



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

This past Friday the NDA community celebrated Grandparent's Day with a special liturgy led by our chaplain, Msgr. William Cleves. It was a pleasure to welcome over 500 grandparents for this special service! We acknowledged their commitment to Catholic education and let each of them know they are an important part of our story of God's goodness.

Congratulations to our October Student of the month, Annie Cheeseman. In addition to serving as a Peer Minister at NDA, she is also involved in many clubs. Annie is an excellent student and is described by her teachers as "genuinely Christ-like." Below you can find a link to our website to read more about Annie.

Tomorrow we will welcome 8th grade students from St. Joseph School in Crescent Springs for the first of our Shadow Days. There are several other Shadow Days planned in the coming weeks. We look forward to welcoming 8th graders from schools in our area and letting them see first hand the many opportunities offered at NDA. Students from public schools in the area can shadow on October 12. If you know a young lady who would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please have her contact Katie Caccavari in the Admissions Office at 859.292.1829.

Our Volleyball Pandas will take on the St. Henry Crusaders tomorrow evening at Thomas More College. The students are "Playing for a Purpose" and I am very proud of their passion for helping others. An important element of a Notre Dame education is forming young women who understand that life is lived well when it is lived generously in the service of others.

This Friday we will kick-off the annual fruit sale to support our athletic program. All student athletes will be selling fruit to support the program and their teams. 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. You can get further information regarding the fruit sale below. Thank you to Mrs. Jan Schmidt for spearheading this effort! Please consider supporting this important activity by purchasing a box of fruit for yourself or as gifts for friends.

Please take a moment to watch the video linked in our Instructional Technology Update below. Notre Dame Academy has had a long tradition of success in STEM related areas. As you will see in the video, we continue to bring innovation in education to our students. We realize that to be effective in the 21st century, our students must be able to create, evaluate, and effectively utilize information, media and technology. Thanks to our SWAT team members who helped put the video together to show our parents that in this globally competitive information age, teaching our students the skills to navigate complex work and life environments is critical to their success.

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

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Leadership Conference

Last Wednesday, Juniors Jay Mullaguru, Dymond Robinson and Katie Hellmann attended a leadership conference at the University of Dayton. About 2000 students from Northern Kentucky and Ohio attended the pep-rally style event that brought together student leaders and advisers from multiple schools. The conference's focus was to promote leadership skills and to inspire students to change the culture of their schools in a positive way. The conference featured professional speaker, Mike Smith, Founder and Executive Director of a non-profit indoor skate park/youth outreach center called THE BAY and its offshoot, Skate For Change. Both non-profits have received national acclaim.



Date Change

Please note the Remembrance Mass has been rescheduled to Friday, November 6.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR SENIORS ◀

Seniors: If you haven't had your senior drape photos taken or made an appointment for a sitting, please contact Prestige Portraits this week at 859-578-0110. Prestige is currently scheduling sessions for late October, so don't delay in getting yours lined up!



INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

21st Century Learning at NDA!

If you are an NDA alumna, you are likely to remember the clickety-clack sounds of the many typewriters in room 102. As you can well imagine, those sounds as well as the typewriters they came from, are long gone. If you walk down the first floor hall of NDA these days, you will be amazed at not only what you hear - but also what you see happening in room 102! Take a look [HERE!](#)

We would like to thank everyone who supported our efforts to expand our science and technology programs and donated to this year's Panda Paw at the Autumn Gala. The resources that will be purchased with the money raised through the Panda Paw support many opportunities for NDA students to conduct research and engage in creative and collaborative projects that will expand their knowledge and critical thinking. These items are necessary components in expanding our science and technology programs and maintaining NDA's status as a premiere STEM high school.



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!



PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE!

NDA Pandas vs. St. Henry Crusaders

Thursday, October 8

Pep Rally 2:15 p.m. at NDA

Freshmen 5:00 p.m. | JV 6:00 p.m. | Varsity 7:30 p.m.
at Thomas More College



STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

OCTOBER - ANNIE CHEESEMAN

Congratulations to our October Student of the Month - Annie Cheeseman. Annie is a senior at NDA who not only enjoys learning about the problems in the world in her Current Issues Class but also how she can change the world. You can read all about Annie on our website [HERE](#).

Where do we see God..



FRESHMEN RELIGION STUDENTS TAKE THE WEEKEND CHALLENGE A STEP FURTHER ◀

Most of us live by our “to do” lists whether they include chores around the house, homework, or classroom lesson plans. Since the beginning of the school year, Mrs. Johnson’s freshmen Religion students have taken what they have learned in the classroom for the week and developed a weekend challenge that they agree to implement over the weekend. On Monday class begins with students sharing examples of meeting the specific challenge.

A few weeks ago, despite the “to do” list called a lesson plan, Mrs. Johnson forgot to get student input for the weekend challenge. However, one of her three classes surprised her with an inspiring idea. During the time on Monday set

aside to discuss the success of the weekend challenge, the class suggested that each member use her iPad to take pictures of how they see God in their daily lives. Freshman Lauren Meese, volunteered to use the app called Flipagram to make a virtual collage of student ideas which she also set to music. <http://flipagram.com/f/cv3OxF7gC7>

Lauren also made a collage to hang in the classroom as a daily reminder that God is ever present in our lives through other people, nature, and even our family pets! Next week after each class has written and illustrated prayers from the heart, volunteers will again use Flipagram to showcase the students’ hard work. These projects will be on display at the Open House in November.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

GOLF

Good luck to our Panda golfers as they heads to state today to compete Friday and Saturday at bowling green country club.

VOLLEYBALL

Freshman, JV and Varsity volleyball all beat Connor last night. Freshmen and JV volleyball take on Holmes tonight at Holmes.\

Playing for a Purpose: Freshmen, JV and Varsity volleyball take on the St. Henry Crusaders at Thomas More College Thursday, October 8 at 5, 6, and 7:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Here is the schedule for NDA Basketball tryouts:

10/15:

Anyone Interested: 3 - 4:30 p.m. Optional open practice

10/19:

Freshman: 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Sophomores - Seniors: 4:30 - 6 p.m.

10/20:

Freshman 4-6 p.m.

Sophomores-Seniors: 6-8 p.m.

*If you have an athlete that cannot make these tryout times but is interested in trying out please email Wyatt Foust at foustw@ndapandas.org.



SEEKING BOWLERS!

The NDA varsity bowling team still has spots that need to be filled. If you are interested please email the coach Michelle Wagner at wag-ner@ndapandas.org

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](#)



Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts online [GSA Application](#) will be open to high school Sophomores and Juniors on October 14. Check out their new [GSA 2016 e-Brochure](#).

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

Creative Writing

Dance

Drama

Instrumental Music

Musical Theatre

New Media

Visual Art

Vocal Music



The Kentucky Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE) is open to current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. GSE is a (free) three-week summer residential program where students working in teams on the campus of Georgetown College take an idea for a product or service and utilize STEM, art, and business skills to design a product and build 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 today, October 7;

some of last summer's GSE Entrepreneurs will be there to share their experience. The GSE Application will be available online from October 19- December 21. For more information, visit [Governor's School for Entrepreneurs](#) or [GSE Flier](#), or contact Mrs. Kathy Hildreth at hildrethk@ndapandas.org.



PPC NEWS ◀

Mother Daughter Dance 2015. This year's event will be on Friday, November 13, 2015. 7-11 p.m. at Receptions in Erlanger. Theme will be announced soon! Costumes are optional but strongly encouraged! Any questions, please email Mimi Bradley at mimicbradley@gmail.com.

Meetings

Panda Parent Club meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Meeting Room. All are welcome!

Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts

In appreciation for our outstanding faculty and staff at NDA, the PPC provides breakfast for them on the 1st Wednesday of every month. If you would like to volunteer one month to send something in to show your appreciation for our faculty, contact Janie Neff at janeln@aol.com.

Thank you to the Soccer Team!

Thanks to the Soccer Pandas for their donation to the PPC after our parents served chili at their game!

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](#).

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 4th 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 need to hand in their printed copies of their order receipts emailed to them after the order is placed. These are given to Mrs. Schmidt who is in the foyer every morning 7:30-8:00. If the payment is received it should be attached to the copy of the order receipt. Payments do not have to be collected until the fruit is delivered.

5. Mrs. Schmidt has names of past customers 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 receipt for verification of payment. You may need to make a copy for the customers as their receipt if they did not give an email.

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

For further information regarding the Fruit Sale [CLICK HERE](#).



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

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
15 Southern Methodist 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
9 University of Cincinnati	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 Shannanagins 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 Shannanagins. The \$35 registration fee goes up to \$40 on Thursday, October 1. Shannon sends a big "hello" and "thanks for the support!"

Important dates:

October 8	Shadow Day - St. Joseph, Crescent Springs Pep Rally
October 9	First Quarter Ends Fruit Sale Kick-off
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	Seniors at Mosque Sophomore/Junior 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
November 3	Picture retake day
November 5	Shadow Day
November 6	Remembrance Mass
November 8	NDA Fall Open House

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Life's 5th Quarter
- Dine to Donate
- Double D Give Back Bash
- Conservatives Concerned About the Death Penalty
- NDA HOSTS 11th ANNUAL YOUTH 2000 - October 9-11
- Street Smartz



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