



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I hope you've had the opportunity to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather we've been having. Our students and faculty are continuing to *Live the Story of God's Goodness* at NDA!

Please note that next Wednesday evening 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 at a later time. Due to the late night, there will be a late start on Thursday (9/10) of next week. School will begin at 9:00 a.m. that day and on our regularly scheduled late start Wednesday (9/9).

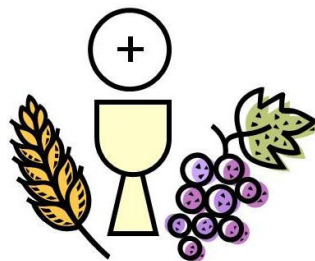
I hope you are checking on your daughter's progress so far this year. It is still fairly early in the quarter so there will not be many grades yet in each class. Please remember that with only a few grades to date, the overall average at this time should be viewed in context. It is not too early to talk 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.

Congratulations to NDA's September Student of the Month - Lauren Reinsersman. Below you can find a link to our website to read more about our first honoree of the school year. Also, you can read about two of our students who participated in INTER-alliance camps this summer.

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!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



JOIN US FOR MASS ◀

Please join us for Mass this Friday, September 4, at 7:15 a.m. in our Chapel. We will also celebrate the Mass together on Friday, September 18. We welcome students, faculty, staff and visitors from our community! This is a wonderful opportunity for our NDA community to celebrate the Mass together.

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Club Orientation Registration Forms (available outside the school office or on the school's website) are due by this Friday, September 4.

This Friday during long homeroom, all freshmen and new students will attend an information session on NDA's Bullying Prevention Program. Presented by Mrs. Maggard, Personal Counselor and students Ellie Kathman and Meghan Greenwell, the session will focus on students' responsibility to protect the dignity of each member of our community and to stand

up to bullies. The session will review different forms of bullying, NDA's policy on bullying and avenues in which to report bullying (including the Sprigeo app which allows students to report anonymously).

Picture Day is this Friday, so students are invited to dress out of uniform on this day. If ordering photos, students must bring their completed Life Touch Order Forms with them on Friday.

NDA PARENT MINI- NIGHT - Wednesday, September 9

- Mini-night begins at 7:00 p.m. and will end around 8:30 p.m.
- NDA's Advancement Department and the Panda Parent Club are hosting a Gala Gift Gathering Party at 6:00 p.m. in Alumnae Hall (more details below).
- Joseph Beth Booksellers will be on campus selling required English books at a discounted price. Cash, check or credit card can be used to purchase the books. (See list of books online [HERE.](#))
- Some used uniforms will be available to pass along in the cafeteria.
- Students will provide parents with a copy (electronic or paper) of their schedule which will guide them throughout the evening.
- Classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday due to Parent Mini-Night (both Wednesday and Thursday of next week are late start days).



INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

Leaders in Technology at NDA

Two NDA students spent a week this past summer exploring what the possibilities in IT really are. Alenna Fletcher '18 and Jackie Noll '17 both attended INTERalliance Camps to learn first-hand, the vast and exciting career opportunities in technology.

Alenna Fletcher attended Miami University and Jackie Noll spent a week at the University of Cincinnati. Both girls visited local companies and experienced a "Mini-MBA" crash course. This unique camp experience introduced these students to the ways in which technology is applied to real-world business problems.

Both Alenna and Jackie are leaders in technology at NDA. They were the only students from Northern Kentucky to attend this nationally acclaimed camp. Both students work with NDA's Director of Instructional Technology, Molly Mullee, on Interalliance as members of our NDA SWAT team.

To read a summary of Jackie Noll's INTERalliance camp experience [CLICK HERE.](#)

You're invited to a
Gift Gathering Party
for the



Wednesday, September 9
at 6:00 p.m.
in Alumnae Hall

PARENTS,

Stop by the Autumn Gala Gift Gathering Party before Parent Mini Night to meet other parents and support NDA! You will also have the opportunity to make a pledge to this year's Autumn Gala Panda Paw!

There will be a drawing for **2 FREE Gala tickets** to anyone who brings a gift to donate to the Gala! Here are some ideas for donations: themed baskets, wine or other spirits, gift cards, tickets to sporting events, theater or concerts.

The Panda Parent Club will provide refreshments for this "fundraiser." We hope to see you there!



PPC NEWS ◀

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Thanks to the PPC and Janie Neff! Today our Panda Parent Club held our first Teacher Appreciation breakfast of the school year. Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts are held the first Wednesday of every month. Help us show our faculty and staff how much we as parents appreciate all they do for our daughters.

Please contact our chairperson, Janie Neff at janelfn@aol.com to sign up for any month during the school year.

Parent Mini-Night - Representatives from our Panda Parent Club will be available at our upcoming Parent Mini-Night to answer any questions you may have out NDA.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

Congratulations to our September Student of the Month - Lauren Reinsersman. Lauren is a junior at NDA who seeks opportunities to support others, appreciates the challenges her classes bring and believes with hard work, anything is possible. You can read all about Lauren on our website [HERE](#).

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



Cincinnati NACAC National College Fair

SUNDAY, September 13, 2015

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Duke Energy Convention Center – Downtown

525 Elm Street

Cincinnati, OH 45202

Students can print a bar coded confirmation to be used on site at the fair as an electronic ID. Utilizing this barcode will eliminate the need for students to fill out inquiry cards at the event. They can save time and visit many more schools. Pre-register by going to this website <https://www.gotomyncf.com/Registration/EventSelectForState?stateName=All>.

Northern Kentucky Teen Court Opportunity

This program offers youth the opportunity to actually be part of our system of justice. Students who are chosen to participate will have to go through a training process and act as prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys, and jurors in sentencing actual juvenile offenders who have admitted responsibility for their criminal actions. There is a training phase with weekly meetings and court sessions are on Tuesdays starting September 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Newport Courthouse. After training court sessions start on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays on November 3. If anyone is interested, please email Mrs. Monohan (monohanc@ndapandas.org).

Health Career Explorers Program:

Attention any sophomore, junior or senior interested in a health care career. The Health Career Explorers Program is accepting registrations now. The program is a joint project with Gateway Community College, St. Elizabeth Healthcare and the North Central Kentucky Area Health Education Center. Students can go to the website www.northcentralkyahec.org in order to register for the program this year. Please contact Mrs. Monohan with any questions.

HOST FAMILY NEEDED ◀

Would you like to open your home to an international student? An NDA sophomore from China needs a host family in Northern Kentucky for the rest of the 2015-16 academic year. She is a terrific young lady and would be a wonderful addition to any family. Please contact Katie Caccavari, NDA Director of Admissions, 859-292-1829, if you would like more information. You can also email caccavarik@ndapandas.org.

2016 WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

Do you know a Notre Dame Academy graduate who has made a difference? The nomination form for the 2016 Women Making A Difference is available online [HERE](#).

The Women Making A Difference Luncheon will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2016, at the Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Riverfront in Covington, Kentucky. Nominations are due November 2, 2015.



NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

The Coaches Polls are out...

NDA Golf and Soccer were both ranked 5th in the state!

Volleyball

Volleyball defeated Sacred Heart in a 5 set battle in Louisville last week then went on to beat defending North Carolina State Champions in 3 sets over the weekend. Last night the Freshmen, JV and Varsity Pandas all defeated the St. Ursula Bulldogs!

Vote for Morgan Hentz for LaRosa's MVP of the Week!

You can vote here: <http://www.larosasmvp.com>

Soccer

Soccer fell to Lexington Catholic over the weekend but responded with a strong win over St. Ursula, 4-1.

Cross Country

Cross Country had their season opener at Grant County this past weekend and had 3 top 30 finishes.



NDA Varsity Bowling Information Meeting

An informational meeting (for parents and student to attend) will be held on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Please email Coach Michelle Wagner at wagnerm@ndapandas.org with any questions.

Intramural Bowling League

Students shouldn't miss the chance to be part of first NDA intramural bowling league. All that is needed is a team of 3. Announcements will be made and emails will be distributed with the online form and all the details (like dates, times, fees, etc). The deadline to signup is Thursday, September 10. The start of the season will be Wednesday, September 16 at Superbowl in Erlanger.

NDA and CCH will be bowling at the same time.

Team structure: 3-person team

Day of week: Wednesday

Start time: Start time is 3:30 (end time depends on speed of play, typically no later than 5:30)

Length of league: 12 weeks Sep 16 thru Dec 2

Location: Erlanger Superbowl

One-time entry fee: \$5 per person is due on 9/16

Weekly cost: \$7.50 per person (covers 3-games and shoe rental fee)

Scores will be tracked and logged so that a weekly statistics sheet can be provided to each team each week.

If interested please sign up by Thursday, September 10.

I've invited you to fill out the form Intramural Bowling Sign Ups. To fill it out, visit:

<https://docs.google.com/a/ndapandas.org/forms/d/1ae4il3yztorO6NFT3W9-laJgFanyrZQ6kaqGUZ5iXxA/viewform?c=0&w=1>

Important Reminders:

The deadline for athletic physicals and online registration is September 10. There is a mandatory freshman and parent athletic meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the theater.

To be in the know about Panda athletics (scores, rosters, updates and more) follow us on twitter at [NDA_athletics!](#)



2015-16 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.) Parents are welcome to come in to speak with the college reps. Below is a list of upcoming visits.

September	25	University of South Carolina
8		University of Dayton
15		Washington University St. Louis
15		Bellarmino University
22		Indiana University Bloomington
	October	
	7	Mount St. Joseph University
	30	Denison University

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ◀

Parents, did you know that NDA's daily announcements are posted each day on our website? You can find them [HERE](#).

Important dates:

September 2	7 p.m. Athletic Orientation for New Students/Parents
September 4	Smile! Picture Day
September 7	No School - Labor Day
September 9	6 p.m. Gala Gift Gathering Party
	7-9 p.m. Parent Mini-Night
September 11	Mid-Quarter
September 16	Scholarship Breakfast
September 18	Club Orientation
	Junior Retreat
September 23	NDA & CCH ACT Parent Meeting
September 25	6th Grade Scavenger Hunt
September 26	The Autumn Gala - A Taste of NDA

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- St. Agnes Weekend
- Chastity Project
- Street Smartz

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