



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! When our students returned to campus on Monday they brought with them their incredible energy and enthusiasm for education that is such an important part of Notre Dame Academy. There is nothing quite like the joy on their faces as they greet each other on that first day!

This is Notre Dame Academy's 114th year and as always, we continue to educate our students in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame. This year, as we focus on the first Educational Principle of the Sisters of Notre Dame, *The Centrality of our Good and Provident God*. In doing so, we will concentrate on *Cultivating Hope and Happiness, Strengthened by God's Love*.

At our first all-school assembly on Monday, I spoke to the students about the importance of being present at school and engaging in the many activities that make up the school day. I encouraged them to find their passion and get involved and participate in high school. I also asked them to make an effort to reach out to everyone to help us continue to be an inclusive environment for all students at Notre Dame Academy. I talked to them about the importance of learning to be servant leaders and being kind to one another. I challenged them to be the best version of themselves, take healthy risks and to be resilient even when things do not work out as they expect them to. Finally, I told our students that my prayer for them is that they have a healthy high school experience in the 2019-20 school year.

We are off to a great start of the school year. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you ever have any questions or concerns.

On behalf of our faculty and staff, please accept my gratitude to you as parents for sending your daughters to NDA. We are blessed to have each and every one of them as part of our community and look forward to a healthy and productive school year.

Thank you for partnering with us as we strive to educate young women to make a difference in the world!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

*Cultivating hope and happiness,  
Strengthened by God's love.*



*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*  
Philippians 4:13

FROM THE DESK OF  
*Dr. Laura Koehl*

Greetings Parents!

I would like to welcome each of you to the 2019-20 school year! As Mr. VonHandorf mentioned, this year as we celebrate the first Educational Principle of the Sisters of Notre Dame, *The Centrality of our Good and Provident God*. We cannot help but have great faith in God when we see evidence of God's goodness all around us here at NDA everyday! And how blessed we are to work towards the realization of what is hoped for in the goals and dreams of many.

As we embark on a new school year, I am filled with gratitude for your dedication to Catholic education and academic excellence and I thank you for sending your daughter to Notre Dame Academy. I am also very appreciative for the talent and loving spirit our faculty and staff bring to our school. I hope this year is filled with the realization of many things you hope for. May you know God's Goodness and Provident Care each and every day.

Thank you for all you do to advance the mission of NDA!

Gratefully,



Dr. Laura Dickman Koehl '75



### CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

We will celebrate mass every Thursday morning at 7:15 a.m. in the *Mary, Mother of the World* Chapel. Students, parents, faculty and staff are welcome to attend.

We will pray a decade of the Rosary at 7:45 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Fridays in the chapel. This only takes about 5 minutes and is a great way to begin the day. All are welcome to attend.

# STUDENT LIFE

## FRESHMAN ORIENTATION ◀

Last week our incoming freshman got a crash course on The Notre Dame Life at Freshman Orientation. You can find some fun pics of our newest Pandas [HERE](#).

## FINALFORMS



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION RESPONSE REQUIRED ◀

This year Notre Dame Academy has partnered with FinalForms, an online forms and data management service which allows you to complete and sign forms for your daughter(s) online. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about how to create an account for your daughter(s).



## CLUB ORIENTATION ◀

Club Orientation is Friday, September 13 and a highlight of the year! During this time, all Pandas will learn about the many clubs and activities available at Notre Dame Academy. Clubs and activities offer wonderful ways for all Pandas to develop their interests, give back to the community, make new friends and have fun. All students are encouraged to take part in the fun by joining at least one club or activity this year.



## SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAY ◀

Every Friday students are encouraged to wear their NDA spirit wear with their uniform skirts. A reminder to students to wear theirs this Friday!

If you are in the  
NDA parking lot,  
you've got to be  
**BACKED INTO**  
a parking spot!

## PARKING LOT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ◀

To ensure the safety and well-being of our students and the children from St. Julie Learning Center, parents and students **MUST** understand the parking lot policies and procedures at Notre Dame Academy. Please review our parking lot policies and procedures [HERE](#).



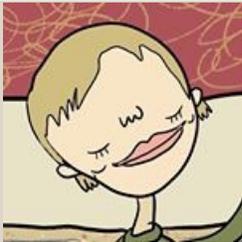
## SND-USA Provincial Named ◀

Sister Margaret Mary Gorman was recently named the provincial of the SND-USA province. You can read all about her in a letter from Sr. Mary Ethel Parrott [HERE](#).



## SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM ◀

Several of our Pandas spent a week in August learning academic strategies, working on math, summer reading, getting to know other Pandas and learning their way around NDA at the 2019 Summer Bridge Program! Take a look [HERE](#).



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH ART ◀

NDA alumna Mo Herbe is making a difference in the world using her simplistic and quirky artwork - take a look [HERE](#).

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ◀

All NDA students planning to play a sport at NDA during the 2019-20 school year must set up a Final Forms account and select their Coupon Book Fund-raiser option by **August 27!** If no option is selected, the athlete will owe the full fundraising fee and will not have books to sell.



## CHEER PANDAS ◀

Good luck to our Cheer Pandas this season! They would love to see NDA supporters at their exhibitions and competitions this school year!

You can find the Cheer Pandas roster and schedule [HERE](#).



## College Rep Visits

## 2019-20 College Rep Visits ◀

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch periods. You can find a list of upcoming visits [HERE](#).

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



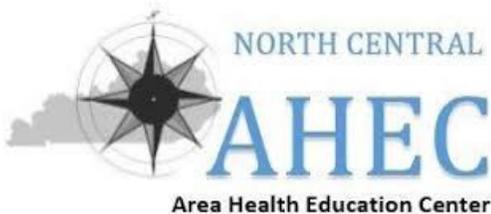
### NAVIGO SCHOLARS ◀

NaviGo Scholars is a unique opportunity for high school students to explore, experience, network, and get hands-on training in the fields they plan to pursue after high school. There are many different career focus areas (ie IT, Law, Entrepreneur, Construction, Engineering) for the program and most are targeted for juniors and seniors. Deadline for applications is Wednesday, September 11. For more info and the applications please see the link: <http://navigoprep.com/scholars-applicants/>



### NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR ◀

The National Association of College Admission Counselors will be having a National College Fair on: SATURDAY, September 14 from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the Duke Energy Convention Center. Visit the official Cincinnati National College Fair site [HERE](#) for more details.



### HEALTH CAREERS EXPLORERS PROGRAM ◀

This program, offered through a joint venture of St. Elizabeth and Area Health Education Centers, is currently accepting applicants for the 2019-20 school year. This is for sophomores, juniors and seniors who are interested in learning about health related careers. There is a one weeknight a month commitment (Wed. or Thurs.) and student will get to learn hands on about careers like PT, Nursing, Lab Tech, etc. Please see the website for more info: <http://www.northcentralkyahec.org/explorers.html>

HEALTH CAREERS



### 2019 NORTHERN KENTUCKY HEALTH CAREERS SHOWCASE ◀

On Tuesday, September 17, NDA will be attending the Health Career Showcase at St. Elizabeth Training Center. If there are any sophomore, junior or senior students interested in attending, they can get a permission slip in the Counseling Quad. We have limited spots on the bus, so it will be first come first serve. We will visit the showcase that has a variety of health professionals available to talk to about their perspective careers. The event usually lasts about one hour.



### DRUG FREE CLUB INFORMATION ◀

The time is NOW sign up for Drug Free Clubs of America (DFCA) - unless a student was signed up for all 4 years as a Freshman! For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

### GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL PROGRAMS ◀

Juniors interested in applying to the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program (GSP), can attend an Informational Meeting after school on Thursday September 5th in Alumnae Hall. You can find more information on GSP, GSA and GSE [HERE](#).





## SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 12! ◀

Planning for the 2019 Autumn Gala is in full swing, and the committees are working hard to provide an even greater experience for all. The 2019 Autumn Gala will be held on Saturday, October 12 at Summit Hills Country Club and will feature an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, a gourmet sit-down dinner, specialty games, and silent and live auctions.

Read more about The Golden Ticket and a sampling of some of the items that will be offered in the Live and Silent Auctions [HERE](#).



## ALUMNAE NEWS ◀

### Alumnae Mass

All are welcome to join us at our monthly Alumnae and Friends Masses in our new *Mary, Mother of the World* Chapel with a continental breakfast to follow. You can read about upcoming Alumnae Masses [HERE](#).

### Alumnae Day

Our 3rd Annual Alumnae Day will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019. For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

*Women Making  
A Difference*

## WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

The Women Making a Difference award program recognizes Notre Dame Academy alumnae who have made significant contributions to their families and their communities through service, professional, and philanthropic efforts. We are currently accepting nominations for the 2020 Award Ceremony. Nominations are due no later than Friday, September 27. For more information on nominating a deserving alumna please [CLICK HERE](#).

**COMMUNITY  
NEWS**

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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



# ► Important dates

## August

- 21 Opening School Mass
- 28 Alumnae Mass

## September

- 2 No School: Labor Day
- 6 Picture Day
- 11 Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents  
Parent Mini Night
- 13 Club Orientation
- 14 Student Council Fall Mixer
- 20 Fall Sports Pep Rally
- 21 NDA Alumnae Day
- 24 Naturalization Ceremony at NDA
- 25 Alumnae Mass  
Donor Scholarship Breakfast

## October

- 1 SND Foundations Day
- 2 Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents
- 3 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 4 Grandparents' Day Mass
- 6 Golden Girls Celebration Mass and Brunch
- 9 Common Reader Day
- 10 Junior Retreat
- 11 No School: Faculty Professional Development
- 12 Autumn Gala
- 16 SO/JR PSAT | Freshman Retreat #1
- 18-20 Fall Play
- 21-24 Senior Retreat #2
- 30 Alumnae Mass