



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I hope you had a chance to talk to your daughters about our Common Reader Day that was held last Friday. It was another wonderful day of collaborative learning for all of us at NDA. We welcomed Reyna Grande, the author of *The Distance Between Us* to join us and I think her story meant a great deal to our students. I would like to thank all those who worked so hard to plan our 2017 Common Reader Day, especially Sr. Maria Francine and Amber Grayson.

We had a very busy weekend! Congratulations to both our Cross Country and Soccer Pandas who competed at State competitions on Saturday. Our Cross Country team finished 11th and our Soccer team earned the State Runner Up title. I am very proud of the way our athletes handled themselves at these tough competitions. They were definitely following our theme this year and *Living the Gospel Empowered by Mary's Witness*.

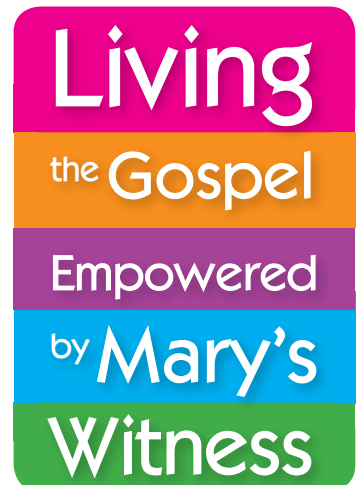
On Sunday we welcomed nearly 200 prospective Pandas from many corners of the tri-state to our Open House. I would like to thank those students who took time out of their weekend to help us share all that NDA has to offer with interested families. I also appreciate the hard work and dedication of our faculty and staff who helped us showcase our school so well. I received many positive comments about our school and especially about our student tour guides. A woman came up to me at the end of the day. Her first comment was that I should be very proud, as the principal, of the people that I work with here at Notre Dame Academy. She was very impressed with everyone that she met. She then said that her daughter made her final decision after her Open House tour and that she would be coming to NDA next fall. This was just one of many favorable comments that the families shared as they were leaving.

I would like to leave you with one important image today. As you may know, after each game, our soccer players invite their opposing team to pray with them. As you can see in the picture below, Saturday night after a devastating loss was no different. The interesting thing to me and to many in attendance Saturday night is that our NDA athletes are not on one side of the prayer circle or the other, they are interspersed throughout, praying hand-in-hand with the opposing team's players. As one NDA alumna and grandparent of one of our players put it, "As they say, it's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game."

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

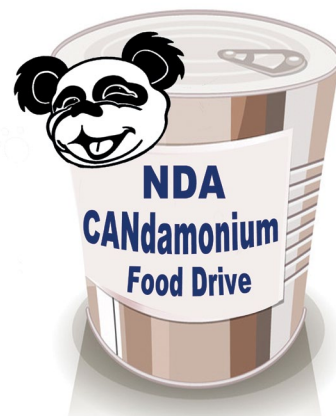
Freshmen Breakfast

This Friday during long homeroom, the freshmen class will join several of our sophomore class representatives for breakfast. The breakfast is not only a great time to indulge in some breakfast but also gives our freshmen a chance to ask questions and to reflect upon their transition into NDA life.

CANDAMONIUM ◀

Our annual canned food drive began on Monday and our Pandas are competing to see which homeroom can bring in the most items. The drive lasts until November 17. All donations will go to St. Vincent de Paul. Any donations are acceptable, but the following items are things that they are especially in need of...

- canned soup with meats in it
- canned meat
- mac & cheese
- pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles
- canned pastas
- fruit cocktails



ARE YOU PART OF THE MARCH FOR LIFE MOVEMENT? ◀

If you would like to be part of the March for Life movement, sign-ups for the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. will begin this week here at NDA. The March will take place on January 19, 2018 and the cost is approximately \$130.00 a person. Buses will leave Thursday evening and return Saturday morning. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Theresa Van Auken at vanaukent@ndapandas.org. Parent chaperones who are virtue trained are needed so please let Mrs. Van Auken know if you are able to join us.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

Our NDA President Dr. Laura Koehl is choosing to make a difference by becoming a Notre Dame Associate in the Covington Province. Congratulations Dr. Koehl on entering into the formation phase of her spiritual journey.



SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB WELCOMES SPEAKER ◀

Ms. Kristen Bowen, ASL teacher from Cincinnati State, talked to our Sign Language Club last Thursday. During the meeting, she talked about different job opportunities involving sign language. She also brought up different activities in the deaf community and how to get involved.



LAST CHANCE! ◀

Last Chance to purchase a pass through the NDA Ski Club: Register online at www.perfectnorth.com. Select Club Log-In located on the Perfect North Slopes home page. Search the ABC Chart for Club Name: Notre Dame Academy. Club Password: **panda**. Purchase by November 15 to receive club discounts. Please contact Marah Brooks or Lauren Quigley for additional information.

SHORTENING THE "DISTANCE BETWEEN US" ON COMMON READER DAY ◀

Last Friday, the community of Notre Dame Academy took time out to celebrate the school's annual Common Reader Day. As you know, this school year, the assignment was *The Distance Between Us* by Reyna Grande who visited NDA for this special day. Her eye-opening memoir about migration from Mexico to the United States is a poignant story of the many painful struggles of her life's journey. NDA students, faculty and staff spent the day collaborating and reflecting on how people's similarities are greater than their differences.

On Common Reader Day, the NDA community also came together to "Light Up Puerto Rico". Due to Hurricane María, Puerto Rico is still left without power through most of the island so students, faculty and staff made monetary donations to help purchase portable fans, batteries, lanterns and insect repellent to make a difference in the lives of Puerto Rican students.



NDA PUMPKIN CHUCK WRAP UP ◀

NDA's first ever Pumpkin Chuck was a smashing success! Intro to Engineering and AP Physics students showed off their skills by chucking pumpkins using the catapults they built in class. Mrs. Perrino said that the students were quite surprised at how well the catapults worked for basketballs but not for the pumpkins. So in addition to creating a fun event for our community, our students learned a great lesson on inertia and force!



SUPER PANDA! ◀

Our NDA freshmen recently participated in a superhero contest sponsored by The Kenton County Alliance. Here is the superhero they created...



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country is the Region runner up with Kate Williams and Manon Stovic finishing in the top 10. The team finished 11th at state last weekend in Lexington. Kate Williams, Karen Horner, and Manon Stovic finished in the top 100.

SOCCER

Soccer went into double overtime and two rounds of PK's in the state finals. They finished State Runner Up in a tough fought battle. Cassidy Craig, Maddie Wilhoite, Audrey Muck were named to the State All Tournament Team.

Congrats to Maya Decker, Maddie Wilhoite for their 1st Team All State selections and to Allison Robertson for her All State Honorable Mention.

VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to seniors Natalie Hardig and Lainey Stephenson for their selection to All State First and Second Team. Natalie Hardig was also named an Under Armour Honorable Mention All American.

FALL SPORTS AWARDS PROGRAM

Mark your calendars! The fall sports awards program will be held at NDA at 7 p.m. on Nov 14.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Juniors & ACT Testing:

Juniors received their practice ACT scores Friday, October 27. All juniors will take an official ACT in-school on February 27.



Between now and February, students can use their scores from the practice test to do some prep. There are many ACT/SAT Test Prep Options for students such as:

Local Test Prep

- Free ACT Practice Test booklets
- Online Prep
- Get a copy of your ACT Test Questions and Answers (this allows students to study the questions they missed on an actual ACT)

For more information about Test Prep: [Standardized Testing & Test Prep](#)

Junior College Planning:

What is the goal of College Planning? What can Juniors be doing right now to prepare for College Planning? We encourage juniors to get on at least 1 college campus before 2018.

For a short slide-show on Junior College Planning...click here:

- [Junior College Planning](#)



Governor's School for the Arts

2018 Summer Program Application - Now Open! Information and application [here](#). Application due Jan. 12, 2018 [CLICK HERE](#) to Register for Local GSA Prep Workshop: November 18 at Thomas More College



72% of the NDA Student Body is Enrolled in Drug Free Club!

Freshmen	= 91% of Class
Sophomore	= 75% of Class
Junior	= 67% of Class
Senior	= 58% of Class

Congratulations to all of our Drug Free Club Members! We are very proud of you!



[GSE 2018 Applications Open 11/1 to 12/20](#)

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 student a hands-on opportunity to turn their ideas into business opportunities. Visit the [GSE website](#) or contact Mrs. Hildreth for more information



Applications for KY's Governor's Scholars Program (GSP) are due Tuesday November 14, 4:00pm. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.



IT'S HOLIDAY SHOPPING TIME!

Come visit us at the
Bambootique!



Special Holiday Hours to serve you!

Saturday	December 2	10:30-12:30pm
Tuesday	December 5	5:30-7:30pm
Wednesday	December 6	2:30-5pm
Thursday	December 7	5:30-7:30pm
Saturday	December 9	10:30-12:30pm
Tuesday	December 12	5:30-7:30pm
Wednesday	December 13	2:30-5pm
Thursday	December 14	5:30-7:30pm
Saturday	December 16	10:30-12:30pm
Tuesday	December 19	5:30-7:30pm
Thursday	December 21	5:30-7:30pm

Check out our new
spirit jewelry beads,
made special for us
by MAYCreations!



Athletes/Parents!
Grab your gifts on
December 2nd from
10:30-12:30pm while
picking up your fruit!

POWER OF THE PURSE ◀

Notre Dame Academy is hosting a FREE speaker series this year especially for our alumnae and friends to learn about a variety of financial topics. The first session will be a "Lunch and Learn" on The ABC's of Estate Planning and will be held on November 15 from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. This session will cover:

- Living Wills
- Power of Attorney
- Basic Will Preparation
- Planned Giving

Please join us for this special presentation given by NDA alumnae Donna Bloemer and Jessica Rawe! If you have questions about the speaker series, please contact NDA's Advancement Department at 859.292.7729. You can register online [HERE](#).



POWER OF THE Purse



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Educating Women to Make a Difference

Session 1 - November 15, 2017
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
The ABC's of Estate Planning

▶ Important dates

November 8	NHS Induction - 7:00 p.m. Theatre
November 9	Remembrance Mass - 9:30 a.m.
November 10	Junior Retreat FR/SO Breakfast
November 11	HSPT Workshop for incoming 8th graders 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
November 14	Fall Sports Awards
November 15	Freshmen Retreat Power of the Purse
November 16-19	National Catholic Youth Conference
November 17	Panda FunFest InterAlliance Women in Technology Luncheon
November 21	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
November 22	NO SCHOOL: Professional Development Day for Faculty College Welcome Back Night for Class of 2017
November 23-24	NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break
November 28	Giving Tuesday
December 1	Fruit Sale delivery and pick up Alumnae and Friends Wreath and Wine Night
December 6	Holiday Leadership Luncheon for Alumnae
December 9	High School Placement Test (HSPT)

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Positions Available for Students
- Aubrey Rose "Above and Beyond Doctor of the Year"
- National Catholic Youth Conference

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

