



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

As educators, the end of a school year leads us to reflect on the past nine months. We remember the good times we have had throughout the academic year and the challenges we faced. As principal of Notre Dame Academy, I am filled with gratitude for our students and all of the incredible experiences we have shared as a community this past year. The hard work and tough lessons made us better and brought us the true joy that accompanies accomplishment.

Notre Dame Academy is a place where young women come to discover their God given gifts and talents. Our students learn to develop these gifts and share them not for their own personal gain, but for the greater glory of God. They realize their potential and the possibilities that lie beyond high school. They recognize their responsibility to use their education to make a difference wherever they go. This is our mission and the spirit of Notre Dame Academy.

No one better exemplifies the spirit of NDA than our very own Dr. Laura Koehl. As president of Notre Dame Academy, Dr. Koehl defines the vision of our school. She collaborates with our stakeholders setting our direction and articulating our strategic goals. Dr. Koehl has dedicated her professional career to education - especially for young women.

This afternoon Dr. Koehl was recognized by the NKY Chamber of Commerce's Women's Initiative at the *Outstanding Women of Northern Kentucky 2019 Awards* luncheon for her commitment to education with the *Helen Carroll Champion of Education Award*. On behalf of the entire Notre Dame Academy community, I would like to congratulate Dr. Koehl and thank her for her leadership and for dedicating herself to education. She is a wonderful example to our students as an NDA graduate who is living the mission of our school and truly made and making a difference in the world.

Please note that senior exams will take place May 20-22 and exams for freshmen, sophomores and juniors will take place May 28-30. I encourage you to discuss the exam schedule with your daughter. This can be a stressful time and we encourage students to support one another and make healthy choices to reduce stress. You can find links to the exam schedules below.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Student Council Homeroom Representative Elections

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to serve as Student Council Homeroom Reps next year:

Current Freshmen:

Paige Donnelly
Reagan Heitker
Jillian Martin
Kate McBride
Katie McKeown
Jayden Otto
Ella Schulte
Addy Woeste

Current Sophomores:

Margaret Gartner
Josie Lawrie
Natalie Schuh
Emma Summe
Mollie Tagher
Hailey Taylor

Current Juniors:

Chloe Esmeier
Catherine Nerswick
Serena Paterno
Lainey Renaker
Gabby Weber
Grace Winstel



ALL ARE WELCOME ◀

We pray a decade of the rosary to “Notre Dame” Our Lady everyday at NDA at 7:25 a.m. in our new chapel! We welcome students, faculty and staff.

Also, we will be celebrating mass in the chapel on Wednesday, May 29 at 7:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us as we wind down the school year!



GOOD LUCK AT NATIONALS! ◀

Our Mock Trial Pandas are in competing at the at the National Mock Trial Tournament in Athens, Georgia this week! Good luck Pandas!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS AND SENIOR PARENTS ◀

- There is some helpful information on the website for seniors to help you plan for the upcoming weeks! [Senior Class Information](#) (Graduation info at the bottom of the page).
- The Senior Breakfast is the day of Graduation, you can make your reservation to attend [HERE](#). Please make your reservation by May 17. If you have any questions contact Leanne Kirn at 859-292-1827.
- If you would like to let your daughter know how proud you are of her accomplishments at NDA, you can say it with a yearbook recognition ad. They’re available in a variety of sizes, starting at just \$45, and you get to choose the photos and words you want. They’re quick, easy and fun! Getting started is as simple as following this link: (https://www.jostens.com/apps/shop/yrbk_ra_flash.asp?CID=147347&PFID=20180825051151427151) Order by May 31 to guarantee your daughter a copy!
- Please check your daughter’s account balance and let Cafeteria Manager Karen Brungs know if you would like a refund or transfer your balance. Thank you! Contact Information: Karen Brungs at 859.292.1856 or brungsk@nda-pandas.org.

ATTENTION SOPHOMORE PARENTS ◀

Sophomore Parents: The date has been set for the Junior Retreat next year. It will take place from 2:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 10. This is a required activity for all Juniors! Please mark your calendars and avoid any conflicts. We will be asking for assistance with dinner that evening. More information will be sent out at the beginning of the school year.



WELCOME TO THE PANDA FAMILY! ◀

This past weekend, NDA English Teacher and Department Chair Amanda Schultz and her husband were blessed with a beautiful baby boy - Samuel James Schultz. Happy Mother's Day Mrs. Schultz!

FELICIDADES! ◀

NDA Spanish teacher Mrs. Stacey Bill recently received the "Teacher Who Makes a Difference Award" from the University of Kentucky. This award is very special as the nomination came from an NDA alumna - Angela Houston.



PANDAS AND PROBABILITY ◀

The sophomores in Ms. Tucker's Honors Geometry are studying probability. They learned about theoretical and experimental probability by doing a fun activity with M&M's. They performed 10 blind trials choosing 10 M&M's at a time and compared the theoretical probability to the results of their experiment. They even got to enjoy some sweet treats afterwards!



HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR YEARBOOK? ◀

There is still time to purchase this year's book, "New and Forever", at [jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) or by following this link. (https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2019-Yearbook/20180825044300310151/CATALOG_SHOP/). Order by May 31 to guarantee your daughter a copy!

JETS SUCCESS AND SERVICE ◀

The JETS (Junior Engineer Technical Society) Club participated in the TEAMS Competition at the University of Cincinnati on Wednesday March 13. NDA has fourteen students on two teams, a Freshman-Sophomore Team included the following: Dinithi Fernando, Grace Heberling, Charity Kincaid, Maggie Perez, Catie Scola, Kaitlyn Warner. The Junior-Senior Team included the following: Megan Bezold, Morgan Breide, Onali Fernando, Claire James, Angela Kyntchev, Ellie O'Hara, Olivia Ossege, Haley Planicka). After meeting and preparing for months, the students of our two teams wrote and submitted a paper each. They took a large, 80-question test on the competition day. They also worked together to accomplish a design and build challenge project at the event. End the end, the Junior-Senior Team placed seventh in the state of Kentucky! The Freshman-Sophomore team placed 2nd at the event, but placed first in the state of Kentucky! Congratulations Ladies!



The JETS club also worked on completing a service project at the Notre Dame Urban Education Center. Earlier this month, Dinithi Fernando, Onali Fernando, and Olivia Ossege shared the TEAM competition design and build component of the competition with the students at the Notre Dame Urban Education Center. They had students design a rescue device to help a Panda Cub who had fallen in a hole. The students and our ladies had a great time designing their tools and trying to rescue the Panda! We have many future engineers in the works!



NDA STUDENT FILM NOMINATED FOR BEST DOCUMENTARY ◀

Our Spanish 4 Honors class recently made a documentary on immigration in our local Notre Dame Academy community. After several interviews both in Spanish and English and hours of translating and editing, our students submitted the 10 minute movie to a short film festival in New York City and here in Northern Kentucky. Our students' documentary, entitled "Something to Say" was selected as a nomination for Best Documentary and was recently played at Thomas More University. Great job to our students for their dedication to learning and educating the community on real life immigration stories! If anyone would like to see the full documentary, please contact Ms. Stacey Bill at bills@ndapandas.org.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING FOR NDA'S MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT ◀

Mrs. Greg Cerimele reports that this year's first AP® Statistics Class in the history of Notre Dame Academy went very well! "Not only were the students introduced to the College Board AP® Stats Curriculum, I learned a ton about teaching Statistics too," says Cerimele.



PERSONAL FITNESS PANDAS! ◀

Mrs. Rita Tucker's Personal Fitness class recently went on a field trip to Pure Barre. Way to get fit Pandas!

MUSIC NEWS ◀

This Week our band members are preparing for their BIGGEST venues of the year:

CCH Commencement Ceremony:
May 21 6:15 p.m.

NDA Commencement Ceremony:
May 24 3:15 p.m.

Memorial Day Parade:
May 27 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



SHOWCASE OF TALENT AND HARD WORK ◀

Our Textiles students recently hosted a quilt show displaying their beautiful work from this semester. The photos below represent hours of hard work and perseverance. Every student wrote a descriptive paragraph naming their quilt and talking about their experience. Textiles teacher Mrs. Pat Brennan says, "What I loved about reading them was an almost universal expression of making mistakes, correcting them and knowing it was okay not to be perfect, but to persevere in the face of difficulties."

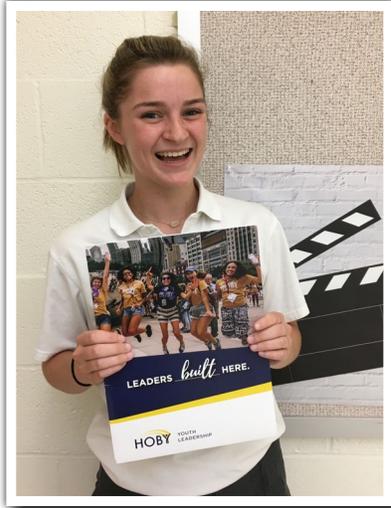


COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

EXAM SCHEDULE

Seniors will be taking exams May 20-22. You can find the Senior Exam Schedule [HERE](#).

Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors will be taking exams May 28, 29 and 30. You can find the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior Exam Schedule [HERE](#).



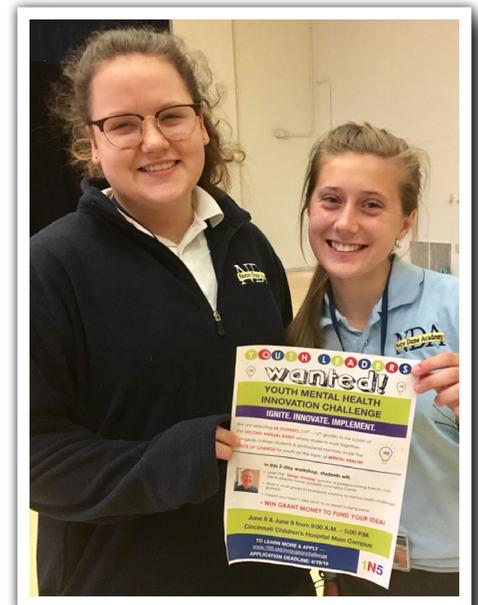
HOBY SEMINAR

Sophomore Sara Nageleisen has been selected to represent NDA at the Kentucky Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminar on June 6-9 at Berea College. HOBY's mission is to develop and inspire youth to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation. Sara will participate in HOBY'S unique training, service-learning and motivation-building experiences.



Freshmen Addy Woeste, Kaitlyn Eberhart, and Kylie Gonzalez have been selected to attend the 1N5 Youth Mental Health Innovation Challenge on June 8-9 at Cincinnati Children's Hospital in Cincinnati. This two-day workshop will provide a unique learning experience and professional development for high school and college

students. They will focus on problem-solving strategies and work in small teams to create, develop solutions to mental health challenge prompts, then present and pitch their solutions to an expert panel of mental health and social change experts.



Juniors Jana Leberrecht, Ginger Rose, and Karen Horner have been selected to attend the Empower Kentucky Youth Leadership Conference on June 7-10 at Western Kentucky University. They will be learning prevention strategies related to mental health, substance use, and power-based personal violence that they can bring back to share with our NDA community.



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NDA PARENT TOOLBOX? ◀

If you are looking for a good read over the break, or even some interesting articles, there are many good ideas (Untangled, Under Pressure, The Confidence Code, anxiety, friends, teens and technology, etc.), in [NDA Parent Tool Box!](#)



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Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

Panda Test Prep

June 3 - 7, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



PANDA TEST PREP ◀

ACT Prep Course

June 3 - 7, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$300

*Financial Assistance available...see below for more information

Notre Dame Academy will again offer an **ACT Prep Camp**. This will be held Monday, June 3 through Friday, June 7 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. each day. (This camp will be especially helpful for students interested in taking the June 8 ACT or July 13th ACT)

This Prep Camp will be taught by NDA faculty and features:

- Five 3-hour classes: Monday - Friday | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Small Class Size: Class will be limited to 25 students & students will be split into small groups of 7-8 students.

Notre Dame's ACT Prep Camp will provide participating students with the following:

- Official ACT Test Prep Book
- Understanding of ACT test format
- ACT test-taking strategies
- Opportunities to take Practice Tests
- Confidence in knowledge & abilities
- Personalized instruction from NDA faculty members

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Register online at [ACT PREP CAMP 2019](#)

Registration is limited to 25 students and will be handled on a first come, first served basis. REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
May 24, 2019

***If you have questions or would like to apply for Financial Assistance in the form of a Work-Study Scholarship, please contact Kelly Burgei at burgeik@ndapandas.org.**

SUMMER Opportunities!

SUMMER ART CAMP 2019 ◀

High School Summer Studio Art 2019

Class runs Monday thru Friday of each week, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mr. Eckerle at eckerlem@ndapandas.org

WEEK 1: 2D OR NOT 2D July 8 – July 12

WEEK 2: 3D July 15 – July 19

WEEK 3: Old Clothes Week (Painting) July 22 – July 26

WEEK 4: Mixed Media Week July 29 – August 2

Please fill out and return [REGISTRATION FORM](#) and payment to Notre Dame Academy by Friday, May 31.

Junior High Summer Studio Art Class 2019: Screen Printing

Who: Any current 6th, 7th, and 8th Grader (Limit 25 students per session)

What: Students will learn:

- 1) Different Artists known for Screen printing
- 2) The process of Screen printing work from photos and original drawings

When: Session A: The week of Monday July 8 – Thursday July 11, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Session B: The week of Monday, July 15 – Thursday, July 18, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Where: The Art Studio at Notre Dame Academy

Cost: \$80 per student.

Please fill out and return [REGISTRATION FORM](#) and payment to Notre Dame Academy by Friday, May 31st.

Enjoy the Summer



SUMMER THEATRE CAMP 2019 ◀

This theatre camp has something for everyone, from the budding performer looking to grow in skill and experience, to the timid wallflower working to find their voice and their confidence. The week we spend together will be tailored to each students' abilities and interests, ensuring a one of a kind experience for all. Sign up today, and get ready for a thrilling theatrical journey.

Participants: Students who will be enrolled in grades 2 - 9 for the 2019-2020 school year may attend.

Dates: June 17-21

Times: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Showcase: Friday, June 21, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Where: Notre Dame Academy Theatre

Cost: \$155 (includes T-shirt) (non-refundable)

[REGISTER HERE](#) - Registration Deadline is June 2, 2019. Please contact the Camp Director regarding late registration at aman-damarasch@gmail.com.

SUMMER LEARNING BAND 2019 ◀

Learn a Band Instrument this Summer for FREE! ANY 7th - 12th Grader! IF these awesome students shown below in the NDA/ CCH Band can do it, SO can You !! (Yes, we do have instruments on the shelf so you do not need to Buy or Rent anything.) We meet in the Band Room at NDA (and CCH) on Tuesday and Thursday Mornings this summer beginning June 4th. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Cerimele at cerimeleg@ndapandas.org.

ADDITIONAL SUMMER ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES ◀

Notre Dame Academy has all sorts of additional summer enrichment opportunities in **ART**, **ATHLETICS**, and **ACADEMICS**. You can find information and registration information for each of these [HERE](#).

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2019 GOLF OUTING

Friday, August 2, 2019 - Summit Hills Country Club

Come out to celebrate Notre Dame Academy in their 21st annual Golf Outing. We encourage all types of groups to play: all men, all ladies or a mixed foursome.

Don't have a golfing partner? Sign up and we can assign you to a group. You do not need to have an affiliation to Notre Dame Academy, just come out and support by golfing. **Everyone is welcome!!**

Any skill level is welcome, this is about having **FUN!**

Format will be a Four Person Scramble

Cost is \$150 per player

REGISTER HERE

Schedule for the Day:

7:00 – 7:45 am Registration, Ball Drop and Auction Ticket Sales

8:00 am: Shotgun Start

Noon: Reception, Lunch, Ball Drop and Auction Ticket Sales



Did you know...?

- Your Sisters of Notre Dame have been hosting a 4th of July Festival since 1922?
- The NDA parking lot is filled with cars and tents on the 4th of July?
- Notre Dame Academy in Park Hills and your sister school in Buseesa, Uganda receive funding from the 4th of July Festival? Other recipients include Notre Dame Urban Education Center, Julie Learning Center, and SND Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation initiatives.
- You can earn service hours by helping with the festival?

Become a volunteer with the Sisters of Notre Dame 4th of July Festival!

When: Thursday, July 4th

Where: Sisters of Notre Dame
1601 Dixie Hwy, Park Hills

How: Amy at 859-291-2040 or amcelheney@sndky.org
www.sndky.org/festival



GALA TABLE CAPTAINS NEEDED ◀

Searching for GALA TABLE CAPTAINS/dedicated parents who are willing to help fill a table of 10. The job of table captain is quite simple and costs nothing!!!

All table captains are supplied with a “how to” basket, full of essentials needed to fill their table: NDA address book, gala post cards, pens, and, if desired, stamps.

The table captain simply chooses and invites friends and family (invitees don’t have to be from NDA, all are welcome) to join them at the gala! There is NO financial obligation to pay for your table reservations! You simply secure a positive response from at least 10, get them to reserve their spot at your table and ultimately FILL that table :)

Table captain post cards/invites are completed by August/early September. Afterward, you can sit back, relax, and look forward to a fun evening with friends. It really is THAT SIMPLE...but it amounts to GREAT SUCCESS!

If interested, please contact Holly Danneman at hgdmd6@gmail.com



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► Important dates

May 15	Academic Signing
May 16	Academic Awards
May 17	Senior Alumnae Luncheon
	Senior Send Off
May 18	Drama Banquet
May 20-22	Senior Exams
	Baccalaureate Mass
May 24	Senior Breakfast
	Graduation
May 27	No School: Memorial Day
May 28-30	Exams
May 31	Cleaning Day
	4th Quarter Ends
	Faculty/Staff Luncheon

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Have you checked out the Community News section of our website lately? It has all sorts of great information for you about things happening in our community!

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

- 14th Annual Cross the Bridge for Life
- Notre Dame Urban Education Center
- Educational Savings Accounts & Avoiding The 7 Costliest College Mistakes
- Work Study positions available
- Bible Study
- Serra Club Florence Freedom Doubleheader
- Save the Date - The Marriage Journey
- Part-time help needed



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