



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

It's been a very positive and eventful week at NDA as we continue *Living our Story of God's Goodness!*

Our students began the week with increased enthusiasm as we began our annual food drive to **Can the Colonels**. I have assured our students that while I may be a former Colonel, I am all Panda these days and committed to NDA's cause! Our goal this year is not only to beat the Colonels, but to collect more than the 14,000 food items that we totalled last year. The food drive will continue through November 23.

Please note that our Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up next Tuesday, November 10 from 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. You can schedule a conference by visiting <https://www.myconferencetime.com/nda>. Conference sign ups must be completed by Friday, November 6 at 5:00 p.m.

A special thanks to our students representing NDA on the Northern Kentucky Youth Advisory Board (NKYAB). You can read more about these students and their involvement with NKYAB below.

Don't forget the Mother/Daughter Dance on Friday, November 13. This fun-filled event is sponsored by our Panda Parent Club. The theme this year is *Freaky Friday* and it will be held at Receptions. Ticket orders MUST be turned in by November 9 – next Monday.

Congratulations to our athletes and coaches on our Fall sports teams. The Pandas qualified for State Tournament play in all four programs starting with golf who placed 4th in the State Tournament in October. This weekend our cross country and volleyball teams will all compete for their state titles. Please see more details below. Go Pandas!

This Sunday, NDA will host our annual Open House from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. This is an important opportunity for our school to showcase the many curricular and co-curricular opportunities available at NDA. Please share this with friends and relatives. We welcome all those interested in learning more about the Notre Dame Life!

In closing today, I ask you to keep NDA faculty member Rita Tucker and her family in your thoughts and prayers after the passing of Rita's husband last week. Rita teaches our freshmen Health and Physical Education and has touched many lives at NDA over the years. Our Friday morning Mass was offered for the repose of the soul of Doug Tucker and for the support of Rita and her family and friends. I ask that you continue to pray for Rita and her children in this most difficult time. Please see further information below if you are interested in donating to Tucker Children Education Fund.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission to educate young women to make a difference in the world. Please know I am grateful to partner with you in this important work.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

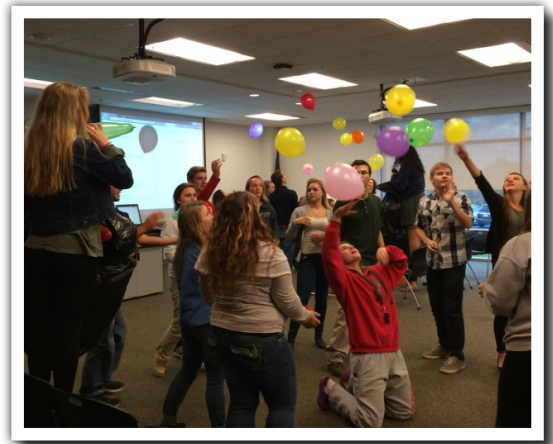
# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Northern Kentucky Youth Advisory Board

This year, Katie Hellmann, Dymond Robinson and Jay Mullaguru are representing NDA on the Northern Kentucky Youth Advisory Board (NKYAB). The Board, which consists of about 50 area high schoolers, meets once a week at Gateway Community College in Boone County to discuss characteristics of

leadership and to explore ways to support their school communities. A huge thank you to Katie, Dymond and Jay for leading the group in a team building activity featured here!



### Student ID Cards

It says in scripture - "I have called you by name." Names are important - parents spend countless hours determining the best name for their children when they are born. Names help to shape our identities. Earlier this week, all students received their photo ID from Life Touch and an NDA lanyard and will be expected to wear these each day. It will help all of us in the school community to be able to call each by name.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR ONE OF OUR OWN ◀

As our Notre Dame family extends our condolences and prayers to Rita Tucker and her family upon the passing of her husband, we will be collecting monetary donations in support of the Tucker Children Education Fund from Wednesday, November 4 through Wednesday, November 18. With our donations, we hope to help alleviate Rita's concerns about her ability to continue to allow her children to be educated in Catholic schools. Please send any donations to the school office marked : **Attention Rita Tucker Education Fund**. Thank you so much for prayers and continued generosity!

## CAN THE COLONELS! ◀

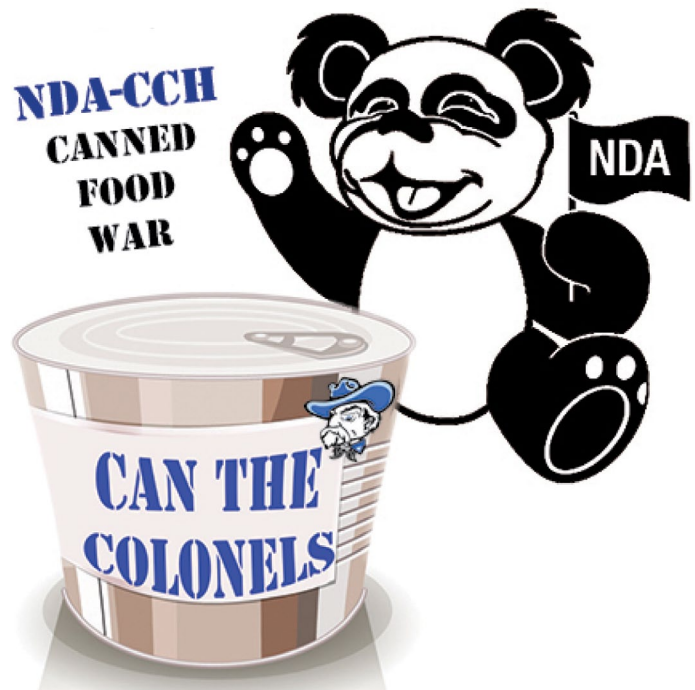
Our annual food drive, **Can the Colonels**, has begun and runs from November 2 - November 23. This is a friendly competition with the boys from Covington Catholic. We will be collecting non-perishable food items during this time. All of the proceeds from Notre Dame Academy will go to St. Vincent de Paul and CCH will be donating their food to Be Concerned. Last year we were able to collect over **14,000** items from Notre Dame alone so please help us to feed the hungry this holiday season and Can the Colonels!

Student Council put together the following promotional video to get you psyched up to Can the Colonels! Enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWmHEHOXqZs>

### Suggested Items:

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| Canned soup       | Instant potatoes |
| Canned vegetables | Crackers         |
| Pudding cups      | Peanut Butter    |
| Applesauce        | Rice             |
| Boxes of pasta    | Cereal           |
| Canned fruit      |                  |



## REMEMBRANCE MASS ◀

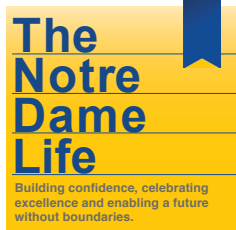
Our annual Remembrance Mass will be held on Friday, November 6 at 1:30 in the gym. During this mass we pray for all our loved ones who have passed away and in particular way those we have lost in the last year. A form was shared with students so that they could submit the names of loved ones lost from November 2, 2014 - November 2, 2015. These names will be added to our Book of Life which will remain in our chapel throughout the month of November.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Notre Dame Academy's annual Open House will be held this Sunday, November 8, from 1 - 3 p.m. This event showcases The Notre Dame Life for prospective students and parents. If you know a young lady who would benefit from a Notre Dame education, please let her know about NDA's Open House.

Each year the prospective families comment on the wonderful job done by our student tour guides. The student-led tour is truly the high point of Open House for most families. We rely on our students to help tell the NDA story and I trust that students who have been asked to help with Open House will make every effort to represent your school and support this important recruitment event.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Laura Koehl



**FALL OPEN HOUSE**  
Sunday, November 8  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

[ndapandas.org](http://ndapandas.org)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS ◀

### Senior Order Deadline

A representative from Herff Jones Graduate Service will be at NDA on Tuesday, November 10 to pick up your daughter's graduation order form that was given to her on October 23.

### Drape Photos

If your daughter has not already had her senior drape photos taken or made an appointment for a sitting, please contact Prestige Portraits this week at 859-578-0110. Don't delay in getting yours lined up!



## INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

Please take the Speak Up Survey before December 18, 2015!!!

Here is the link to the survey: <http://www.ndapandas.org/academics/instructional-technology/-speak-up-survey.aspx>

## ARCHERY PANDAS HOST TOURNAMENT ◀

The Archery team hosted a tournament Friday, October 30, and our athletes all pitched in to make it a success. The competition included some of the best shooters in our region. 1st-5th place awards went to archers who shot over 290. Our archers shot commendably, with Erin Kirchner placing 6th with a 289. Liz Womble placing 16th with a 280. Our other top shooters were Lauren Reinersman and Jordan Kruezkamp who both shot a 277, and Julia Goins, Lindsay Brossart, and Kayla Torres who all shot a 274. Hope Feinauer, Oli Marita, and Elizabeth Dunaway all showed that they have their sights set on a place on the varsity team with strong early season performances. Emily Farrell, Sophia Daniel, and Ashley Fischer all experienced their first of many archery competitions. Nice shot, Pandas!



## PPC NEWS ◀

**Mother Daughter Dance 2015.** This year's event will be on Friday, November 13, 7-11 p.m. at Receptions in Erlanger. Costumes are encouraged for this event. Be as creative as you want. The theme is **Freaky Friday**, which can be the movie (starring Lindsay Lohan and Jamie Lee Curtis - OR for the moms, Jodie Foster and Barbara Harris), or Friday the 13th spooky stuff. And, seniors, don't forget to start making your senior

posters for display that night!!

Registration forms are now available in the school office or you can download one [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please email Mimi Bradley at [mimicbradley@gmail.com](mailto:mimicbradley@gmail.com).



## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



### CERT TEST

The sophomores will not be taking the ASPIRE Test this year but will be taking the CERT test instead on March 15 (same day as Junior ACT). Here is a link for information about the College Equipped Readiness Tool (CERT):

<https://certforschools.com/about#about>

This standardized test will be administered electronically to all sophomores. It is in preparation for the ACT and is similar to how the ACT Plan test was set up.

### Junior College Planning Meeting (For Juniors and Junior Parents)

Thursday, November 19

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

NDA Auditorium

Ms. Burgei will be presenting information for juniors and junior parents pertaining to college planning. Some topics include: Finding College Fits (“Looking inward before looking outward”), Making the Most of College Visits, Role of ACT/SAT, and Junior Year Tips.

### College Financial Aid Presentation

Wednesday, December 9

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

NDA Theatre

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.

## FRESHMAN HALLOWEEN BASH ◀



Many of our NDA freshmen attended the Freshman Halloween Dance at CCH last Friday night.

To the left is MJ Faller, our NDA freshman who won 1st Place!

There was not a “Group Costume” category but if there had been, the NDA freshmen to the right would have won for sure!

Libby Smith (basketball), Addyson Stansel (volleyball), Lauren Quigley (tennis), Clare Butler (soccer), Marah Brooks (dancing.)



## CARPOOL? ◀

If you live in either Hebron or Independence and are interested in carpooling with other NDA students, could you please contact the school office at 859.261-4300.

## FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

### SEEKING BOWLERS!

NDA's bowling program needs more bowlers to meet the minimum roster requirements set by KHSAA. We currently have 5 committed students, but we need at least 6 for every match. Having 7 or 8 on the roster provides us the ability to maximize on the scoring format. If we cannot obtain at least one more for the roster that can compete each week then we will have to disband the program.

Note: If we cannot fill the entire roster (can have up to 12 on the roster) with NDA students then we can accept 7th & 8th grade girls from our feeder schools: St Agnes, Blessed Sacrament, St Pius X, Prince of Peace & St Joe Crescent Springs. We've reached out to these feeder schools, but if you have any connections, would you consider asking them if they have any interested students?

If you are interested in joining the Bowling Team, please email the coach Michelle Wagner at [wagnerm@ndapandas.org](mailto:wagnerm@ndapandas.org). The official matches start this week, but we were able to postpone ours to have one more week to try and meet the minimum roster requirements.

### SOCCER

Varsity soccer competed against Sacred Heart on Halloween and lost a close game 0-1 to end their great season.

### VOLLEYBALL

Varsity volleyball beat Cooper last Friday to win the 9th region championship and will play Henry Clay at Valley High School in Louisville Friday at 12:30 p.m. The link to their bracket is here <http://khsaa.org/volleyball/2015/statebracket.pdf>. Head volleyball coach Buck McCoart was named Region Coach of the year and Morgan Hentz was named Region Player of the Year.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country competed in regionals last Saturday and finished 4th. Senior Natalie Kleier finished 8th overall. They will compete in the state meet this Saturday at the Horse Park in Lexington at 1:30 p.m.

### GOLF

The Kentucky Golf Association named Erin Durstock Region Player of the Year and NDA coach Karen Henderson Region Coach of the Year. Amy Pugliano and Lauren Bracken were also named to the All Region Team.

### ARCHERY

Archery has started to compete. They just hosted their Halloween shoot last Saturday. Erin Kirchner had a top 10 finish with 6th place.

## FRUIT SALE ◀

Here is the correct link to sign up to work the weekend of the fruit sale and the Friday to count money:  
<https://www.timetosignup.com/ndapandas/>.



On this site is also a place marked for you to pick up your fruit. It is important to have someone pick up the fruit the weekend it comes into school. The fruit needs to be stored in a cool place, NOT TOO COLD and NOT TOO WARM. You need to check the fruit before delivering it to the customer. I will replace any bad pieces, even one piece. Put the bad fruit in a bag and bring a clean bag to put the replacement fruit. We want to keep the customers happy. All fruit needs to be picked up the weekend it comes into school.

All payments are due by December 11. All replacement and exchanges need to be done by December 10. Thank you in advance for all your help with the fruit sale.

Janice Schmidt



### 2015-16 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.

#### NOVEMBER

9 Hanover College	10:45-12:15
9 DePauw University	10:45-12:15
9 University of Cincinnati	10:45-12:15
9 University of Alabama	10:45-12:15
11 University of Kentucky	8:00-8:45

## REMINDER ◀

Volunteers are needed daily to help in the dish room in the NDA cafeteria. Shifts are from 11:00 to 12:30. You can sign up at Volunteer Spot [HERE](#).

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT? ◀

Mr. Joe Drennen from GP homestay will be at our Open House on November 8 and will have an informational meeting at NDA on November 11 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please email him at [tdrennen@gphomestay.com](mailto:tdrennen@gphomestay.com) if you plan on attending the November 11 meeting or if you have any questions.

### Important dates:

November 4	Open House Tour Guide Training
November 5	St. Agnes and Prince of Peace Shadow Day
November 6	Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents Remembrance Mass - 1:30 p.m.
November 8	NDA Fall Open House
November 10	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 12	Juniors attend play
November 13	Blessed Sacrament Shadow Day Naturalization Ceremony at NDA Mother/Daughter Dance Women in Technology Conference
November 14	HSPT Test Workshop
November 17	NDA Speaker Series:
November 18	Freshmen Retreat Fall Sports Award Program
November 20	Panda Funfest for 8th Graders
November 19-21	NCYC
November 24	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
November 25-27	No School - Thanksgiving Break

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- St. Pius X Holiday Bazaar
- Double D Give Back Bash
- St. Agnes Youth Group - First Meeting
- Street Smartz

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

