarmine University 

OCTOBER

3 University of Southern California 

13 Vanderbilt University 

University of Dayton 



WE NEED YOU ◀

Have you signed up to volunteer for the Panda Parent Club (PPC)? If not, [CLICK HERE](#) to volunteer for various events/committees this school year including our upcoming Autumn Gala. You can also volunteer to serve as a grade level representative for your daughter's grade level.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEND A HELPING HAND? ◀

Do you have just one day a month to volunteer for two hours in the NDA cafeteria? Helping out is neither difficult nor time-consuming and our current volunteers have fun visiting the school and seeing their daughters, granddaughters and friends. Volunteers are also welcome to stick around after their two-hour shift for lunch with "the crew". Grandparents in particular seem to love this job, so please consider asking your daughter's grandparents if they would like to help out. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karen Brungs at 859.292.1856 or brungsk@ndapandas.org. The schedule is online and you can sign up [HERE](#).

INFORMATIONAL COFFEE for PROSPECTIVE PANDA PARENTS ◀

Do you know a future Panda parent? Parents are invited for a "sneak peek" at NDA: Who we are, what we value, and how we will prepare your daughter to make a difference in the world.

Dates and Times:

Wednesday, August 31, 8 - 9 a.m.*

Wednesday, September 21, 8 - 9 a.m.*

Wednesday, October 19, 8 - 9 a.m.*

Friday, November 4, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.*

*Reservations are required for these events. Please RSVP to Katie Caccavari, Director of Admissions, caccavarik@ndapandas.org, 859-292-1829 at least 24 hours prior to the date you wish to attend.





It's Not Too Late to Enter! An Early Bird Drawing will be held on Parent Mini-Night for those who have sent in their reservations by September 13. The winner will receive \$100 in Gala credit to spend during the evening.

The 2016 Autumn Gala will be held on **Saturday, September 24** at Notre Dame Academy. It will feature cocktails, a gourmet sit-down dinner, specialty raffles, a Bourbon Tasting Bar, Keepsake Photos, Signature Cocktail, and enhanced Live and Silent Auction items. An open bar will be available throughout the evening.

We still need many more volunteers to make this event successful. If you are interested in helping, please contact Leanne Kim at kirn1@ndapandas.org. Thank you!

▶ Important dates

August 31	Parent Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents Freshman Athlete Parent Orientation 6:30 p.m.
September 2	Picture Day
September 5	No School: Labor Day
September 6	Diocesan Senior Mass
September 7	Future PaNDA Fun Night - Grade School Soccer Night games at 5 & 6:30 p.m.
September 9	Mid-Quarter Club Orientation
September 13	Parent Mini-Night
September 14	Donor Breakfast Freshmen Play Attendance
September 15	TMC field trip - Health Careers (Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors) Future PaNDA Fun Night - Grade School Volleyball Night
September 16	Grandparents' Day Mass 6th Grade Scavenger Hunt
September 23	Fall Sports Pep Rally Playing for a Purpose
September 24	Gala

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Smiles and Miles
- Rocktoberfest
- Part-time job opportunity for moms and students
- National League of Junior Cottillions

For a complete list of community news, [CLICK HERE](#).

