



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

This has been an eventful week however, I'm beginning to realize that is the norm for Notre Dame Academy!

Students, faculty and staff members gathered in our theatre on Thursday to watch Pope Francis' televised address to the U.S Congress. The pope's message was one we all needed to hear, especially our future leaders. Among other things, he spoke about creating a better world for children and the importance of raising strong leaders with good convictions.

I would like to thank everyone who attended our Autumn Gala on Saturday. I thought it was a wonderful evening and I enjoyed the opportunity to speak with many parents and friends of NDA at the event. I am grateful to the parents and supporters who donated time, talent and treasure to make this year's Autumn Gala so successful.

Congratulations to our UgaNDA PaNDAs on their successful fundraiser this past weekend. I am quite impressed with our students and their commitment to serving others as well as their ability to execute such a successful event.

The PSAT for our current sophomores and juniors will be administered on October 14. Our Student Services Office sent information to our sophomores and juniors about the new PSAT test and format. Please note that students are no longer penalized or incorrect responses on the test. For juniors, this test will determine who qualifies for National Merit recognition. You can find more information regarding this test in the Student Services article below.

I will end today by wishing you all an early Happy Founders Day! October 1 is a special day for the Sisters of Notre Dame and our school. This day is SND Foundation Day commemorating the day our founders Hilligonde Wolbring and Elisabeth Kuhling began their religious life in Coesfeld, Germany. Hilligonde Wolbring became Sr. Maria Aloysia and Elisabeth Kuhling became Sr. Maria Ignatia and they began the SND order in Coesfeld. These young women were dedicated to providing an education to the many young girls of their region with little to no access to an education.

At NDA, we agree with Pope Francis' sentiments from last week regarding religious women in the U.S. We respect and appreciate their "spirit of hard work" and we too ask, "What would the Church be without you?" Tomorrow we will remember the courage, faith and commitment of the founders of the Sisters of Notre Dame and give thanks that they began a tradition of excellence in education and service to others. They truly are the beginning of our story of God's goodness!

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Sharing a sandwich, touching a life!

Hilligonde Wolbring shared her sandwich with a student. God worked through her to help the poor and called her to begin the Sisters of Notre Dame. She shared her dream with Elisabeth Kuhling. Together they spread God's goodness and provident care around the world.



STUDENT LIFE

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, the phone will be confiscated, and 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.



UgaNDA PaNDAs START SMALL BUT MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE ◀

The UgaNDA PaNDAs club has teamed up with a non-profit organization called Unified for Uganda, which raises money to send children in Uganda to school for a year. The club decided to start small and sponsor two children at a cost of \$600 total. They had their first fundraiser at the soccer games this Saturday, September 26, where they versed Highlands. They sold soccer jerseys from Uganda and merchandise that was handmade out of newspaper. They also went around during half time collecting donations. At the end of all three games the girls ended up collecting a total of \$728.10! Way to go girls!

PLEASE PRAY WITH US ◀

There will be a Prayer Service, including a rosary, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 5, at St. Joseph Church in Crescent Springs for Dr. Pat Birrer, the father of NDA junior Kimmy, 2014 NDA graduates Holly and Rachel and CCH junior Noah.

October 5 is the Feast Day of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, to whom we are praying for his intercession to God for Dr. Birrer's cure. All are invited to attend!

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE PRAYER SERVICE, we ask that you keep this prayer with you and **PRAY IT WITH US AT 7 P.M. ON OCTOBER 5** so we can storm heaven all at the same time!

O MY GOD, I TRULY BELIEVE YOU ARE PRESENT WITH ME. I ADORE YOUR LIMITLESS PERFECTIONS. I THANK YOU FOR THE GRACES AND GIFTS YOU GAVE TO BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS. IF IT IS YOUR HOLY WILL, PLEASE LET HIM BE DECLARED A SAINT OF THE CHURCH SO THAT OTHERS MAY KNOW AND IMITATE HIS HOLY LIFE. THROUGH HIS PRAYERS PLEASE GIVE ME THIS FAVOR: THE COMPLETE CURE OF DR. PAT BIRRER'S CANCER.



PPC NEWS ◀

The Panda Parent Club invites you to their next meeting on Tuesday, October 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Meeting Room.

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](#).



INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

Cloud Debate

Freshmen in Mr. Lander's Technology & Communication classes squared off last week in a spirited debate about cloud computing. After the class researched the cloud computing capabilities offered by Apple, Microsoft, and Google, they formed teams and advocated for a particular product .

Classmates determined which teams advanced, and after the dust settled from the finals the classes voted for their Cloud Champions. Congratulations to Elizabeth Arlinghaus, Kara Brunot, Onali Fernando, Nicole Heuker, and Lauren Quigley from section 01, and Tianna Browning, Claire James, Angela Kyntchev, and Emily Latz from section 02.

Everyone learned more about how to better utilize iCloud Drive, Office 365, and Google Drive in their note-taking, collaboration, and classroom workflow, and most formed their own opinion by the end of the debates. Kara Brunot defended her preference of Google based on free storage, "Apple does not give you much storage to begin with compared to Google and Microsoft." Angela summed it up by saying "I love google drive, it helps me to get work done fast and easily." Onali favored Google and Microsoft because they "store documents and make them accessible across multiple platforms." Overall the students in both classes voted Google to be their favorite cloud computing option.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

GOLF

Good luck to our Panda golfers as they continue with regionals today at 3:00 p.m. at AJ Jolly.

VOLLEYBALL

Congrats to our volleyball Pandas - Freshmen, JV and Varsity all defeated Holy Cross yesterday.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our Cross Country Pandas hosted the diocese in the rain and finished first!

SOCCER

Our JV and Varsity soccer Pandas will take on Ryle at home today for Future Panda Night and the dedication of the press box.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Attention Aqua Pandas: If any student is interested in participating on this year's swim and dive team, there will be an informational meeting on Monday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Please attend with at least 1 parent if you are interested.

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY

As the Fall Sports Pep Rally quickly approaches (next Thursday) we have a very exciting opportunity for all of you! We have set aside time for students to cut their hair and donate it to Pantene!! This is a very exciting opportunity to partake in! If you would like to participate, you would need to fill a permission slip out ([CLICK HERE to DOWNLOAD](#)) and turn it into the office by 3:00 p.m. this Friday, October 2. The requirements are all in the permission form!



WINTER PRODUCTION AUDITIONS ◀

Announcing auditions for our winter production, *The Snow Queen!* Auditions will be on October 7 and 9, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Dance auditions will **ONLY** be on the October 7, so please come that day if you wish to dance in the production. Performances will be December 4-6. *The Snow Queen* is a re-telling of the famous Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale. This will be a cut show. Please email stinec@ndapandas.org with any questions!

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 Friday, 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.



BAMBOOTIQUE OPEN FOR YOUR GRANDPARENTS! ◀

Please let your grandparents know that on Friday, October 2, the Bambootique will be open at our normal time from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and will remain open until 3 p.m. in case any of you would like to send them in to purchase an item or two for their grandchildren or for themselves. Thanks!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

PSAT Testing for Sophomores and Juniors:

The sophomores and juniors will be taking the PSAT (practice SAT)/National Merit State Qualifying Test (NMSQT is only applicable to juniors) on Wednesday, October 14. This would normally be a late start day but due to having to take the test, sophomore and junior students will need to be here no later than 8:00 a.m. This date is a date that PSAT chooses not NDA. I have sent out information to the students about the new PSAT test and the differences from years past in format. One big change is that the student is not penalized for incorrect responses. Please visit the PSAT website for more information about the test. [Collegeboard \(PSAT\) website](#)



FROM 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

A la carte Items (Prices may vary):

Bagels

Fresh Fruit

Ice Cream

Snacks (Chips, Cookies, Granola Bar, etc.)

Soup

Yogurt

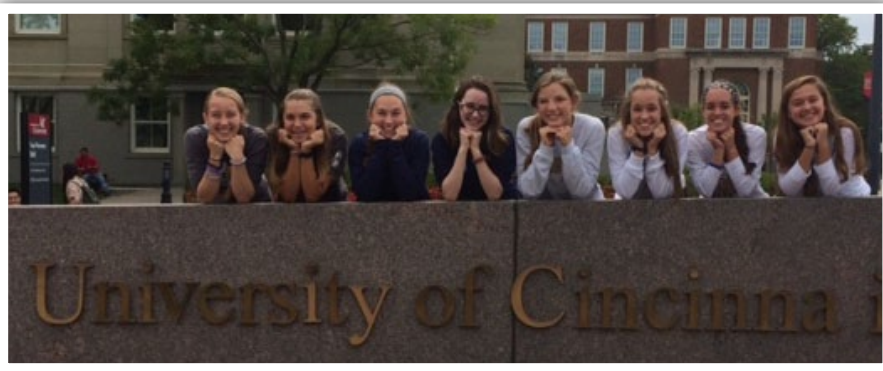
If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Karen Brungs

Cafeteria Manager

PANDAS PARTICIPATE IN STUDENT SERVICE LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP ◀



On Friday, Sept. 25, 8 of our pandas joined 750 other high school students at UC for the Mayer-son Foundation Student Service Leadership Workshop. The day was filled with break out sessions and keynote speakers highlighting possible service projects. Students also took part in discussion groups where they could brainstorm with other high school students about effective fundraising and service programming. Some of the break out sessions our students took part in were: Hidden: The Story of 32 Milling Invisible People (presented by an NDA Alumnae - Hannah Terry Knox), Raise

It: Making Fundraisers work, The Six Conversations: Conversations that matter, Beyond the Box: Hunger & Homelessness awareness & City-Wide Shantytown, Lead On! Camp Joy, New Voices: Serving through Story Telling and many more. Our students were energized and excited to bring what they learned back to NDA for future service events. Special thanks to Junior, Liz Urban who facilitated a discussion group on Friday. Participants were: Seniors, Christa Saelinger & Shannon Saelinger, Juniors: Abby Kelly, Liz Urban, Emily Beiersdorfer, Sophomores: Maria Danneman, Caitlyn Zieleniewski & Ashley Wright. Faculty: Mrs. Amber Grayson and Mrs. Bridget Price

THANK YOU FOR Supporting the Mission of NDA!



A very special “thank you” to all of our parents and friends who attended this year’s Autumn Gala! Thanks also to our Corporate and Event Sponsors as well as the participating restaurants and caterers who helped to make this event the tastiest ever! You can check out a list of them [HERE](#).

Finally, thank you to our Gala Chairs Leanne Kirn, JoAnn Rigney ‘93 and Erin Yung, as well as Advancement Associate Jan Gilliam ‘00, our faculty, student and family volunteers, and our wonderful alumnae who were so generous in supporting Notre Dame Academy!



FRUIT SALE 2015 ◀

Friday, October 9 is the kick off for the fruit sale. Your daughter will be bringing home her packet of information and instructions. This year the order form that the girls will be using will be online. There are no paper forms. The customer can pay with check or cash, as in the past.



Fruit Sale Information

Selling Time: October 9 – 29

1. The fruit sale helps support the entire athletic program with no tuition money used for sports. Your daughter needs to sell at least 12 boxes. We hope that everyone does not stop at 12 boxes but continues to sell even more. The fruit sale, golf outing, and Panda 250 are the support of the athletic program.

2. We sell fruit in 2/5 size boxes. The Florida navels and tangelos are delivered direct from the groves, the grapefruit may come from either Florida or Texas, and the apples direct from the Washington state orchards. All this said, it is barring “an act of God.”

We will replace any bad fruit until December 10, even one bad piece! Bring in the bad fruit and it will be replace.

These are approximate quantities in each box:

Red Grapefruit	\$25 (about 18-20 pieces)
Tangelos	\$25 (about 30-40 pieces)
Navels (seedless)	\$28 (about 20-30 pieces)
Red Delicious Apples	\$29 (40 pieces)
Gift/Mixed Box	\$30 (includes grapefruit (about 6), navels (about 8), & apples (about 12))

3. Fruit trucks will arrive at school December 4 for unloading and packing the mixed boxes with pickup and delivery to customers 12/5 & 12/6. Exchanges and additional purchases will be made until 12/10. All money is due by 12/11.

4. The girls can hand in the copies of their orders to Mrs. Schmidt who is in the foyer every morning 7:30-8:00 a.m. She will need to print a copy for each order to hand in to me.

5. Mrs. Schmidt has names of past customer if you have trouble selling the fruit. The girls can stop in the morning or at their lunch to get names.

6. The money does not have to be collected until the delivery of the fruit. When handing in the payment for orders, please include the copy of the order for verification of payment. You may need to make a copy for the customers as their receipt.

7. We ask that all parents and students work at least a 2-hour shift the weekend the fruit arrives.

Last year's sale netted \$76,000+ for the athletic program. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and help with this project.

If you have any questions you can reach Mrs. Schmidt at (859) 292-1831 Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.



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.

October

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

NOVEMBER

9 Hanover College	10:45-12:15
9 DePauw University	10:45-12:15

TEAM SHANNANIGANS IS BACK! ◀

NDA 2015 graduate Shannon Wilson is reuniting the Shannanigans for the UC Walk Ahead for a Brain Tumor Cure. This year, Team Shannanigans may be a bit smaller, but Shannon would love any Panda support. The walk is on Sunday, October 25 at 8:00 a.m. at Sawyer Point again and is a 5K. Proceeds go to tumor research and patient education programs. If you are interested in signing up for Shannon's team, go to <http://www.walkahead.org> and click 'Join a Team' and from there you will choose Shannanigans. The \$35 registration fee goes up to \$40 on Thursday, October 1. Shannon sends a big "hello" and "thanks for the support!"

Important dates:

September 30	Informational Coffee for Prospective Families GSA Meeting in Library - 2:45 p.m. Press Box Dedication on Soccer Field - 4:45 p.m. Soccer Gradeschool Night - 5:00 p.m.
October 1	Happy Foundation Day to the Sisters of Notre Dame of Coesfeld, Germany!
October 2	Grandparents's Mass - 1:00 p.m.
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 11	NDA Golden Girls Celebration
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
October 27	Blessed Sacrament Shadow Day

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Blessed Sacrament School OPEN HOUSE - Sunday, October 4
- St. Agnes WEEKEND! October 2 - 4
- NDA HOSTS 11th ANNUAL YOUTH 2000 - October 9-11
- Street Smartz

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

