



*An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy*

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I hope you had the chance to read the email I sent to you on Monday about PANDA PRIME TIME. We presented the idea of this flexible time period that will be incorporated into the school day beginning in the fall of 2019 to our freshmen, sophomores and juniors earlier in the week. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to talk to your daughter about Monday's presentation regarding this innovative concept. I truly believe that it will provide time for students to address academic, emotional, physical and spiritual needs through a multitude of opportunities. If you have questions about PANDA PRIME TIME, I suggest you watch the video we presented to the students which you can find [HERE](#). If you have any further questions not answered in the video, feel free to contact me or Assistant Principal Amber Grayson.

Over the next few weeks we will be sharing calendar information about the 2019-2020 school year with you and your daughters. At this point, our first day of school is tentatively planned for August 19.

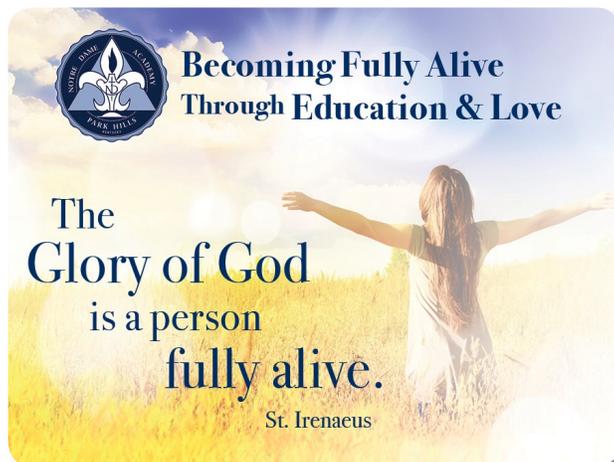
Next Wednesday, February 20 is SUPER TUESDAY at NDA. On that day, our freshmen and sophomores will be taking the College Equipped Readiness Test (CERT). Our juniors will be taking the ACT and our Seniors will be taking part in their Senior Mission Retreat at St. Joseph Heights. **PLEASE NOTE: School will dismiss at 2:00 for all students on that day.**

I am grateful for the many ways we are connected through our mission at Notre Dame Academy. In the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame, our goal is to produce young women who have a fundamental desire to seek excellence and make a difference not only for themselves, but also for the world at large. We do this by offering challenging academic programs and a multitude of co-curricular opportunities that include community service, student life, fine arts, leadership and athletics. We are blessed with the support of so many parents, families, alumnae and friends of NDA who deeply believe in our mission. We appreciate their continued support in our efforts to provide a premiere 21st century education rooted in the Catholic faith.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission and please know I am grateful to partner with you in this important work!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Handbook Highlight

As we prepare Prom at the end of the March, it is important to revisit our dress code for special occasions. As our handbook states, "it is expected that students (and their guests) dress in a way that is acceptable for young women attending a Catholic high school. This includes appropriate dress or skirt length and coverage of the stomach, back, and chest areas." Dresses must be the appropriate length (go past fingertips when arms are at side), cover the front and

back areas appropriately and avoid cutouts where the midriff or usually covered areas are exposed. All juniors and seniors will attend a Prom information session next Friday during long homeroom.



### Quarterly Club Meetings

Many thanks to our Northern Kentucky Youth Advisory Board (NKYAB) members Angela Kyntchev, Anna Resing, Onali Fernando, Kenzie Eberhart and Haley Planicka for their contributions to this year's Club Leader Meetings. These students are able to plan and coordinate meetings that are fun, educational and formative for our student leaders.

We look forward to welcoming Beth Nowak to our next meeting who will share her life experiences as well as the importance of serving others.

### Super Wednesday!

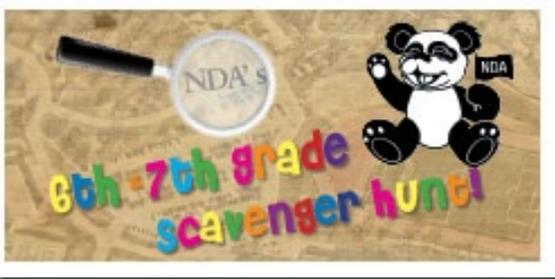
Next Wednesday is a Super Day with the Senior Mission Retreat, Junior ACT testing and Sophomore and Freshmen CERT testing. **School will dismiss at 2:00 for all students.**

## ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS ◀

Senior Parents - just a reminder that the parent letter for the Senior Mission Retreat is due on Friday, February 15 to the school office. Please be sure to put your daughter's first and last name on the outside and label it "parent letter". Information about this letter was emailed out several weeks ago. Thanks for your assistance. If you have any questions - please email Mrs. Bridget Price at [priceb@ndapandas.org](mailto:priceb@ndapandas.org).

## ATTENTION SOPHOMORE PARENTS ◀

Just a friendly reminder that your sophomore's 15 hours of service is due on March 20. Many have already completed their work - but there are still quite a few who haven't even begun. I have been meeting with the sophomores individually to make sure they have a plan. Please encourage your daughter to set up their service over the next couple weeks! Monday's day off would be the perfect opportunity to complete some service work. A few reminders - all service MUST take place with a non-profit organization and must be logged onto x2vol.com within 2 weeks of serving!



## 6TH & 7TH GRADE SCAVENGER HUNT AT NDA! ◀

Attention future Pandas! Join in all of the "Pandamonium" at the 6th and 7th Grade Scavenger Hunt at Notre Dame Academy on Friday, February 15 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Don't miss this afternoon of games, the NDA Scavenger Hunt, food and more! Please return the registration form for this event before February 14. You can find the registration form online [HERE](#). For more information contact NDA's Director of Admissions, Katie Caccavari, at 859.292.1829. We hope to see you there!

## NDA GIRL UP DAY! ◀

Attention all girls in grades 4-8! Notre Dame Academy's Girl Up Club is presenting NDA GIRL UP DAY! On March 9, 2019, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Notre Dame Academy invites girls in grades 4-8 to come to NDA to learn about our Girl Up Club, confidence, leadership skills and how to develop strong bonds and relationships with other girls. All proceeds will be donated to the United Nations Foundation's Girl Up campaign. Students registered by February 22 will receive a free t-shirt! Register online [HERE](#).



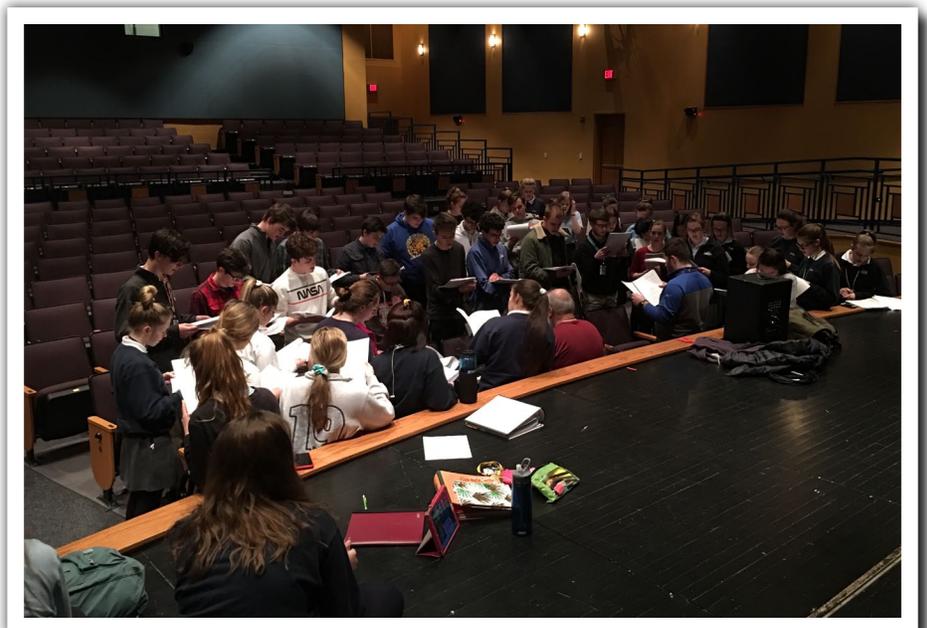
## PANDA GRAPHICS ◀

NDA's Graphic Design class was asked to design 1-inch stickers for the 6th & 7th grade Scavenger Hunt. The theme for the stickers was loving yourself. Here are the designs the students created using Photoshop.



## SAVE THE DATE ◀

Tuck Everlasting rehearsals started this week! Save the date for this wonderful spring musical - April 12-14!





## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR GERMAN STUDENTS FOR FALL 2019 ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2019 enrollment. We are again working with our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta). At this time we are seeking families who would consider hosting the German students for the 2019 fall semester. Please email Mrs. Katie Caccavari at [caccavarik@ndapandas.org](mailto:caccavarik@ndapandas.org), if you would be interested in more information about this opportunity. Your reply is not a commitment but would help us to know which families would consider supporting our international student enrollment by serving as host families.

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

### WINTER SPORTS PROGRAM

The Winter Sports Program honoring all Winter athletes from Archery, Basketball, Bowling and Swimming and Diving will be on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the theatre. All athletes and their families are invited to attend.



Congratulations to Danielle Renekamp on being named the Cincinnati Enquirer Athlete of the Week last week!

Vote for Allie Piccirillo as swimmer of the week! You can vote [HERE](#).



## DO YOU WONDER WHAT THE SOUTHERN BORDER IS LIKE? ◀

This summer Sister Maria Francine is facilitating a trip there to see the situation and speak with those involved, particularly immigrants and border patrol. This trip is for adults, not students. The Columbian Missions in El Paso who have a shelter there provides talks with immigrants, border patrol and relief workers. Sometimes we need, when possible, to take an initiative to be informed. Access [THIS LINK](#) for details. You may contact Sister Maria Francine at [stacymf@ndapandas.org](mailto:stacymf@ndapandas.org).

## WORK STUDY AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LONGSHORE DINING HALL ◀

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](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org). The schedule is online and you can sign up [HERE](#).



**ALSO**, we have a Work Study position open in the Longshore Dining Hall dishroom as well. If you are interested in this position, please contact Karen Brungs at 859.292.1856 or [brungsk@ndapandas.org](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org).

## ART DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

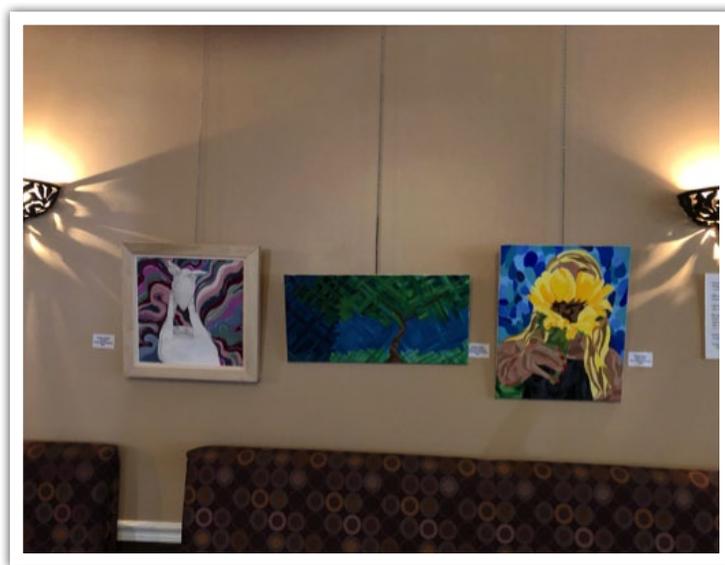
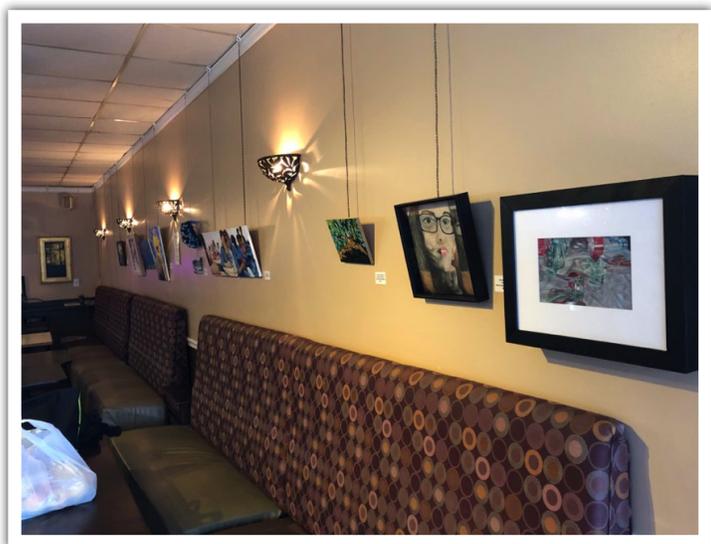
### Visual Arts Students Excel in Scholastics Competition

Congratulations to the following students for submitting their artwork to the Scholastics Art and Writing Competition and earning the following awards for their talent in Visual Arts.

Chloe Collins – Silver Key  
Grace Caccavari – Honorable Mention  
Grace Eckerle – Honorable Mention  
Gwyneth Thomas – Gold Key, Gold Key  
Hana Kennedy – Silver Key  
Katherine Donaghy – Honorable Mention, Gold Key  
Kenzie Eberhart – Honorable Mention, Gold Key  
Maya Batshoun – Silver Key  
Morgan Weltzer – Silver Key  
Zoe Moellering – Honorable Mention

### Visual Art Student Show Work at Reality Tuesday Café

Many thanks to the good people over at Reality Tuesday Café for allowing our Junior and Senior Art students to show their work in their establishment. Chances to show your work at a place like Reality Tuesday Café are hard to come by as places are filled up months in advance but they are kind enough to hold a month for our art students. Please stop in to Reality Tuesday Café some time throughout the month of February to check out our NDA artists work.





## Commonwealth Honors Academy

Commonwealth Honors Academy (CHA) is an exciting, challenging academic and personal growth program from June 8-29 on the campus of Murray State University for outstanding students who've completed their junior year with a 3.5 GPA and 25 ACT score. Students earn 6 hours of university credit, with opportunities for more. Cost if accepted is only a \$195 tuition processing fee. Senior Morgan Briede, who attended CHA last summer, will be at an Information Session to describe her experience and answer questions on Thursday February 14 from 3:15-3:30 p.m. in Alumnae Hall. Applications, including the teacher Recommendation, are due March 1.

A large listing of **Summer Enrichment Opportunities** is available on our website [HERE](#).



## HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NDA PARENT TOOLBOX?

Our [NDA Parent Tool Box](#) has some new articles regarding teens with recommendations for healthy relationships and friendships.

Check out these wonderful tools to help with understanding and raising teenage girls!

## MENTORING



## ALUMNAE MENTORING ◀

Our alumnae mentors have sessions set up for once a month to speak and interact with Seniors.

### Here is what to expect for future dates:

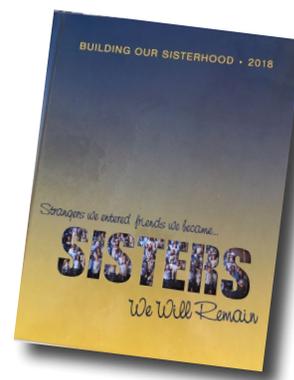
- Communication / Responsiveness
- Critical Thinking/Decision Making Skills
- Speed Mentoring Session

Wednesday, March 13  
Wednesday, April 10  
Wednesday, May 1

## YEARBOOK NEWS! ◀

**2017-18 Yearbook:** We have a limited number of copies of the 2017-18 school yearbook, "Building Our Sisterhood", available for purchase. Books are \$70 (check payable to NDA) and can be purchased in the school office or by contacting Publications instructor Rory Glynn at [glynnr@ndapandas.org](mailto:glynnr@ndapandas.org).

**2018-19 Yearbook:** This year's book, "New and Forever", will be out next fall but can be purchased now for the pre-order price of \$60. They're available at [jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2019-Yearbook/20180825044300310151/CATALOG_SHOP/) or by following this link. ([https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2019-Yearbook/20180825044300310151/CATALOG\\_SHOP/](https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2019-Yearbook/20180825044300310151/CATALOG_SHOP/))





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## ► Important dates

February 15	Mid-quarter 6th and 7th Grade Scavenger Hunt
February 18	No School: Presidents' Day
February 20	JR ACT, SR Mission Retreat, SO & FR Cert
February 22	SR/JR Prom info session
February 28	Athletic Hall of Fame
February 6	Ash Wednesday Mass
March 7	Women Making a Difference Career Fair/Luncheon
March 8	Green Dot Mixer
March 9	Girl Up Day
March 10	Daylight Savings time begins
March 12	Blood Drive Winter Sports Award
March 18	Body Peace Week
March 19	Panda Preview Night
March 22	Prom

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Catholic Conference of Kentucky - Take Action on Educational Choice!
- Sacramentals, Tools for your Spiritual Life... "Don't leave your home without them!"
- Nonprofit Founder and TIME 100 Most Influential People Winner to Speak at TMC
- Host Family Program

You can find a complete list of community news [HERE.](#)

