



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I would like to wish you all a belated Happy Founders Day! This past Sunday, October 1, was a special day for the Sisters of Notre Dame and our school. It was 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 Sisters of Notre Dame 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.

This week at NDA, we 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. In commemoration of Founder's Day, Dr. Koehl and I shared ice cream sandwiches with the entire NDA community on Monday. It was a nice way to remind our students, faculty and staff of how the founders of the Sisters of Notre Dame have taught us the significance of *Living the Gospel Empowered by Mary's Witness*.

We have some wonderful things happening at NDA this week. You can read all about them below.

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



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 ◀

Freshmen Student Council Homeroom Representative

Freshmen who would like to serve as a Student Council Homeroom Representative must submit their applications by the end of the day on Friday, October 13. Elections will take place on Friday, October 27. Student Council is a great way to develop leadership skills and to create positive change at school.



As the weather fluctuates between cool mornings and hot afternoons, students are reminded of the school's dress code which is intended to encourage cleanliness and to foster unity and respect.

Notre Dame Academy has a school uniform that consists of:

- a gray uniform skirt or uniform slacks (the skirt or pants must fit properly, be zipped and buttoned, hemmed appropriately and free of stains, rips, and/or holes). Students are required to obtain a new skirt or pants if it no longer zips, has tears, holes, or stains.
- a white or light blue banded Notre Dame Academy polo shirt
- solid white, gray, black or navy blue socks
- appropriate shoes that have a back to them
- nametag/lanyard
- Optional items that may be purchased and worn with the uniform include:
 - a navy blue Notre Dame Academy pullover sweater
 - a navy blue Notre Dame Academy sweatshirt
 - a navy blue Notre Dame Academy fleece
 - a navy blue blazer with NDA's emblem for special occasions such as Mass, award ceremonies, etc.
 - gray, black, or navy blue leggings
 - black dress slacks for designated events

Students are expected to be in uniform throughout the school day and to wear the uniform skirt zipped and buttoned. It may not be rolled at the waist and may be no more than three inches above the knee. NDA encourages parents to check how the uniform fits at the beginning of each school year and to purchase a new one if necessary. [Schoolbelles](#) is NDA's official uniform provider.

HELP PROMOTE NDA'S OPEN HOUSE ◀

Attention Panda Parents: Help us promote NDA's 2017 Open House by placing a yard sign at your home and/or business.

Contact Katie Caccavari, NDA's Director of Admissions, to get a sign: 859-292-1829
caccavarik@ndapandas.org.

The Notre Dame Academy logo is at the top left, featuring a circular emblem with a flame and the text "NOTRE DAME ACADEMY PARK HILLS". To its right, the text "NOTRE DAME ACADEMY" is written in a serif font, with the tagline "Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World" below it. Below the logo and text is a group photo of about ten young women in school uniforms, smiling. One woman in the front row is holding a panda mascot. At the bottom of the photo area, the website "www.ndapandas.org" is displayed in white text on a dark blue background.

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday,
November 5
1:00 - 3:00



A National School of Excellence

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

Catholic Social Teaching - The Faces of Homelessness

This week in Catholic Social Teaching, the Junior class explored the faces of homelessness. We talked about breaking stereotypes of persons who are experiencing homelessness. We used the this [video](#) to start out conversation. Mrs. Nancy Stratman shared a story of her family's connection to homelessness and helped us to see the other side of the story, a family looking for someone who has disappeared to the streets.



Service Leadership

On Thursday, September 28, 7 students attended the Mayerson Student Service Leadership Workshop at the University of Cincinnati. This was an opportunity for students to hear from students at other schools in the area about service learning projects that they have completed. Many local non profit agencies were also there to meet with the students and discuss ways that high school students can be involved in service at their agency. Thanks to Kenzie Eberhart, Isabel Coomes, Laura Neltner, Isabella Howard, Onali Fernando, Sophia Ghazala, and Emma Donaghy for their participation and representation at this event.



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IT'S SKYLINE TIME ◀

Join us for Benefit Night at Skyline tomorrow! If you bring the ticket found [HERE](#) to Skyline at 1730 Dixie Highway in Ft. Wright between 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on October 5, 2017, they will be donated 20% of your sale to NDA for dances and events.

CAN YOU 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](#).

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

PSAT Day:

Juniors and sophomores will take the PSAT/NMSQT® at school on Wednesday, October 11. Students will need to be at school no later than 8:30 a.m. that day (this is 15 minutes earlier for a Wednesday). This test (the Preliminary SAT) is a chance to become a National Merit® Scholar for juniors, and it also offers these benefits:



Free, personalized SAT practice. The PSAT/NMSQT is great preparation for the SAT®. Your teen's score even unlocks a personalized SAT study plan on Khan Academy®. It's completely free. Students simply go to satpractice.org, create an account, and link their College Board and Khan Academy accounts to get a study plan based on their test results.

AP course recommendations. Student score reports will suggest AP® courses that are a great match for them. AP can give your teen an edge in the admission process and allows them to earn college credit while in high school, which could save time and money in college.

Questions? To learn more about the PSAT/NMSQT, visit the PSAT/NMSQT website at: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>

The students will be reminded of this test and that they need to bring a packed lunch, #2 pencils, and a calculator. They all received practice test booklets last week and teachers may be reviewing with them. They can also visit the website provided above for practice questions. PSAT/Collegeboard does not offer a specified makeup date for the test. If a student misses due to illness, she will need to contact Collegeboard/NMSQT if she wants to be eligible for the National Merit State Qualifying Test.

PSAT test prep:

Kaplan is offering a free test prep program this weekend:

Join Kaplan this Saturday and Sunday, October 7 & 8, for free, live PSAT prep lessons! PSAT Prepathon runs 1–5 PM ET.

Reserve your spot at kaptest.com/psatpreplive.

NACAC Cincinnati National College Fair:

Highly Recommended for Juniors...but all grade levels can attend! Colleges from all over the country will be in attendance and the event is free.

Sunday, October 22

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Duke Energy Convention Center

For more information: Cincinnati National College Fair



Governor's School for the Arts (GSA)

[Applications](#) open today (October 4) for the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts, as well as registration for GSA [ArtShops and Prep Resources](#)! A Prep Resource/ArtShop will be offered in NKY at Thomas More College on November 18 from 9am-4pm. ArtShops fill up quickly, so sign up very soon if you are interested. Applications to attend GSA are due January 12, 2018.



Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE)

An Informational Meeting for the Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE) will be held on Thursday October 5 after school in Alumnae Hall. GSE exposes young aspiring entrepreneurs to the mindset, 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](#) or contact Mrs. Hildreth for more information.
[GSE 2018 Applications Open 11/1 to 12/20](#)



Congratulations to the 331 Notre Dame Academy members of Drug Free Club - 58% of our student body - who were drug tested and rewarded this week. (We are aiming and hoping for 75%!) Applications for Drug Free Club can be completed [online](#), or through a paper application (available outside the office or in Counselor's Suite). Cost of membership for the year is \$25, which could be the best \$25 spent this year! Applications will be accepted through October 27. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.



TEXTILES STUDENTS CELEBRATE AUTUMN ◀

Our Textiles classes made pumpkins from lovely fall flannel fabrics complete with cinnamon stick stems!



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

FRUIT SALE

Each student athlete must participate in the fruit sale by selling 12 boxes of fruit each school year that she participates in athletics at NDA or paying \$20/box for unsold boxes. Each student and parent must work a 2 hour shift the weekend of the fruit sale and deliver all boxes that they sell. All proceeds from the fruit sale insure the operation of the athletic department.

- **Begin Selling Fruit: October 13th**
- **Fruit Sale Delivery to the school: December 1st**
- **Fruit Sale Pick Up for you to pick up and deliver your sold fruit boxes: December 2nd and 3rd**
- **All payment Due: December 7th**

REGISTRATION

All Athletes (fall, winter and spring) **NEED TO REGISTER ONLINE BY OCTOBER 1 here:**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IKMzc7S3bczqNvO_RCCaOT8PONuY1zh2sepiGGmaRK0/edit



2017-18 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.

OCTOBER

5	XAVIER UNIVERSITY	19	TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY
9	BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY		ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY
10	UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA		KY WESLEY COLLEGE
	TUSCALOOSA	23	COLLEGE OF WOOSTER
16	UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON	25	BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY
18	OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY		
	DE PAUL UNIVERSITY		
	CENTRE COLLEGE		



2017 GALA INFORMATION ◀

We are very happy to tell you that the 2017 Autumn Gala is **SOLD OUT!** We appreciate the support of our parents in planning and supporting this event and we look forward to enjoying an evening filled with fun, enthusiasm, good food and great fellowship on October 14! Please contact Nancy Goeke at goeken@ndapandas.org with any questions regarding the Gala.

If you have tickets to the Gala you can learn more about **Gestures Payment System** here:

This year we will be featuring electronic bidding for auction items. All bidding will be done through your cell phone, mobile device, or computer. You can bid from anywhere, anytime, before the close of the auction, from your own device. You even get an update if you are outbid. If you don't have access to a Smartphone, **DON'T WORRY!** You can still bid on any item or make a donation via text messaging or through a Gesture Pro member at the event.

EARLY BIDDING FOR REGISTERED GUESTS! TO REGISTER:

Before the event: Beginning on Monday, October 9, 2017, and up to the night of the event, you can register your cell phone via a text prompt or computer at nda17gala.gesture.com. You will be asked to enter your name, cell phone number and email address. After a few moments, you will receive a text message from Gesture. Confirm your participation in the Gesture Mobile Bidding system by replying "Y" to this text. You will receive a welcome text message including a blue link to the auction site.

At the event: If you have not registered your cell phone prior to the Auction, Gesture representatives will be on hand to assist you in registering your phone and will also be available throughout the evening for assistance, or to be your "personal shopper" to bid for you, should your phone be unavailable.

*Free WiFi will be available at Summit Hills and a Gesture representative will be on staff to assist you.

TO BID:

Smartphone Users: Click on the BLUE link in your welcome text message to visit your personal bidding page. You can search by category at the top and bottom of the screen. Select any item to view its description and place a bid. The Gesture system prepopulates the minimum bid required. If you'd like to bid higher than the minimum bid, just enter a new amount and click BID. To have the Gesture system automatically bid for you, select AUTO, enter the amount you wish to bid up to, then select BID. The system will bid incrementally up to the designated amount each time someone bids against you. If no one bids against you, the minimum bid will remain.

Via Text: To see the current bid on an item, reply to any message from Gesture with the item's 3-digit item number. The Gesture system will notify you of the current bid, as well as the minimum bid required. Example: 102. If you wish to place a bid on the item, reply with the 3-digit number and the amount you would like to bid. (Do not include a dollar sign.) Example: 102 300.

TO DONATE:

Simply click the donate button "\$" on your Smartphone and enter an amount, or reply to any message from Gesture with the word GIVE and the amount. Example: GIVE 100



HIITON DR. IS ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC! ◀

Notre Dame Academy presents a special performance by Elisabeth von Trapp, granddaughter of Maria von Trapp, whose story inspired *The Sound of Music*. This special event will be held on **Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 p.m.** at NDA. Admission is \$25 - Tickets will go on sale September 18 by calling the NDA Advancement Office at 859.292.7729. Seating is limited.

► Important dates

October 4	Rho Kappa Induction Ceremony - 7:00 p.m. Alumnae Hall
October 5	St. Agnes and Prince of Peace Shadow Day Governor's School for Entrepreneurs Meeting in Alumnae Hall 3:10
October 6	Mid-quarter - NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
October 8	Golden Girls Alumnae Celebration
October 9	Common Reader Meeting Panda Parent Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. Faculty Lounge
October 10	LIFE Club Blood Drive
October 11	Super Wednesday (SR at the Mosque, JR/SO PSAT, FR Retreat)
October 12	Teacher Appreciation at Volleyball - 7:15 p.m.
October 13	Non-feeder School Shadow Day
October 14	Autumn Gala
October 20	Super Friday (SR College Planning/JR ACT/SO CERT/FR Holocaust Museum) Grandparents' Mass
October 20-22	Fall Play
October 23	Red Ribbon Week
October 24	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
October 27	Freshman Halloween Bash at CCH
October 29	Elisabeth vonTrapp Performance
November 1	All Saint's Day - NO SCHOOL
November 3	Common Reader Day
November 5	OPEN HOUSE - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Panda Pumpkin Chuck - 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
November 9	Memorial Mass
November 22	College Welcome Back Night for Class of 2017

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Positions Available for Students
- Moms Club of Ft. Wright - OPEN HOUSE
- Youth Day Rosary
- Walking with Purpose
- Aubrey Rose "Above and Beyond Doctor of the Year"
- National Catholic Youth Conference

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

