



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

This has been an eventful week at NDA. Our students came together on Friday afternoon for a very spirited pep rally prior to our annual Playing for a Purpose game. Our Volleyball Pandas took on the St. Henry Crusaders at Thomas More College Friday evening. The students were definitely "Playing for a Purpose" and I am very proud of their passion for helping others. An important element of a Notre Dame education is forming young women who understand that life is lived well when it is lived generously in the service of others.

I would like to thank everyone who attended our Autumn Gala on Saturday. I thought it was a wonderful evening and I enjoyed the opportunity to speak with many parents and friends of NDA at the event. I am grateful to the parents and supporters who donated time, talent and treasure to make this year's Autumn Gala so successful.

This Friday we will kick-off the annual fruit sale to support our athletic program. All student athletes will be selling fruit to support the program and their teams. Your daughter will be bringing home her packet of information and instructions. Thank you to Mrs. Jan Schmidt for spearheading this effort! Please consider supporting this important activity by purchasing a box of fruit for yourself or as gifts for friends.

I would like to wish you all an early Happy Founders Day! This Saturday, October 1, is a special day for the Sisters of Notre Dame and our school. This day is SND Foundation Day commemorating the day our founders Hilligonde Wolbring and Elisabeth Kuhling began their religious life in Coesfeld, Germany. Hilligonde Wolbring became Sr. Maria Aloysia and Elisabeth Kuhling became Sr. Maria Ignatia and they began the SND order in Coesfeld. These young women were dedicated to providing an education to the many young girls of their region with little to no access to an education.

This Saturday, the NDA community remembers the courage, faith and commitment of the founders of the Sisters of Notre Dame and give thanks that they began a tradition of excellence in education and service to others. From the very beginning, they have taught us the significance of *Embracing Dignity in Self, Others and Community*.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Sharing a sandwich, touching a life!

Hilligonde Wolbring shared her sandwich with a student. God worked through her to help the poor and called her to begin the Sisters of Notre Dame. She shared her dream with Elisabeth Kuhling. Together they spread God's goodness and provident care around the world.

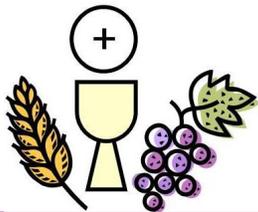


STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Panda Buddies

This morning, the senior class hosted a muffin breakfast in the cafeteria for our freshmen students. During the breakfast, freshmen met their senior buddies who have volunteered to be a support system to our newest Pandas.



JOIN US FOR MASS ◀

Please join us for Mass this Friday, September 30, at 7:15 a.m. in our Chapel. We welcome all students, parents, faculty and staff to share in the celebration of the Eucharist with us.



GOT SHOES? ◀

Shoe Drive - This week, September 26-30 we are holding a used shoe and purse drive benefitting the Sisters of Notre Dame. We can accept old but wearable shoes, duffel bags, backpacks, other bags (no rollers on them) and any type of purse. All collected items are sold to Clean Water Missions in St. Louis. This is a win/win drive:

1. Items are kept out of the landfills
2. The Mission in Uganda can replace unsafe but necessary water equipment
3. The used shoes and purses are sold to people in developing countries who fix them up and sell them, creating a small business.

Please help us support the Sisters of Notre Dame's Ugandan Mission. Barrels will be in the foyer all this week.

2017 SUMMER NDA TRIP ◀

This is a friendly reminder to all of those whose daughters are interested in the 2017 Summer Trip. **The trip enrollment deadline is THIS FRIDAY, September 30th!** If she is interested in visiting some of the best cities in the United States of America along the Eastern Seaboard, she shouldn't miss out on our 8 day trip, to visit Boston, New York City, Philadelphia and Washington D.C.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Trip Itinerary. This itinerary gives you all of the details of the cities she will visit and what we will see while she is there. If your daughter is ready to enroll now, [CLICK HERE!](#) Also, don't hesitate to email either Theresa Van Auken (vanaukent@ndapandas.org) or Hillary Johnson (johnson@ndapandas.org) for questions or further information.





NDA FACULTY SPOTLIGHT ◀

NDA science teacher and life-long learner Terri Perrino was recently featured in The Catholic Astronomer blog of the Vatican Observatory. Terri has been an engineer by training and is currently a science teacher at NDA. She also attends Thomas More College for additional education in the less applied areas of science. She uses the observatory at Thomas More College for her research on eclipsing binary stars. You can read the blog here: <http://www.vofoundation.org/blog/observatory-thomas-college/>.

OVERTURE AWARDS ◀

Is your child a star in Creative Writing, Dance, Instrumental Music, Theatre, Visual Art, or Vocal Music? The Overture Awards program is one that recognizes, encourages, and rewards excellence in the arts among Greater Cincinnati students grades 9-12. Its mission is to encourage arts education as an integral part of a student's academic experience and to create an environment that encourages training in, and appreciation of, the arts. If you are interested in entering, please email Ms. Stine (stinec@ndapandas.org). Deadline for registration is November 18th, 2016.



TO COMPETE, OR NOT TO COMPETE, THAT IS THE QUESTION ◀

ESU Competition - Does your child have a love of Shakespeare? Consider entering the English Speaking Union Cincinnati Shakespeare Competition! A competition rooted in developing the skills needed for and a love of Shakespeare, his dramatic and poetic art, his universality, and his use of the English Language. Deadline to register will be November 1. School competition will be held in January.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

College Financial Aid Presentation

TONIGHT, Sept. 28 | 6:30 pm-7:30 p.m. | NDA Theatre

Description: A Financial Aid Specialist from NKU will be here to provide an overview of college financial aid (grants, loans and scholarships). This meeting is open to all NDA students and parents (of any grade level). Seniors and senior parents may especially benefit from this presentation if applying for Financial Aid for the first time.



Junior College Planning Meeting

Wed., Oct. 19 | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | NDA Auditorium

Juniors and Junior parents are invited to attend this College Planning Meeting aimed at informing Juniors of steps they can take this year to prepare for the College Admission Process. *If you are unable to attend this meeting, Ms. Burgei will email any hand-outs and the powerpoint to all Juniors and Junior parents.

Seniors & Senior Parents - FAFSA opens October 1

The Financial Aid Application (the FAFSA) opens October 1. It is recommended that families complete the FAFSA in the first 2-3 weeks of October. For information on completing the FAFSA and helpful resources, visit the College Financial Aid page on NDA's website: "College Financial Aid" If you have any questions about College Financial Aid, contact Ms. Burgei at burgeik@ndapandas.org

Congratulations to all 350 Notre Dame Panda Members of our Drug Free Club! Initial Testing for current members was conducted on Monday and Tuesday, and went very smoothly! (The few students who were absent on those days will be tested during our First Random Testing.) Students greatly enjoyed their goodie bags! Applications for Drug Free Clubs of America, which are available in our school office, will be accepted up until Thanksgiving Break, so it is still NOT too late to join! Winners of the Early Bird Drawing for students who submitted their application by September 21 received Gift Cards from Amazon and iTunes today: Freshman - Lauren Zalla, Sophomore - Emily Thaman, Junior - Elena Alcantara, Senior - Ashley Fischer. Stay tuned for upcoming awards and Drug Free Club events!

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

GOLF

Congratulations to the NDA Golf Pandas - they are headed to State! They finished Regional Runner-up with a team total of 331 behind Ryle who carded a 326! Lauren Bracken was crowned Regional Champion with an amazing 2 under par 70 with 5 birdies on her card. Natalie Snyder had a career low 81 and finished in 7th place. Katelyn and Abby carded a 90 and Annie a 100. "I am so proud of the team and know that we are ready to compete at the state tournament," said Coach Karen Henderson.

BOWLING

Bowling tryouts Monday and Tuesday from 3:00 till 5:00 at Super Bowl.

FRUIT SALE

If your daughter has either signed up for athletics or is considering participating in athletics this school year she needs to attend long homeroom Friday as it is about the fruit sale. She will get her packet and instructions at this time.



PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE

NDA prepared for this year's Playing for a Purpose game with a very spirited pep rally on Friday afternoon. Seven students donated their hair to Pantene's Beautiful Lengths to make wigs for women who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment.!

The Pandas were out in force at the games Friday evening to support our Volleyball Pandas and cheer them all on to victory. Everyone was a winner in this effort to raise awareness for breast cancer!

ARCHERY PRESEASON MEETING ◀

The NDA Archery preseason meeting will be October 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Athletes and parents are encouraged to come. Please email Coach Lander at landern@ndapandas.org for more information about NDA Archery.



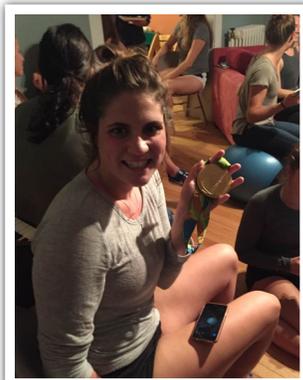
SUCCESS ON THE WATER ◀

NDA senior Gabby Hacker rows with the Cincinnati JR Rowing Club along with several other girls from NDA and this sport is taking her to levels she never imagined. In 2014, after rowing not even a year, Gabby competed in the varsity 4 seat boat and finished 5th in the nation.

In July of this year, her varsity 8 finished 2nd in the nation at the US Rowing Youth National Championships in New Jersey. In her boat were other NDA students, Mary Shannon Malloy and Emily Schutzmann. Two other students from Notre Dame, Ashley Wright and Ryan Cleves finished 3rd in the lightweight eight.

Gabby's current personal record for doing a 2K on the erg (indoor rowing machine) is 7:18 and is in the 99 percentile for her age. In February, she finished 2nd at the Cincinnati Indoor Rowing Invite. Gabby currently has two full ride scholarship offers from Indiana and Ohio State. She has recently taken official visits to Michigan and Clemson. On her trip to Michigan she was able to meet Amanda Elmore who won a gold medal in Rio in rowing in the women's eight. Gabby will be taking her official visits at Ohio State and Virginia in the next two weeks.

NDA's Emily Schutzman and Briana Baker also have several college visits for their rowing expertise. We wish all of these young women the best in their future rowing careers!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ◀

A special thank you to everyone who supported the 2016 Autumn Gala. Attendees had a wonderful time and enjoyed meeting other parents and friends of NDA!



INFORMATIONAL COFFEE for PROSPECTIVE PANDA PARENTS ◀

Do you know a future Panda parent? Parents are invited for a “sneak peek” at NDA: Who we are, what we value, and how we will prepare your daughter to make a difference in the world.

Dates and Times:

Wednesday, October 19, 8 - 9 a.m.*

Friday, November 4, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.*

*Reservations are required for these events. Please RSVP to Katie Caccavari, Director of Admissions, caccavarik@ndapandas.org, 859-292-1829 at least 24 hours prior to the date you wish to attend.



2016-17 College Rep Visits at NDA

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch mods (M/T/Th/F 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Wednesdays 11:12 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) Below is a list of upcoming visits.

SEPTEMBER

29 Mount St Joseph University



Northern Kentucky University



30 Bellarmine University



OCTOBER

3 University of Southern California



13 Vanderbilt University



University of Dayton



YOUTH 2000 ◀

The 12th annual YOUTH 2000 retreat will take place next weekend, Oct. 7-9, at NDA. They are in need for people to help in various areas:

- **Front desk:** To help contact Ellen Curtin at 441-7682/ 578-8000 (work) | curtine@fuse.net | 468-2494 (cell)
- **Overnight adoration:** Volunteer for an hour of adoration during the night Fri. and Sat. in the NDA gym. An overnight security officer is on hand to ensure safety. To volunteer contact Terri Babey: 441-3438 | 240-4472 (cell) | ttabey333@gmail.com
- **Security:** This is during the day. Along with other volunteers, you keep an eye on the doors. To volunteer for a two-hour shift anytime during the retreat, contact Paul Meisenhelder: Paul Meisenhelder 491-9455 | 344-9322 ext.37 | 322-6231 (cell) | pmeisenhelder@newperceptions.org

▶ Important dates

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| September 28 | College Financial Aid Presentation 6:30 p.m. in Theatre |
| September 30 | Mass in Chapel 7:15 a.m. |
| October 4 | Teacher appreciation Volleyball Game |
| October 5 | Life Mass |
| October 7 | No School Youth 2000 Begins at NDA |
| October 10 | Panda Parent Club (PPC) meeting 7:00 p.m. Teacher Conference Room |
| October 11 | LIFE Club Blood Drive |
| October 14 | First Quarter Ends Junior Retreat |
| October 19 | Super Wednesday: FR Retreat SO/JR PSAT SR at the Mosque Parent Informational Coffee |
| October 19 | JR College Planning Mtg |
| October 21-23 | Fall Play |
| October 24 | SR Retreat Red Ribbon Week Begins |
| October 27 | NHS Induction |
| October 29 | CCH Halloween Bash |
| November 1 | All Saints' Day - No School |

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Blessed Sacrament School Open House
- Life's 5th Quarter
- Park Hill's Animal Hospital Halloween Pet Fair
- Part-time job opportunity for moms and students
- Now hiring at Chick-fil-A in Fort Wright
- National League of Junior Cottillions

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

