



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

First of all, I would like to thank all of our you who attended Parent Mini-Night yesterday. I know how busy life can get and I appreciate you taking time to learn more about your daughter's classes and teachers. I would also like to thank our faculty for being there. I received many positive comments about them as parents were leaving the building last night. We are blessed to have such qualified and dedicated faculty members.

I am pleased to announce that we have four National Merit Semifinalists this year! Students are selected for their scores on the PSAT they took as juniors. Congratulations to Abbie Guard, Paige Montfort, Claire Morgan and Brooke Schulte. These students are among a select group of students in our nation to receive this distinction. They scored in the highest category on the national level and were among the highest scoring students in Kentucky. This honor is a testament to their commitment to academic excellence. We wish them luck as they move forward in the scholarship competition!

On Friday, we held our annual Club Orientation program highlighting the incredible number of clubs at NDA. I encourage your daughters to get involved during their time at Notre Dame Academy. These activities provide not only ways to excel but also ways to give glory to God. With the support and encouragement they receive participating in these co-curriculars, our students are able develop into women according to the blessings they bring to the table. At the end of their four years, they find that NDA is more than just a school; it is their home, one where they feel connected by the relationships formed on this campus.

I hope to see you at our Autumn Gala on Saturday, September 24. This annual event is NDA's largest fundraiser and a great evening filled with fun, enthusiasm, good food and great fellowship. The Gala raises funds to help support our programs and services and keep our tuition at a reasonable rate. Your support of the event is critical in maintaining these programs and keeping our tuition affordable. I hope you are planning to attend and share the evening with NDA faculty, families and friends. Time is running out, so if you have not reserved your place at the Autumn Gala, please drop your RSVP in the mail or call 859.292.1851 to make a reservation today.

Working with your daughters each day is a privilege for all of us. Thank you for trusting us and partnering with us as we strive to educate young women to make a difference in the world.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



*She is clothed with
strength & dignity
& laughs
without fear of the future.*

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR RSVP FOR THIS YEAR'S GALA? ◀

Don't forget to send in your RSVP for this year's Autumn Gala! The Autumn Gala is a very important fundraiser for NDA. In addition to providing an evening of celebration and fun for supporters of NDA, the Gala proceeds help cover expenses for our school so that we can keep tuition at an affordable rate. In particular the majority of our annual fundraising, such as the Gala, helps to fund our tuition assistance program, helping approximately 33% of our students.

Don't miss this great opportunity to get together with your NDA friends! 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.

If you cannot attend the Autumn Gala but would like to support the event, you can purchase a **First Choice** ticket for **\$50** from Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Rachel. Only 100 tickets will be sold and the lucky winner will get "First Choice" of all of the amazing Live Auction items! If you are interested, contact the Sisters today at 859.292.7736. You can check out all of the Live Auction items [HERE](#).

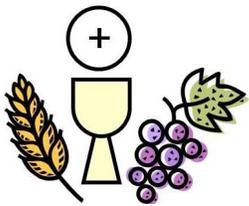
EMBRACING DIGNITY
IN SELF,
OTHERS
AND COMMUNITY

MARCH FOR LIFE ◀

Are you part of the March for Life Movement? If you would like to be, sign-ups for the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. will begin next week here at NDA. The March will take place on January 27, 2017, and the cost is approximately \$90.00 a person. Buses will leave Thursday evening and return Saturday morning. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Theresa Van Auken at vanaukent@ndapandas.org.

GRANDPARENTS DAY AT NDA! ◀

Grandparent's Day will be held on Friday, September 16. All grandparents/grandfriends are invited to join us for Mass at 1:15 p.m. in the gym. Grandparents are asked to arrive by 1:00 p.m. so that we can get them seated before we bring the students down to find them. No RSVP is necessary. Students who normally park on our lot are asked to park in the lower parking lot of The Garden's of Park Hills that day so as to leave room on our lot for our guests. It is also recommended that you carpool as much as possible that day as well.



JOIN US FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ◀

Eucharistic Adoration will be held TONIGHT from 7-8 p.m and on September 28 from 2:40-3:40 p.m. We will be praying for the success of Youth2000 which will be held at NDA. All are welcome to join us.



NDA FUNDRAISER AT BARLEYCORN'S ◀

Don't miss this opportunity for a night out, delicious food, and a chance to help NDA! NDA's Panda Parent Club is hosting a fundraising day at Barleycorns on Tuesday, September 20 at their Lakeside Park location. You can eat-in or carry-out at Barleycorns on that day and they will donate 15% of your bill to NDA. Funds raised will be used to support the many events sponsored by NDA's PPC. You can get your Barleycorns/NDA Fundraiser Coupons [HERE](#).



STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Cell Phone Policy

Students are reminded that if cell phones are brought into school, they must be off and away between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. If a student is found using her cell phone, disciplinary consequences will result.

If a parent needs to contact his or her daughter during the school day, please contact the school office, and we will make sure your daughter gets the message. Emailing, iMessaging and texting during class is not permitted unless the student is given permission to do so by a faculty or staff member. If a student needs to contact a parent, we ask that they use the phone in the school office.

Club Orientation

The students enjoyed last Friday's Club Orientation and seeing the presentations for NDA's 45+ clubs and activities. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the many ways students can get involved in clubs or activities and stay tuned for more information regarding upcoming events. The Environmental Club began its year with a hike in California Woods Nature Preserve in Ohio.



Club Leader Meeting

On Wednesday, September 21 at 2:45-3:30, we will be hold a mandatory meeting for all student club leaders. At the meeting, we will discuss:

- Club requirements/expectations for the year
- Service project guidelines
- Effective methods of communication

Wednesday's meeting is the first of four meetings for the year.

2017 SUMMER NDA TRIP ◀

We are excited to announce the school trip for the summer of 2017. Next June we have an exciting chance for our students to explore the Eastern Seaboard of the United States. They will have the opportunity to travel to Boston, New York City, Philadelphia and Washington D.C. If students are interested in this incredibly valuable trip, we will be having a parent informational meeting here at NDA on Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. Here we will share the trip itinerary, everything that is included in the cost and much more! If you are unable to attend the meeting, please feel free to email either Theresa Van Auken (vanaukent@ndapandas.org) or Hillary Johnson (johnson@ndapandas.org) for all of the information. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you on the 22nd!





Pictured: Claire Morgan, Brooke Schulte, Abbie Guard and Paige Montfort

FOUR NDA STUDENTS NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS ◀

Four Notre Dame Academy students have been named National Merit Semifinalists in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship competition. NDA seniors, Abbie Guard, Paige Montfort, Claire Morgan and Brooke Schulte, are among the 16,000 Semifinalists named in the 62nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

These academically talented high school seniors now have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$33 million that will be offered next spring. To become finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program these young women must now submit scholarship applications that include information about their academic records, co-curricular activities, leadership abilities, honors, awards and employment.

“We are very proud of these NDA scholars and their selection as National Merit Semifinalists,” said Mr. Jack VonHandorf, Principal of Notre Dame Academy. “They are to be commended for their commitment to academic excellence and diligence in the classroom. We congratulate these young women and their families as we celebrate this honor.”



SPOTLIGHT ON NDA SOPHOMORE ◀

NDA sophomore Georgia Laird is featured as the Assistant Spotlight on the National League of Junior Cotillions website. You can check it out [HERE](#).

GOOD NEWS! ◀

Good news from the Sisters of Notre Dame mission in Uganda, East Africa. The Daily Monitor in Uganda reports that our sister school, Notre Dame Senior Secondary Academy in Buseesa is the second best school in the entire country. This ranking was determined after the Uganda Ministry of Education sought to determine which schools provide the most holistic development of their students. The ministry worked with Ark, a UK consultancy firm, to analyze criteria beyond national exam results, the typical measurement of success.



CONGRATULATIONS ◀

Congratulations to Katie Hellmann, Hannah Hammond, Harper Lamb and Claire Benson on being accepted into the Northern Kentucky Lawyers NaviGo Scholars Group. It is a great honor as there were only two spots in the program for NDA but they made room for two more because they were so impressed with the applications from all of these students.



(Pictured: Katie Hellman, Hannah Hammond, Tim Hanner from NaviGo, Harper Lamb and Claire Benson)

This competitive program allows students thinking about a path to law school to explore the legal profession by meeting with a variety of lawyers representing numerous areas of practice where a law degree is necessary, and would like to learn from these experienced professionals about what their day to day job entails.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

ATHLETIC REGISTRATION

The deadline for athletic registration has passed. If you have not registered your daughter online yet and she intends to participate in a winter or spring sport please do so by Friday, September 16.

Information and the online form can be found [HERE](#).

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



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.

College Financial Aid Presentation

Wednesday, September 28

6:30 pm-7:30 p.m.

NDA Theatre

Description: A Financial Aid Specialist from NKU will be here to provide an overview of college financial aid (grants, loans and scholarships). This meeting is open to all NDA students and parents (of any grade level). Seniors and senior parents may especially benefit from this presentation if applying for Financial Aid for the first time.

Governor's School for the Arts

There will be an Informational Meeting after school next Wednesday, **September 21**, in the Library for NDA SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS interested in learning about the **KY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL for the ARTS**, also known as GSA. Their application process has changed, so there will be important updates. Current information is available on the [GSA Website](#).

There are 9 art disciplines represented at this extraordinary residential 3-week summer program on the campus of Centre College in Danville, KY. The 9 disciplines are:

- **Visual Art**
- **Architecture**
- **Creative Writing**
- **Dance**
- **Drama**
- **Musical Theater**
- **instrumental Music**
- **Vocal Music**
- **New Media**



Come learn more about this exceptional program, and hear from last summer's GSA attendees!

From the Desk of the Cafeteria Manager

Dear Students,

Recently I have noticed that many students are unsure of what items are contained in a lunch. Here are a few guidelines to help:

Lunch:

(Written on the White Board each day)

COST - \$3.25

Entrée' (The main meat or sandwich for the day) – 1 per lunch
(Substitutes for main Entrée' could be a Turkey Sandwich, PBJ Sandwich, or cup of Tuna w/crackers)

Vegetable

Fruit (Can fruit)

Milk/OJ (Not Juicy Juice)

OR: Soup and Salad Bar

Ala Carte Items:

(Prices may vary)

Bagels
Fresh Fruit
Ice Cream
Snacks (ex.: Chips, Cookies, Granola Bar, etc.)
Soup
Yogurt

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at brungsk@ndapandas.org.

Sincerely,

Karen Brungs
Cafeteria Manager

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](#).

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ◀

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



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

- 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 

WELCOME ◀

We are pleased to welcome our new Development Director, Ms. Denise Bowman. Ms. Bowman began her employment at NDA today. Denise is a graduate of NKU with degrees in Speech Communication, Public Relations and Journalism. She has experience as a small business owner and as a high school teacher and development professional at Holy Cross High School. Denise and her husband are members of St. Agnes Parish and have two children in school there.

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, 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.



IMMIGRATION RALLY ◀

There will be an Immigration Rally on Sunday, September 18 beginning at 3:30 p.m. Participants will gather for prayer and a speaker at Holy Spirit Parish in Newport at 3:30 p.m. Once the opening is complete - participants will be walking to the Peace Bell in Newport for a brief prayer, speaker and ringing of the bell. Once that service is completed - participants will walk back to Holy Spirit for the dismissal. These services will be held in English and Spanish. All are welcome to attend event.

▶ Important dates

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 1:15 p.m. in Gym 6th Grade Scavenger Hunt
September 23	Fall Sports Pep Rally Playing for a Purpose
September 24	Gala
October 5	Life Mass
October 7	No School Youth 2000 Begins at NDA
October 11	LIFE Club Blood Drive
October 14	First Quarter Ends Junior Retreat
October 19	Super Wednesday: FR Retreat SO/JR PSAT Parent Informational Coffee
October 19	JR College Planning Mtg
October 21-23	Fall Play

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Free Health and Wellness Fair
- Smiles and Miles
- Part-time job opportunity for moms and students
- Now hiring at Chick-fil-A in Fort Wright
- National League of Junior Cottillions
- St. Agnes Youth Group

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

