



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

We are off to a running start this school year. It's amazing how quickly we have all gotten back to our routines. I hope things are going well for your daughters so far this school year!

On Friday we gathered for our first Mass of the school year and it was quite a joyful celebration. Fr. Hennigen spoke to our community about our 2018-19 theme: ***Becoming Fully Alive Through Education and Love***. He said that "When we live in the truth of God and live in God's love, we will live life to the fullest."

We had our first Panda Parent Club meeting of the school year this past Monday. I would like to thank everyone who attended and encourage all of our parents to join us on the second Monday of each month from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the faculty conference room for our meetings. There are many opportunities for NDA parents to volunteer for various events and committees. If you have not already sent in your PPC Parent Volunteer Form, you can find the form [HERE](#).

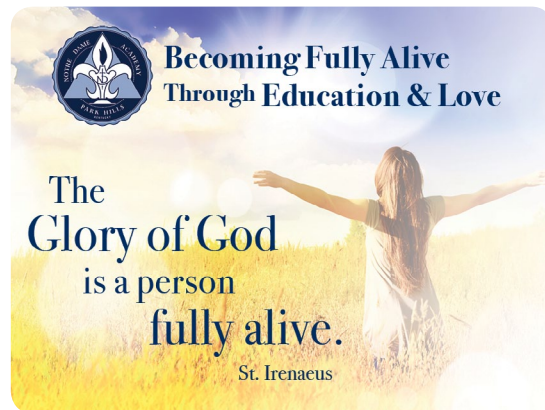
A couple of important reminders for parents:

- **Parent Mini Night** is scheduled for next Wednesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. Students will provide the Parent Mini Night schedules early next week. ALSO, due to mini-night school will begin at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, September 20.
- This summer, everyone in the Notre Dame Academy community had the reading assignment: *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Next Wednesday, September 19, we will host our fifth **Common Reader Day** at NDA. On that day, we will come together to participate in activities and discussions that will illuminate the many concepts of this year's common reader.
- **Afternoon Pick-Up notes:** When picking up your daughter after school, please do not park in the fire lane located in the front of school or in the back of our parking lot in the spots that are reserved for St. Joseph Heights and Julie Learning Center (these spots are unnumbered). Please park in a numbered spot and advise your daughter to meet you at the car.

I am privileged to witness our students living life to the fullest each and every day throughout our campus. 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 Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Parent Mini Night Schedule

Students will provide the Parent Mini Night schedules early next week. Mini night is on Wednesday, September 19 and is an opportunity for parents to walk through their daughters' schedules and to meet each of her teachers. First period begins at 7:00 p.m. that evening. Due to Parent Mini-Night, **school will begin at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, September 20.**

### Common Reader Day - Wednesday, September 19

This summer, everyone in the Notre Dame Academy community had the reading assignment: *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. In this book, Sue Monk Kidd presents a masterpiece of hope, daring, the quest for freedom, and the desire to have a voice in the world.

Kidd's sweeping novel is set in motion on Sarah's eleventh birthday, when she is given ownership of ten year old Handful, who is to be her handmaid. We follow their remarkable journeys over the next thirty five years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement and the uneasy ways of love.

As the stories build to a riveting climax, Handful will endure loss and sorrow, finding courage and a sense of self in the process. Sarah will experience crushed hopes, betrayal, unrequited love, and ostracism before leaving Charleston to find her place alongside her fearless younger sister, Angelina, as one of the early pioneers in the abolition and women's rights movements.

Inspired by the historical figure of Sarah Grimke, Kidd goes beyond the record to flesh out the rich interior lives of all of her characters, both real and invented, including Handful's cunning mother, Charlotte, who courts danger in her search for something better.

This exquisitely written novel is a triumph of storytelling that looks with unswerving eyes at a devastating wound in American history, through women whose struggles for liberation, empowerment, and expression will leave no reader unmoved.

This is the fifth year that everyone in the NDA community has been invited to share in a common reader experience. Next Wednesday, we come together to participate in activities and discussions that will illuminate the many concepts of this year's common reader.



**Important note: Delayed Start next Wednesday and Thursday**

### Club Orientation

Club Orientation is this Friday afternoon! During this time, all Pandas will learn about the 30+ clubs and activities available at Notre Dame Academy. Clubs and activities are wonderful opportunities for all Pandas to develop their interests, give back to the community, make new friends and have fun. All students are encouraged to take part in the fun by joining at least one club or activity this year. A huge thank you to NDA's Student Council for hosting this event.



### Hawaiian Mixer

The first Mixer, hosted by Student Council, will take place at NDA on Friday, September 28 from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. All students are welcome to attend!

### Freshmen Homeroom Representative Elections

If you are a freshman and would like to serve as a Student Council Homeroom Representative, you must attend the informational meeting on Wednesday, September 19 where you will receive and application to apply. The meeting begins at 8:15 a.m. in the Choral Room. The application must be completed before a student is able to run for office. Elections will take place at the end of October. Are you a freshman looking to develop your leadership skills, guide your homeroom and help facilitate school wide activities? Then this is the position for you!



## WELCOME! ◀

Please join us in welcoming Cathy Smith to the NDA community. Cathy has joined NDA as the new Technology Director. Her office will be in the new Collaborative Learning Center.



## NEW FACULTY MEMBERS ◀

Welcome to the following new faculty members:

Mrs. Lauren Garrett '06 will be teaching British Literature, American Literature and Freshman English. She recently taught at Covington Catholic High School. Mrs. Garrett graduated from the University of Louisville with a Bachelor of Arts in English and then earned her Masters of Education from Xavier University.

Mrs. Hothem, class of 2000, has a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communications and Psychology from Miami University and she holds a masters degree from Northwestern University in Secondary English Education. Her most recent teaching position was at Highland Park High School in Highland Park, Illinois. Mrs. Hothem will be teaching Support Strategies to Juniors and Senior Success Strategies in our Academic Enhancement Program.

Ms. Elizabeth Barnes will be teaching Latin and English. Ms. Barnes recently taught at Walsingham Academy in Williamsburg Virginia. She graduated from the University of Florida where she double majored in Classical Studies and English Literature. She holds a masters degree from the University of Kentucky in Classics and an additional masters degree from the University of Cincinnati in Classical Philology. She is excited to be back in the greater Cincinnati area.

Mrs Heidrich '05 will be teaching a variety of Social Studies classes along with a Tech/Comm class for our incoming freshman. She comes to us from Mount Notre Dame in Ohio. She was a double major at Loyola University Chicago, earning degrees in both History and Anthropology. She holds a Masters Degree from the University of Miami (Florida) in History along with a masters in Education from Xavier University. Laura and her husband recently welcomed their first child Collette into the world back in May. She is the proud mother of a future Panda.

## ROW, ROW, ROW PANDAS! ◀

Members of the Cincinnati Junior Rowing Club introduced the sport to our freshman P.E. classes this week.



## INTERESTED IN TRAVELING TO ITALY? ◀

Interested in traveling to Italy? We still have spots left on this summer's trip! We will be visiting Rome, Florence, Venice, and more! **There will be a parent meeting for anyone still interested in signing up for the trip on Thursday, September 13 at 6:30 pm in Alumnae Hall.** We will discuss the travel itinerary, costs, and how to sign up for the trip. If you are not able to attend the meeting, but are interested in signing up for the trip please email Mrs. Wagner at [wagnerk@ndapandas.org](mailto:wagnerk@ndapandas.org). We hope to see you there!

## NDA's NEWEST ALUMNA ◀

Although Margaret Ann Koeninger was offered a four-year scholarship to Notre Dame Academy in 1943, she was unable to take advantage of the opportunity to attend NDA or receive a high school diploma until now. On Monday, Notre Dame Academy President Dr. Laura Koehl and Principal Mr. Jack VonHandorf made a surprise presentation of an honorary NDA diploma to Margaret Ann (Koeninger) Zink-Fritsch at Rosedale Green Senior Care facility.

Upon graduating from St. Stephens Catholic Grade School in 1943, Margie was excited to be offered a four-year scholarship to Notre Dame Academy however, the family could not afford Margie's transportation. At the time, it would have cost a nickel to ride the crosstown bus from Newport to NDA but Margie's father was laid off from work and regrettably she was unable to attend NDA or receive a high school diploma. At age 15, Margie accepted a position at Wadsworth Electric in Covington as the secretary to the purchasing department president. Being the eldest of 8 children, she was also expected (and relied upon) to help out at home. Any wages earned from Wadsworth were welcomed by her parents. She worked there for 7 years.

Margie later married and became the mother of 12 children. After a lifetime of focusing on her family and dedicating herself to serving others in her community, Margie has lived with the disappointment of not earning and receiving a high school diploma. When the Sisters of Notre Dame and Notre Dame Academy heard of Margie's frustration, a resolution was created and approved to award Margie with an honorary diploma.

"Like many NDA graduates, Margie has spent her life as a servant leader dedicating herself to family, church and community. Margie is a woman who has made an impactful difference in the world and we are proud to have her join our 10,000 plus alumnae around the world," said NDA President Dr. Laura Koehl.



## CAFETERIA NEWS ◀

While the kitchen is still under construction and students need to pack their lunches for now, parents may want to go to PAY-PAMS to check their daughter's balance. Snacks and drinks are now available for purchase in the cafeteria but students will need money in their accounts to purchase these items.



## Northern Kentucky Regional College Fair

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

NKU and TMC invite high school students and their families to attend the 2018 Northern Kentucky Regional College Fair. The annual college fair will be held in NKU's Votruba Student Union Ballroom. Over 75 colleges and universities from around the nation will be on hand to share information and answer questions. You can find more information [HERE](#).

## Next ACT: Oct. 27, 2018

The next ACT is on Saturday, October 27. Seniors...This is the last ACT that many colleges will take. Juniors...this might be a good ACT for you to take if you are available on this Saturday. Deadline to register without a fee: Sept. 28. To Register: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Questions: Contact our [NDA Academic Counselors](#).

## University of Dayton Open House Events

Sept. 30 or Nov. 11 | 2-4 p.m.

Hear about UD's 80-plus academic programs and get tips for choosing a major. Families will also chat with current students, tour campus, and learn about admission and financial aid. This is for any grade level. For more information and to RSVP: [Sunday Open House Events](#).

## Regional College Night in Louisville

October 4, 2018 | 7 - 9 p.m.

This fall, the University of Notre Dame, the University of Virginia, Washington University in St. Louis, Johns Hopkins, and Emory University will host an evening program in Louisville for prospective students. You can find more information [HERE](#).



## 2018-19 College Rep Visits at NDA

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch periods. Below is a list of upcoming visits.

### SEPTEMBER

17 UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA 

TUSCALOOSA

18 CENTRE COLLEGE 

20 UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY 

24 BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY 

MIDWAY UNIVERSITY 

25 BUTLER UNIVERSITY 

26 HANOVER COLLEGE 

MIAMI UNIVERSITY OXFORD 

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA HUNTSVILLE 

27 UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE 

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY 

### OCTOBER

1 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 

3 BALDWIN WALLACE UNIVERSITY 

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI 

11 UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON 

15 PENNSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY 

THOMAS MORE COLLEGE 

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY 

26 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME (10:49-11:25) 



## Governor's Scholars Program (GSP)

GSP is a 5-week summer residential program for outstanding KY students after completing their 11th grade of high school. Established in 1983, the program provides academic and personal growth through a strong liberal arts program balanced with a full co-curricular and residential life experience while living on a KY college campus. Students complete an application and compete with others from across the state. The Program's mission is to enhance Kentucky's next generation of civic and economic leaders. Those selected attend the program free of charge. Visit the [GSP website](#) for current information.

**A GSP Informational Meeting will be held on Thursday September 20 at 3:15 p.m. in Alumnae Hall** for those interested in learning more. Application deadline for NDA students is November 16. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.



## Governor's School for the Arts (GSA)

GSA is a free arts-intensive three-week residential summer program held on the campus of Centre College in Danville, KY for Kentucky student artists who are in 10th and 11th grades at the time of application. GSA offers instruction and immersion in nine different art forms: Architecture, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Instrumental Music, Musical Theater, New Media, Visual Art, and Vocal Music.

Information Session: Thursday, September 27 in Alumnae Hall

### GSA 2019 Application Launch: October 3

Application deadline: January 11

For current information visit the [GSA Website](#)

Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.



## Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE)

GSE exposes young aspiring entrepreneurs to the mind-set, culture, innovative thinking and skills necessary to start a company. This free 3-week summer residential program gives Kentucky high school students (in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades at the time of application) a hands-on opportunity to turn their ideas into business opportunities.

Visit the [GSE Website](#) for more information. **There will be an Informational Meeting on Thursday October 4 at 3:15 in Alumnae Hall.** The 2019 GSE Application will launch on November 1, 2018. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions. Application deadline: January 11

## Divorce Group

Support groups will be forming for students whose families have experienced divorce or other non-traditional formations and would like support. Divorce groups meet once a week for 5 weeks each semester, and are scheduled on a rotating basis so that no one misses any class more than once a semester. Divorce Groups are organized by grade level, and will begin in late September. If you think your daughter would benefit from participation in Divorce Group, please contact Mrs. Kathy Hildreth or Mrs. Maggard.



## FINALLY! A true PREVENTION PLAN for teens to rely on to remain drug free and GET REWARDED for it!

Submit your application before Sept. 28 and be entered in an Early Bird Drawing for a nice prize!

- Students become DFCA members after passing a simple, confidential drug test.
- Members can rely on testing as an "out" for drug related situations by saying, "I can't, I might get tested".
- Although the test is done at school, only parents receive test results.
- Parents are notified through email of perfect club moments to talk about drugs.
- Members receive a full color photo ID card that unlocks positive reinforcement of their good choices, and show their cards to local merchants for "rewards" to recognize their drug free lifestyle.
- Retesting of random members is determined by a DFCA computer program and continues throughout the school year.
- As long as members remain drug free, the rewards continue and...

...Saying "I can't" stops peer pressure in its tracks!

If you never start using drugs, you never have to stop!

Cost is only \$25/year...

but, if you join as a Freshman and pay for 3 years, your 4th/Senior year is Free!!

Applications for Notre Dame Academy's Drug Free Club are available on the [Drug Free Clubs website](#), through a link on the NDA [Back to School page](#), and in the Main school office and the Counselor's Quad.

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

### Required Athletic Forms

All Winter and Spring Athletes are required to turn in a KHSAA 4 page physical. In addition each athlete must turn in the 1 page St. Elizabeth Trainer Authorization Form. All 5 pages must be turned in before an athlete may participate in a sport at NDA.

The forms can be found on our website under Athletics / Athletics Information and forms. Or you can use the two links below:

[KHSAA Physical](#)

[St. Elizabeth Authorization of Health Information Form](#)

### NDA Athletic Hall of Fame

NDA will host an NDA Athletic Hall of Fame induction next spring. You can nominate a deserving athlete here:

<https://www.ndapandas.org/athletics/hall-of-fame.aspx>



## PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE

*St. Elizabeth Healthcare Game of the Month*

### NDA VS. ST. HENRY Volleyball



#### Sunday, September 16

**Team Dinner & Uniform Release**, 4 p.m. at The Roebing Room at Smoke Justis.  
*Gathering of both teams to kick off week of events at 302 Court Street, Covington.*

#### Monday, September 17

**Donatos Pizza Benefit** at the Erlanger Donatos Pizza, 3044 Dixie Highway.

#### Wednesday, September 19

**Skyline Chili Benefit** at the Fort Wright Skyline Chili, 1730 Dixie Highway.

*20% of sales from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. will benefit I Have Wings.*

Janet to speak during lunch blocks at **NDA**, from approximately 10:45 to 12:30.

#### Friday, September 21

Playing for a Purpose Pep Rally at NDA from 2:30 to 3.

**Playing for a Purpose matches at Connor Convocation Center, Thomas More.**

*Gates to open at 4 p.m., with games at 5, 6 and 7:30, respectively.*

*All tickets are \$5, with no passes accepted.*

*Tickets will only be sold at the gate that day.*

## SMILES AND MILES ◀

In loving memory of NDA grads Maria Schaffstein and Katie Stewart, please consider participating in this year's 5k run or walk and enjoy the after race celebration too!



**SMILES & MILES**  
2018  
IN HONOR OF  
Maria Schaffstein  
5K  
WALK

**Save THE DATE**  
Sunday September 16, 2018

*For the annual Maria Schaffstein Smiles & Miles run/walk benefiting the children of St. Agnes & the annual Katie Stewart Memorial Frog Hop.*

Registration and race information can be found...  
smilesandmilesmaria Facebook  
www.runningtime.net  
www.School.Saintagnes.com

## ALUMNAE DAY ◀

We are having our 2nd annual Alumnae Day on September 29, 2018! This year will be having Basketball and Soccer in addition to the Volleyball tournament. We encourage all ages to participate whether you are just socializing and/or competing in the games!



## ALUMNAE PANDA PERK ◀

Alums, enjoy your next Panda Perk Event at Pure Barre Fort Wright! The perk? One free class just for being an alumna! Any time that works best for you from September 2-15. To sign up, use [this link](#). Use promocode NDA2018 at checkout to get your FREE class!



**September 2-15**  
Ft. Wright, KY

## SAVE THE DATE ◀

Planning for the Gala is in full swing, and the committees are working hard to once again provide an incredible and memorable experience for all. **Last year this event was sold out so be sure to purchase your tickets early! You should be receiving your invitation in the mail soon!**

The 2018 Autumn Gala will be held on **Saturday, October 13 at Summit Hills Country Club**. It will feature cocktails, a gourmet sit-down dinner, specialty raffles, Keepsake Photos, Signature Cocktails, and enhanced Live and Silent Auction items. An open bar will be available throughout the evening.



This year we are excited to offer a new game, **The Golden Ticket**. The Golden Ticket offers a chance for you and a friend to win a trip to New York City (**airfare included**) in early December to see **Hamilton** on Broadway!



## ▶ Important dates

September 13	Northern Kentucky Health Careers Showcase Field Trip
September 13	Parent Meeting for 2019 Italy trip
September 14	Club Orientation/Food Truck Day
September 17	Senior Mass at the Cathedral
September 19	Informational Coffee
	Common Reader Day
	Parent Mini-Night
September 20	Delayed Start
	Blessed Sacrament Shadow Day
September 21	Fall Sports Pep Rally
September 25	St. Joe's Shadow Day
September 26	Donor Breakfast
September 28	Mid-quarter
September 28	Naturalization Ceremony in Theatre
September 29	Alumnae Day
October 1	Foundations Day
October 2	St. Pius X Shadow Day
October 3	Rho Kappa Induction
October 5	Picture Day
October 7	Golden Girls
October 8	Non-Feeder Shadow Day
October 10	Super Wednesday
October 11	JR Retreat
October 12	No School: PD (Youth 2000 begins)
October 13	Autumn Gala

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Cincinnati Junior Rowing Club Fall Open House
- Catechist Day of Reflection

You can find a complete list of community news [HERE](#).

