



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Our Capital Campaign construction is moving along as planned but has been a bit noisier than usual this week. I thank you and your daughters for your patience as we renovate our building.

As you know, we use the K12 Swift Alert System to let you know if there is a change to the school schedule. This system will be tested in the next couple of weeks. These calls will go to the phone numbers and emails you have provided for the parent notification system.

In the Catholic tradition, the month of November is a time to remember our loved ones who have passed. Last week at NDA, we celebrated our Remembrance Mass as a community. This was a rich and beautiful celebration of our faith and commemoration of the souls who have gone before us. Now we prepare for Thanksgiving with grateful hearts for all that we have been blessed with at Notre Dame Academy and in our lives. Next Tuesday, we will come together once again at our annual Thanksgiving Prayer Service to give thanks.

I am truly grateful for the way our students are *Living the Gospel Empowered by Mary's Witness* this school year. These are challenging times for us as Catholics and as a nation. Our students are a source of optimism and inspiration as they live the mission of NDA serving others and making a difference in the world. You can see much evidence of this in the stories below:

- Our Pandas are once again collecting thousands of canned goods to feed the hungry this winter. It's been full-fledged **CAN-damonium** for nearly two weeks at NDA. There are **only two more days** for students to bring in canned food items so please encourage your daughters to do all they can to help the cause tomorrow and Friday.
- LIFE Club members once again reached out to help St. Elizabeth Hospice with their annual dove project.
- **Drug Free Club** membership is at all time high with **72% membership at NDA**. As you will see below, NDA's good example of combatting drugs is having a positive impact on the state of Kentucky.
- Students are volunteering their time and energy doing service at over 50 local agencies throughout the school year.

I thank you for your support in our students' charitable efforts. I ask for your help in reiterating to them the importance of *Living the Gospel Empowered by Mary's Witness* at all times. It is critically important in this technologically advanced age that they realize the significance of living the gospel not only in face-to-face conversations but also online in their social media communications. As leaders of educational technology, it is an essential lesson that we must teach. I thank you for your support in this as well.

Our mission clearly spells out our core goal: to educate young women to make a difference in the world. Along with that, we strive to help your daughters become great souls. As St. Julie says, "Great souls are needed." We teach our students that it is paramount that they not only care for their own souls but also the souls of others. It is clear that they understand their responsibility to the souls of others by their strong engagement in service to the community. The great joy they experience in serving others is further evidence of the light of Christ and His goodness in the world.

I am thankful for the good that exists in our world today and grateful to our students for highlighting it for all to see! I am also grateful for your continued support of Catholic education. Have a healthy and happy Thanksgiving!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Handbook Highlight

An exam is intended to be a learning experience in synthesizing, reviewing, and selecting important information. All students are required to take mid-term exams in every subject. A student taking a freshman, sophomore and junior course is required to take final

exams in that subject. A student taking a full credit senior level course, who has a passing grade for three quarters and a 92% or above average for the fourth quarter, may be exempt from their final exams.

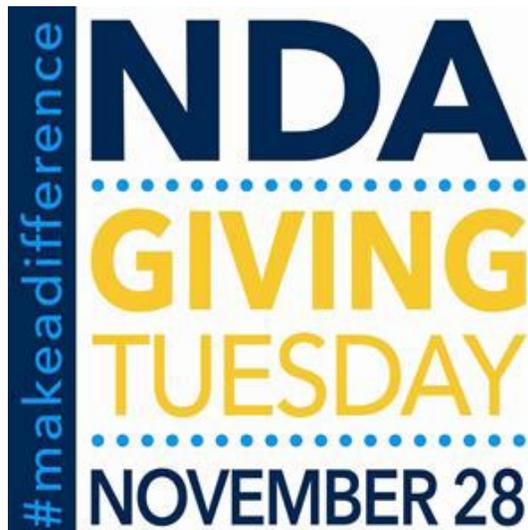
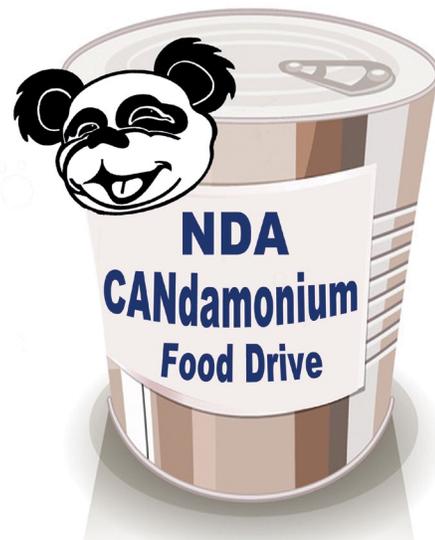
To be exempt for a half credit senior level course final exam, a student must have an 83% or higher in the first quarter of the class and a 92% or above in the second quarter. **Exemption is granted to students who maintain the required average and who have not exceeded 5 unexcused absences in a semester.**



CANDAMONIUM ◀

Our annual canned food drive is going strong! The NDA Pandas are going to make a tremendous difference in the lives of those in need this holiday season. Send in your canned goods soon because the drive ends this Friday, 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



NDA JOINS GLOBAL DAY OF GIVING ◀

Save the date! #GivingTuesday is just 2 weeks away!

This November 28, 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.

The Annual Appeal supports our mission by helping to keep tuition at an affordable level and allowing us to continue to work with any young woman who could benefit from an NDA education.

Every gift, no matter the size, will make a real difference for current and future NDA students!

Please join us on this global day of giving and **#MakeADifference@NDA!**



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.



NDA DRUG FREE CLUB HELPS TO COMBAT DRUGS IN KENTUCKY ◀

Due to the success of NDA's Drug Free Club program, NDA Principal Mr. Jack VonHandorf was recently asked to assist with a presentation about the Education Council and the NKY Drug Free Clubs of America at the Kentucky Interim Joint Committee on Education in Frankfort.

The state of Kentucky is trying to come up with a solution to help students combat drugs and they are very impressed that **72% of our students belong to our Drug Free Club at NDA!**

JUNIOR RETREAT ◀

On Friday afternoon and evening our juniors took part in their annual class retreat. The retreat was led by the Youth Ministry Team at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford. The evening involved praise and worship, team building, trust activities, meditation and reflection time. The girls were fantastic and very open to the messages presented to them. A huge thank you to the many parents who sent in food, heated garlic bread, set up and cleaned up our dinner!



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING ◀

Last week Mrs. Megan Abbott led our discussion around the topic of forming Friendships with Older Adults. We heard stories of the ministry she was involved in before coming to NDA and learned ways we can befriend the elderly in our service work. This week, we begin the Junior Service Program Process. Students will receive all the paperwork we need to accurately place them in at a service agency for the year. The paperwork (green form) is due back by Nov. 28/30. A gold form detailing the transportation guidelines we follow is also being sent home for review. If you have any questions - please email Mrs. Price at priceb@ndapandas.org.



YMCA AWARD ◀

Congratulations to Hope McNickle! Out of over 4,000 campers who attended YMCA Camp Ernst this year, Hope was among the two percent who won the prestigious Honor Camper award.

"Hope is a very influential camper who has impacted her peers through sincerity and kindness in real, every day terms," Camp Director Elizabeth "Eli" Cochran said. "We are very proud of her."

Great job making a difference Hope!



ELLY PIATT

NOVEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Notre Dame Academy Junior, Elly Piatt, who has been selected as November's Student of the Month. Elly is a Student Council Homeroom Representative and has been since Freshmen year. She runs cross country, serves as an Ambassador and participates in Uganda Pandas. Teachers describe Elly as kind, hard-working, empathetic and eager to help. According to Instructional Technologist, Mrs. Mullee, "Elly exemplifies our theme this year, Living the Gospel: Empowered by Mary's Witness," and we are so proud to call you a Panda, Elly!

SOMETHING ABOUT ELLY

According to NDA's Marketing Director Jane Kleier, "Elly is a faithful young woman living the gospel message of Jesus each and every day at NDA. She is an excellent example for her peers and through her good example, encourages them to live by Mary's witness as well."



Elly serves on NDA's Peer Ministry Team. When not at NDA, you can find her at Blessed Sacrament where she participates in Youth Ministry Group, serves as a Eucharistic Minister and teaches 2nd grade Religion classes.

Elly's advice to other Pandas: "Don't be afraid to get excited about things because other people catch on." We thank Elly for her excitement, positivity and school spirit. She's definitely a young woman who is making a difference at NDA and the beyond.



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀ FRUIT SALE

The fruit sale verification form is due back to Mrs. Schmidt by Friday November 17.

For all of you who did not sell your 12 boxes of fruit your \$20/box pay to play fee is due December 7 to Mrs. Schmidt! Check is payable to Notre Dame Academy, memo line Fruit sale.

VOLLEYBALL

Four pandas will continue their volleyball careers at the collegiate level next year: Lainey Stephenson (Wright State University), Julia Sears (Otterbein University) and Olivia Montelisciani (Morehead State) and Natalie Hardig (Northern Kentucky University). Congratulations to each of these outstanding players!





INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

Instructional Technology in the Science Classroom

By Molly Mullee

While observing instructional technology in classes over the past few weeks, I have found some excellent uses of digital learning. For example, students in Molly Proudfit's class work together collaboratively after Mrs. Proudfit has demonstrated the relationship between peptide amino acids and proteins.



(Molly Proudfit and some of her AP Biology Students: Lucy Teller, Molly Kleier and Micaela Kramer)

Combining hands' on manipulatives and iPads is a win-win opportunity for these AP Bio students. They are able to research further, take photos, compare and even draw findings, audio record the lecture, or insert audio notes using their note-taking app, Notability. This teaching style reaches all learners, which eases the stress of being in an AP course.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



Creative WRITING



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.



[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.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH ART ◀

NDA Art students created 30 portraits for orphans in the Philippines through the Memory Project, an organization that invites students to create and donate portraits to youth around the world who have faced substantial challenges such as neglect, abuse, loss of parents, violence and extreme poverty.



ALUMNAE & FRIENDS WREATH NIGHT ◀

Looking for a night out with your fellow alumnae and friends? Join us for our NDA Alumnae & Friends Wreath and Wine Night on December 1 from 7-9 p.m. The class includes materials to create a 24" wreath (pictured) with a customized centerpiece. Enjoy a bit of holiday fellowship, food and refreshments (each attendee will receive two drink tickets for wine or beer) all for just \$50! Get your girlfriends together or come and meet new ones and create your own Christmas wreath!

Deadline for registration is November 26. Space is limited so register online today [HERE](#).



SANTA STOCKS BAMBOOTIQUE FOR CHRISTMAS ◀

Santa came early this year at NDA and he left many awesome new items for you to purchase for your Panda! Stop in and check it out!



IT'S HOLIDAY SHOPPING TIME!

Come visit us at the
Bambootique!

Special Holiday Hours to Serve you!

- Saturday, November 11 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Saturday, November 18 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 2 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 5 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 6 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Thursday, December 7 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 9 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 12 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 13 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Thursday, December 14 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 16 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 19 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, December 21 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



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!

► Important dates

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)
December 10	Band Christmas Concert
December 11	Senior Retreat
December 20	Faculty/Staff Christmas Party
December 21	No School: Christmas Break begins
January 4	School resumes

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- 4K 4 a Cause Color Run/Walk - St. Joseph, Cold Spring
- Positions Available for Students
- Part-time job opportunity

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

