



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Our mission at Notre Dame Academy clearly states our goal...

***“Notre Dame Academy,
a Catholic high school dedicated to Mary
and committed to academic excellence,
exists to educate young women
to make a difference in the world.”***

In line with that, we strive to provide our students with an exemplary education. We see the fruits of our labor in many ways at NDA. This week, we see it in the success of our Commended Students in the National Merit Program and in one of our faculty members who was recognized for her excellence in teaching.

St. Julie Billiart trusted in God and remained faithful to Him through her mission of proclaiming God’s goodness and educating for life. We remain faithful to God through our mission. Since our school’s beginning in 1906, nearly 11,000 young women have been educated at NDA and gone on to make tremendous differences in the world. Since I became principal at Notre Dame Academy, I have had the opportunity to talk with several NDA alumnae. Each time I speak with an NDA alumna two things happen; they greatly impress me with their stories of success in life and they always mention how appreciative they are of their experience at NDA.

Our NDA community continues to live our mission. I am privileged to witness this throughout our campus each and every day. I see it in the classrooms, on the field, in the theatre and even in the cafeteria. I see your daughters thriving as they learn the true value of an NDA education which inspires them to share their God-given gifts. Thank you for partnering with us in this important work and for your continued support of Notre Dame Academy.

In that spirit of partnership, I invite you to join me this Saturday night at our annual fundraiser, the Autumn Gala. We will gather at this event with NDA faculty, families and friends in celebration and support of our mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world. I look forward to seeing you there!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Mixer

A huge THANK YOU to our Student Council and student DJ Sophie Arnold for hosting our first Mixer of the year! As a result of our high attendance, we are able to donate \$600 to the Ugandan Mission. Stay tuned for more Student Council events!

Club Orientation

On Friday, we will held our annual Club Orientation program highlighting the incredible number of clubs at NDA. Take a look below at some of the fun your daughters are having participating in co-curricular activities at Notre Dame Academy!



IMPORTANT REMINDER ◀

Volunteers are needed daily to help in the dish room in the NDA cafeteria. Shifts are from 11:00 to 12:30. You can sign up at Volunteer Spot [HERE](#).

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

Grandparent's Day

Get excited to celebrate Grandparent's Day with all our lovely Grand-pandas! Our Grandparent's Day Mass is October 2 at 1:00 p.m. Please invite all your grandparents and grand-friends! After mass, students are welcome to show their grandparents and grand-friends around the school.

CONGRATULATIONS!



NDA STUDENTS NAMED NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENTS ◀

Four students from Notre Dame Academy have been named Commended Students in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. NDA seniors, Emily Walter, Bridget Neltner, Marissa Picciuto and Malea Rolfsen were among the 34,000 Commended Students named in the 61st annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

NDA principal, Mr. Jack VonHandorf, congratulated the students telling them, "You should be very proud of this amazing accomplishment. Your hard work and commitment to your education has paid off and will continue to serve you well in the future."

NDA FACULTY MEMBER RECEIVES EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD ◀

Longtime NDA English teacher and Department Chair Linda Bricking was awarded the Diocesan Excellence in Teaching Award from Thomas More College. Mrs. Bricking was recognized by Bishop Roger Foys at this year's Diocesan Senior Mass. The award was presented to Mrs. Bricking at the Diocese of Covington Senior Mass held for all high school seniors in the diocese last week.

"She is very deserving of this prestigious award for her dedication and commitment to our students and the many lives she has impacted in her career," said NDA Principal Mr. Jack VonHandorf. "Linda's passion and high standards have contributed to the success of many students and we are blessed to have her as a part of our staff. Please join me in congratulating her."



WORLD LANGUAGES NEWS ◀

Study and Volunteer Opportunities Abroad

Attention all students interested in summer study and volunteer opportunities abroad!! This Monday, September 28, during all lunches, a representative from International Studies Abroad will be here to offer information on such programs offered in seven different countries ranging from China to Spain to Costa Rica. The rep will be located right outside of the cafeteria, but if you are unable to meet with her, please visit their website studiesabroad.com/hs or visit Ms. Bill in room 212. Hope to see you there!!

FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

GOLF

Congratulations to our Panda Varsity Golfers on winning their conference yesterday with a score of 330! Today they play at Meadowood.

VOLLEYBALL

Freshman volleyball sweeps Lakota East in 2 sets. JV volleyball beats Lakota East in 3 sets and Varsity gets a win in 5 sets.

SOCCER

Freshman, JV and Varsity soccer play at Campbell County today.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Informational meeting for swimming and diving is Monday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m. at NDA in cafeteria.

NDA SENIOR SOCCER GAME! ◀

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 at 1:00 p.m.

Please come out to support your soccer pandas on Saturday at their game against Highlands!!! This game will also be benefitting Notre Dame Academy's Uganda Pandas & Unified for Uganda Club. Donations will be taken at the door and a basket for donations will be passed around during half-time and taken in order to support the two children in Uganda that we are sponsoring. Our goal by the end of the year is \$600. We thank you in advance for your support and donations!



It's not too late to make your reservation for the



Please join us in supporting the mission of NDA!

If you have not already done so, **PLEASE SEND IN YOUR RSVP** for the 2015 Autumn Gala or make a reservation by calling 859.292.1850.

EXCITING GALA NEWS ◀

Check out these amazing Gala opportunities...

- **Light My Fire** - Purchase a commemorative *Taste of NDA* koozie for a chance to win a Fire Pit filled with Spirits! Cost: \$10 a Koozie
- **Fun with the Nuns!** This might be the most irresistible item of the night! You and eleven guests of your choosing will join Sr. Paul Ann, Sr. Reina, Sr. Rachel, Sr. Dolores and Sr Ethel on the 4th floor for an evening of excitement. There will be serious appetizers, adult refreshments, a tour of the convent, spectacular entertainment including a special guest and just sheer fun.



- **Rescue Me** - Bid on a Certificate for an adoption of a dog/puppy or cat/kitten at the Kenton County animal shelter! This certificate will entitle you to pick out the newest member of your family. It also covers spay or neutering, rabies vaccine, basic shots and microchipping. You will also receive a free first checkup with Park Hills Animal Clinic and 3 nights stay at Almost Home Pet Resort for your pet.



Raise Your Panda Paw!

Our Panda Paw goal is to once again raise \$20,000 to be used towards the purchase of several items that support 21st Century Learning at NDA. These items are necessary components in expanding our science and technology programs and maintaining NDA's status as a premiere STEM high school. These resources would support many opportunities for NDA students to conduct research and engage in creative and collaborative projects that will expand their knowledge and critical thinking skills.

If you are unable to make it to this year's Gala but would like to support our Panda Paw, please call 859.292.1850.

POWERSCHOOL TIPS ◀

Did you know that parents may sign up for several different types of automated reports that can automatically be emailed to you as often as you choose without logging into PowerSchool

Once you have logged into PowerSchool, click the [Email Notification] tab on the left side. On the Email Notifications window you may select the checkbox to send a Summary of Current Grades and Attendance, a Detail Report Showing Assignment Scores for Each Class, a Detail Report of Attendance, or School Announcements. Please do not sign up for the Balance Alert report. We do not set the amount that triggers this report. We encourage you to use your PayPams account to look at lunch balances. Select how often you want to have the reports sent to your e-mail from the drop down list and confirm you email address is listed correctly. You may add additional email addresses as destinations if you like. Apply the other checkboxes as you wish and be sure to click the [Submit] button when you are finished.

It seems that the upgrade to version 9 of PowerSchool reset checked boxes back to being unchecked. If you had been receiving reports last year and aren't any longer, please go to the Email Notifications page and reselect your options.

If you have any questions related to PowerSchool, please contact Mr. Schlosser.

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER:

In the interest of keeping our students safe and our dismissal as easy as possible for everyone, PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE FIRE LANES. Please park in the theatre parking lot or in the student lot in a space.



PPC NEWS ◀

The Panda Parent Club invites you to join them in cheering on the NDA Soccer Pandas with a bowl of chili on Monday, September 28! Varsity will play at 5:00 p.m. and JV plays at 6:30 p.m.! Way to show our Panda Pride parents!



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.) Below is a list of upcoming visits.

September

23 Ohio Wesley University 1	1:15-12:30.
25 University of South Carolina	10:45-12:15
28 Regis University	10:45-12:15
29 Miami University Oxford	11:15-12:30
30 Miami University Oxford	11:15-12:30

October

1 Marian University	10:45-12:15
7 Mount St. Joseph University	11:15-12:30
9 Vanderbilt University	10:45-12:15

October cont.15 Brescia University

10:45-12:15	
15 Eastern Kentucky University	10:45-12:15
15 University of Louisville	10:45-12:15
15 Western Kentucky University	10:45-12:15
19 Otterbein University	10:45-12:15
21 Ohio Northern University	11:10-12:30
30 Denison University	10:45-11:30

NOVEMBER

9 Hanover College	10:45-12:15
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DO YOU KNOW A FUTURE PANDA? ◀

If you know future Panda who happens to be in 6th grade, invite her to the NDA 6th Grade Scavenger Hunt! All 6th grade girls are invited to NDA's annual Scavenger Hunt on Friday, September 25, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. You can find the registration form [HERE](#). Please return the Registration Form to the NDA Admissions Office by September 23.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Have you visited the Counseling and Student Services section of our website lately? There are all sorts of wonderful resources for parents and students there.



Here are a few Recommended Articles from the Counseling & Student Service Staff:

- [4 Tips to Setting Boundaries with Teens - Great Parent Resource!](#)
- [Tips for Freshman - "Freshman Follies" - Navigating the first year of High School](#)
- [Having the Talk with Your Child: Money and College \(Great for all grade levels\)](#)



An Informational Meeting about the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) will be held after school next Wednesday, September 30, in the NDA Library, and students who attended the program last summer will be there to share their experience. High School Sophomores and Juniors are eligible to apply for this free three-week-long residential experience scheduled to take place during the summer of 2016 on the campus of Centre College. Interested students can apply for one-day ArtShops beginning

October 1, or obtain more information via [Governor's School for the Arts](#) . Arts instruction is offered in nine areas:

Architecture & Design
Drama
New Media

Creative Writing
Instrumental Music
Visual Art

Dance
Musical Theater
Vocal Music



The Kentucky Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE) is a three-week summer residential program where students working in teams take an idea for a product or service and utilize science, engineering, art, math, and business skills to design a product and utilize a business model for it. An informational meeting for anyone interested in learning more about GSE will be held in the NDA school library after school on **Wednesday, October 7**, and some of last summer's GSE Entrepreneurs

will be there to share their experience. Application deadline is December 21. For more information, visit [Governor's School for Entrepreneurs](#) or [GSE Flier](#), or contact Mrs. Kathy Hildreth at hildrethk@ndapandas.org.

ACT Parent Meeting for TorchPrep information:

There is a parent meeting in the NDA Theatre tonight (Wednesday, September 23) at 7:00 p.m. TorchPrep, or also known as the ACT Boot Camp company, will be here to review the ACT and test prep options.

Women Making A Difference

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.

Important dates:

September 23	NDA & CCH ACT Parent Meeting
September 25	6th Grade Scavenger Hunt
September 26	The Autumn Gala - A Taste of NDA
September 27	SND Open House - St. Joseph Heights
September 30	Informational Coffee for Prospective Families
October 2	Grandparents's Mass
October 5	NDA Blood Drive
October 8	Shadow Day - St. Joseph, Crescent Springs Pep Rally
October 9	First Quarter Ends
October 9, 10, 11	Youth 2000
October 12	Non-Feeder School Shadow Day
October 13	St. Pius X Shadow Day
October 14	PSAT Testing Freshman Retreat
October 16	NO SCHOOL
October 16-18	Senior Retreat
October 21	Informational Coffee
October 22	National Honor Society Induction
October 23-25	Fall Play

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- NDA HOSTS 11th ANNUAL YOUTH 2000
- Sister of Notre Dame Open House
- St. Agnes Weekend
- Street Smartz

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

