



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

This past Sunday we welcomed many families to Notre Dame Academy for our annual Open House. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase not only the many curricular and co-curricular opportunities at NDA, but also the countless ways in which we are *Embracing Dignity in Self, Others and Community* this school year. Many parents, students, and members of our faculty and staff were on hand sharing all that Notre Dame Academy has to offer to our future Pandas. I would like to thank everyone involved with the planning of our Open House and all of those who were here Sunday to help with the success of this event.

I would also like to thank our dedicated faculty for taking time to meet with students and parents at conferences on Monday. I hope you and your daughter had an opportunity to speak with your daughter's teachers. Meeting one-on-one with our faculty is very beneficial to our students.

Congratulations to our November Student of the Month, Harper Lamb. Harper is a wonderful example of a young woman making a difference both inside and outside of the classroom. You can read more about her accomplishments below.

Our seniors did a very good job last Friday at our mock election. The intention of our mock election every four years is to help our students become aware of the issues that are being addressed and advocated by each political party. As Catholic educators, it is our responsibility to support our democracy and to encourage conversations that promote dignity and respect for each other and our democratic process. At NDA, we strive to embrace our faithful citizenship and encourage faith in our constitution, democratic process and system of government.

Our annual canned food drive began on Monday with the usual mania that this fundraiser always seems to rally. It is very impressive to see our students so enthusiastic in their efforts to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. I would like to thank you for your support of our efforts and I apologize in advance if your pantry looks empty this week!

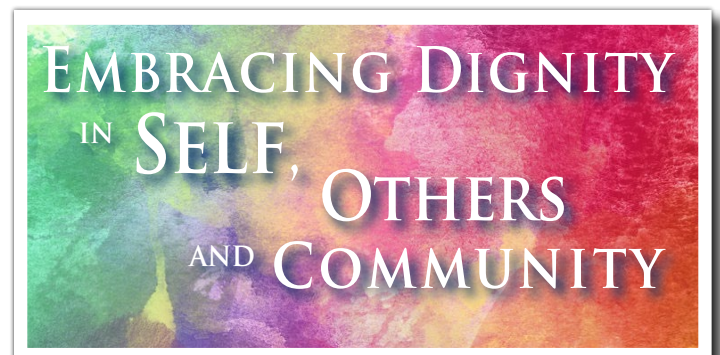
Our fall athletes have all finished very successful seasons. This past weekend, our volleyball Pandas fell in the sweet 16 to Mercy from Louisville and our cross country Pandas finished 11th at the state meet. Congratulations on a great season to all of our fall athletes.

I encourage you and your daughter to attend our next Speaker Series event at NDA. It is a celebration of NDA alumna Lt. Col. Amy McGrath Henderson and her induction into the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame. As the first woman to fly the F/A-18 in combat during Operation Enduring Freedom for the US Marine Corps, she is a perfect example to our students of a woman making a difference in the world. I hope you and your daughter will join us for this special reception celebrating this very impressive alumna. The event will be held next Monday, November 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in NDA's Alumnae Hall. You can read more about this event and how to register online below.

I am privileged to know and work with your daughters. Each day I see them thrive as they come to understand the true purpose of an NDA education, which inspires them to share their God-given gifts and talents more freely. 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

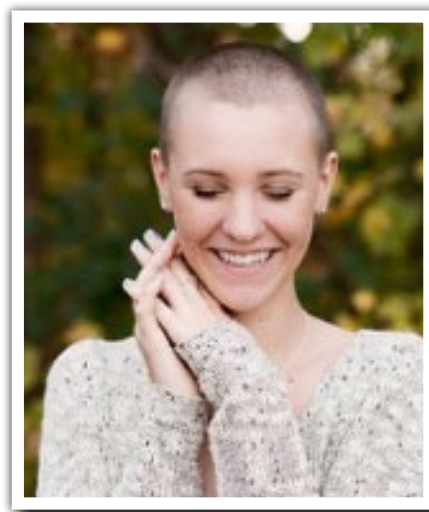
STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Queen of the Court Volleyball Tournament - Kills for Kelly

NDA joins forces with St. Pius X in the **Help Kelly Schmahl '16 Beat Cancer Fundraiser Sunday, November 27, 2016 at St. Pius X – Edgewood, Gymnasium.**

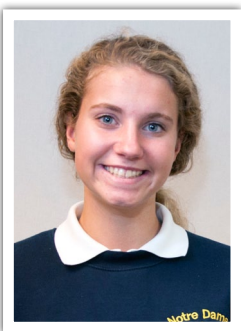
Kelly Schmahl '16 was diagnosed with stage 3 Gastrointestinal Stromal (Stomach Cancer) in September 2016. As a recent 2016 graduate of Notre Dame Academy, current student at NKU and sorority member of Delta Zeta Kappa Beta, Kelly continues to follow her major of bio pre-med in between chemo treatments. She's a dedicated young woman who loved playing volleyball at St. Pius X and Lacrosse at NDA. Let's raise money to help Kelly in her fight against stomach cancer!

Join Kelly Schmahl for a full day of volleyball fun at St. Pius X Gym as her friends and family (and possibly YOU) compete to be Queens and Princesses of the Court and raise awareness for Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor (Stomach Cancer). Competition will consist of two divisions (middle school and high school) where teams of 3 will compete for the title of Queens and Princesses. All winners will be crowned! Fee per team is \$30. Awards will also be given to the teams with Best Team Name, Best Team Uniforms, and Most Spirited Team. The night will be topped off with an intense competition between the 2016 Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team and a select group of NDA volleyball alumni, including Kelly's sister, Emily Schmahl, and current NDA coaches, Jenna Schreiber and Bree Popham.



We are also looking for corporate sponsorships and donations for silent auction baskets. With your donation, your name will be listed in the Kills for Kelly program and corporate sponsorships will be mentioned in between games. All Proceeds will go for Kelly's fight against Stomach cancer. Contact Suzanne Baute (859)653-4203 or Lynne Brauch (859)750-0923 if you'd like to donate or need additional information.

For more information about Queen of the Court - Kills for Kelly email: kills4kelly@gmail.com Or visit our website: www.kills4kelly.wixsite.com/vball



STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

November - Harper Lamb

Congratulations to our November Student of the Month - Harper Lamb. Harper is a senior at NDA. Her Spanish teacher Mrs. Bill says that Harper is "a model Notre Damian who works hard academically, challenging herself to take courses that allow her to grow, even when they are not an easy A." Harper is involved with her church service groups and plays soccer for NDA.

You can read more about our November Student of the Month - Harper Lamb - [HERE](#).

NDA MOCK ELECTION ◀

The mock election held on Friday, November 4 is a tradition at Notre Dame Academy. Every four years a senior class works on the mock election as a class project. This year, the US Government took on the project, assisted by the senior Economics class and members of Rho Kappa, the national social studies honor society. The overall purpose of the mock election was to make our students aware of the issues that were being addressed and advocated by each political party. Each team of students based their question responses on the actual platforms of the party they were representing, however, in order to mask the identity of the parties, their names were changed. Our mock election featured the Constitutionalist Party (Republican), the People's Party (Democratic), the Freedom Party (Libertarian) and the Hand in Hand Party (Green). For voting purposes, each homeroom was divided into sections to represent the different number of electoral votes that would actually be counted in the national election. Our mock election was won by the Hand in Hand Party.





NOTRE DAME ACADEMY is going to

Can with the Colonels & Clean Up Hunger!



CAN WITH THE COLONELS TO CLEAN UP HUNGER ◀

It's that time of year again! The time of year where we clean out our pantry and get in the giving mood! It is time for our annual can good drive! There are a couple of exciting developments with this year's drive. First is that we will be working **with**, not against the Colonels to collect as much as we can. Second, we have expanded the drive to include hygiene products instead of just food items. These two factors have led us to rename the drive "Can With the Colonels to Clean Up Hunger."

Student Council kicked off the annual canned food drive this Monday, with a new way of collecting the cans called "Can Madness." The drive is organized by brackets such as the one used for the NCAA's March Madness. During the first three rounds, homerooms will compete against other homerooms in their grade. Homerooms are not eliminated if they lose rather they will join forces with the winning homerooms to encourage additional giving and to bring the grade into the The Final Four round, which begins November 15. The bracket ends with two grades in the "Can-pionship."

Canned food and hygiene items will be collected in the foyer each day where they will be tallied by homeroom and grade level. Please see the chart below to see how many canned goods each hygiene item counts for. Here are some much needed items: peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, mac and cheese, mixed fruit, brown/pinto beans, Spaghetti's and canned meat.

Once the items have been tallied, students will place their products into barrels where they will be voting for a student/faculty duo that they would like to see face off in a lip sync battle. The duos include: Jay Mullaguru and Ms. Hilbert, Katie Hellmann and Mr. VonHandorf, Ellie Kathman and Ms. Johnson, and Julia James and Dr. Martin. After the entire collection ends on Monday, November 21, two duos will be scheduled to face off in a lip sync battle.

There are many working pieces to this year's drive but our Student Council has it all under control! They even created a video to get everyone pumped up to collect cans - you can watch it [HERE](#). Thank you in advance for your support and for helping clean up hunger this year!

CAN MADNESS CONVERSION CHART

Any can = 1 can

Body Wash = 2 cans

Shampoo = 2 cans

Conditioner = 2 cans

Deoderant = 2 cans

Shaving Cream = 2 cans Toothpaste = 2 ca

Feminine Products = 4 cans

Laundry Detergent = 5 cans



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Did you know?....

nearly 80% of heroin users reported using prescription opioids prior to heroin. (Jones, 2013; Muhuri et al., 2013).



DRUG TAKE BACK

YOU can Help Prevent Drug Abuse and Overdose: DROP OFF YOUR UNUSED AND EXPIRED MEDICATIONS

Dropbox Location:

City of Ft. Mitchell
2355 Dixie Highway
Ft. Mitchell, KY

Lobby Hours:
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m M-F

[Other Locations for Prescription Drug Disposal](#)

KENTUCKY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

A Summer Program Informational Session will be held at The Baker Hunt Art and Cultural Center, **Monday, November 14** from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. This is a free informational session - no registration required.

KENTUCKY GOVERNOR'S SCHOLAR PROGRAM

NDA Student Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 15** to Mrs. Hildreth. Applications can be turned into the main school office. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.

KENTUCKY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS

Kentucky Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE) is a three-week residential summer program where 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students, working in teams, take an idea for a product or service and utilize science, technology, engineering, art, math and business skills to design a product and develop a business model for it. GSE 2017 will be held at Transylvania University from June 25-July 15. Application deadline is January 4, 2017.

Students learn about: company start-up and growth, product development and design, customer validation, business models, marketing and sales, production, investment capital and long-range strategy. At the end of the summer program, some teams may be ready to launch an actual company and/or product or service! 2017 Applications are NOW OPEN! Information and Applications available on the [KY GSE Website](#).

ATTENTION SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

Summer Programs at the University of Notre Dame

The Office of Pre-College Programs is now accepting applications for summer programs at the University of Notre Dame for Summer 2017. There are a variety of programs to choose from and these are designed for high school sophomores and juniors.

Deadline to apply: Jan. 30, 2017

For more information, go to: [Univ. of Notre Dame - Summer Programs](#)



SPECIAL TRIBUTE ◀

This past Sunday, a special dedication ceremony was held at Transylvania University in memory of NDA alumna Katie Stewart who was killed in a tragic hiking accident earlier this year. Her classmates at Transylvania University raised over \$20,000 to build the Mary Katherine Stewart Pavilion in her memory. Transylvania University previously honored Katie during the spring commencement ceremony by presenting her bachelor's degree to her family. She passed away so young, but clearly her light will shine always!



NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

NDA HALL OF FAME

NDA is pleased to announce that the next Hall of Fame Induction will be March 9, 2017. If you know any former NDA athletes, coaches or supporters please take a moment to nominate them here: [NDA Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Form](#)
Nominations are due December 10, 2016. Questions? Contact NDA AD, Myanna Webster at websterm@ndapandas.org.

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball beat St. Henry to capture their 6th consecutive Region title this year. They fell in the sweet 16 to Mercy from Louisville. Congrats on a great season! Congrats also to Natalie Hardig who was named 1st Team All State!

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country finished 11th at the state meet with Elly Piatt finishing in the top 25 at 23rd with a time of 20:00.29. Great season Pandas!

SOCCER

Christin Sherrard was named to the 1st team all state, Ellie Vandergriff was named 2nd team all state and Macey Tranter was named All State Honorable Mention.

SWIMMING

The swimming team will be having a team activity Saturday, November 5, between 1:00-3:00. It will be held at Edgewood's Freedom Park at the corner of Dudley and Thomas More Parkway. Parents, if you want to help with these activities or have questions please contact Joanne Glass at jglass@ftlaw.com.

ROWING

This past weekend a few of our NDA athletes who row for the Cincinnati Junior Rowing Club culminated their fall season by competing at the Head of the Hooch Regatta in Chattanooga, TN. The club medaled in 5 of the 7 events in which they entered boats. This is an incredible accomplishment given over 200 Clubs competed covering the eastern half of the country. Congratulations to the following Pandas who medaled at the event:

Bronze medal:

Girls Open Varsity 8

- Marie Shannon Malloy, NDA, Hebron, KY
- Emily Schutzman, NDA, Edgewood, KY
- Briana Baker, NDA, Ft. Mitchell, KY

Gold medal:

Girls Lightweight 8

- Ashley Wright, NDA, Ft. Mitchell, KY
- Ryan Cleves, NDA, Park Hills, KY
- Olivia Vonderhaar, NDA, Lakeside Park, KY



MOTHER DAUGHTER 2016 ◀

Mother Daughter is coming up this Friday at Receptions. It is a Cowgirl Rodeo theme this year so get your costumes together! If you are a senior and have not already turned in your poster, please do so ASAP.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO 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](#).

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ◀

Parents, did you know that NDA's daily announcements are posted each day on our website? You can find them [HERE](#).

NEWS FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT ◀

Art Students Exhibit at Thomas More College

Congratulations to Annie Lee, Emma Wainscott, Caroline Lucas, Paige Brunson, and Meg Whelan for submitting and having their work selected to show in the annual Thomas More College Juried High School Art Exhibition. The show opened up in the Eva G. Farris Gallery on the Thomas More campus on Monday, and will remain open to the public until November 22.

Xavier University High School Art Exhibition

Congratulations to Paige Brunson for earning 1st place at the Xavier University High School Art Exhibition. Around 450 pieces were entered in this show, about 120 were selected to show, and Paige's piece was awarded 1st place overall. Congratulations Paige and thanks for representing Notre Dame Academy and our Art program.



- Annie Lee



- Emma Wainscott



- Caroline Lucas



- Meg Whelan



- Paige Brunson

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

2016-17 SPEAKER SERIES

The Northern Kentucky Tribune

and



Notre Dame Academy



invite you to a special reception celebrating
Notre Dame Academy graduate

Lt. Col. Amy McGrath Henderson



on her induction into the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame
Notre Dame Academy Alumnae Hall
November 14 - 5:30-7:30 p.m.

NDA SPEAKER SERIES CELEBRATES ALUMNA LT. COL. AMY McGRATH HENDERSON, A Woman Truly Making a Difference in the World ◀

NDA's next Speaker Series event will be a celebration of NDA alumna Lt. Col. Amy McGrath Henderson. We hope you will join us with your daughter for this special reception celebrating Lt. Col. McGrath Henderson on her induction to the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame. The event will be held next Monday, November 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in NDA's Alumnae Hall. We are hosting this special event in conjunction with The Northern Kentucky Tribune. Lt. Col. McGrath Henderson will speak informally at 7:00 p.m. For more information about the event [CLICK HERE](#).

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GIVING
TUESDAY
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NOVEMBER 29

NDA JOINS GLOBAL DAY OF GIVING ◀

This November 29, Notre Dame Academy will join more than 10,000 organizations worldwide in a day dedicated to giving back - Giving Tuesday. Please plan to be part of this global day of giving by making a donation to our Annual Appeal during this special event. Every gift, no matter the size, will make a real difference for current and future NDA students!

Help us make a difference and join this worldwide movement maintaining that it is better to give than to receive!

▶ Important dates

November 10	Graduate Services in Cafeteria during lunches NDA Board Meeting
November 11	Remembrance Mass at 1:30 p.m. in the gym Mother/Daughter Dance 7:00 p.m. at Receptions
November 12	Drug Free Club: Movie Night in Theatre 7:00 p.m.
November 14	Speaker Series - Amy McGrath-Henderson Reception 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
November 15	Fall Sports Awards
November 16	Freshman Retreat #2
November 18	Mid-quarter Panda Funfest for Prospective Pandas!
November 22	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
November 23-25	No School: Happy Thanksgiving
December 2	Fruit Sale Drop Off Today Showcase Opens Today
December 8	No School: Immaculate Conception
December 9	Christmas Choral Concert
December 10	HSPT - High School Placement Test ACT Test
December 11	Band Concert
December 16	Advent Prayer Service

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Part-time job opportunity for moms and students
- National League of Junior Cottillions
- NDA Student Performs in Billy Elliot

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