



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

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings parents!

Today we celebrated the All Souls Mass as a school community. It was an honor to recognize family members of our deceased alumnae and in our school community. This was an opportunity to give respect to those who have died this year and all those who are touched by their loss. As we "Celebrate Sisterhood" we recognize that our school community is built upon the love, wisdom and gifts of those who have gone before us - Sisters of Notre Dame, NDA alumnae, parents, family members and friends. While many mourned difficult losses – it was a time to celebrate their lives as well.

This past Saturday we had a wonderful celebration of community at the annual Gala –newly named our ExtravaPANDAz. I want to acknowledge the generous donation of time, talent and treasure of those who planned and attended the event. We are especially grateful to Kim Hellmann, Kathleen Johnson, and Wendy Vonderhaar – our ExtravaPANDAz committee chairs. They certainly proved to be women making a difference through the hard work, creativity and commitment they showed in making the evening such a success.

Congratulations to our athletes and coaches on our Fall sports teams. The Pandas have qualified for State Tournament play in all four programs starting with golf who placed 11th in the State Tournament in October. This evening and into the weekend our cross country, soccer, and volleyball teams will all compete for their state titles. Please see more details below. Go Pandas!

Recently several NDA students have taken advantage of some leadership development opportunities. Please read below about students who participated in Young Women LEAD Conference at NKU and those who presented at a recent meeting of the NKy Youth Advisory Board.

This Sunday, NDA will host our annual Open House from 12-12 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!

Please note that First quarter report cards have been sent home electronically. See more information below.

### SPECIAL note:

Thanks to a generous donor (to cover one bus), we have two busses for students who wish to attend the volleyball game on Friday. Information was sent to students via email. We welcome student attendance at the game and encourage them to go on the bus. Since it is during a school day, any student who leaves school early - on the bus or using private transportation - must have permission from parents indicated by your signature on a letter or the form provided.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

# The Notre Dame Life

Building confidence, celebrating excellence, and enabling a future without boundaries.



**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY**  
*Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World*

**OPEN HOUSE**  
**Sunday, November 9, 2014**  
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.



## THE REPORT IS IN! ◀

Electronic grade reports for the First Quarter were sent out last week to all contact email addresses. If you did not receive a report or are experiencing difficulty accessing the information, you might try the following: 1. Check your SPAM folder. Since the report cards were generated by PowerSchool, you may need to add the automated email address to your recipient list. 2. Make sure that you use your student's identification number to access the report. No other passwords are necessary. If you continue to have problems, feel free to contact Mr. Schlosser at 292-1846 or [schlosserr@ndapandas.org](mailto:schlosserr@ndapandas.org) for assistance.

*"Fairy Tales  
Do Come True"*



## MOTHER DAUGHTER DANCE ◀

Enjoy a great meal, great dance music and a costume parade complete with prizes for the top best costumes in each grade! Please join us Friday, November 14, 2014 at Receptions in Erlanger. R.S.V.P. required. You can find the R.S.V.P. form online [HERE](#) or you can pick one up in the office. **SENIOR REMINDER:** Senior Posters are to be dropped off in the front office by Friday at 9:00 a.m.

## POSITION AVAILABLE ◀

Notre Dame Academy is seeking a part-time Facility Assistant. Hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and duties include custodial support. A letter of interest and resume should be sent to [hodsonj@ndapandas.org](mailto:hodsonj@ndapandas.org).



## 2015 WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

Do you know a Notre Dame Academy graduate who has made a difference? The nomination form for the 2015 Women Making A Difference is available online [HERE](#). Nominations are due November 14, 2014.

## NDA YEARBOOK ◀

The yearbooks are in! If you haven't already picked up your yearbook or if you forgot to purchase one and would like to, contact Mr. Glynn at [glynnr@ndapandas.org](mailto:glynnr@ndapandas.org). The price is \$70. You can also pre-order a yearbook for next year for \$60 starting next week by contacting Mr. Glynn or Jostens.com.



## 2014 FRUIT SALE ◀

Please remember to have your daughters turn in their fruit sale packets to Jan Schmidt ASAP!

As stated in the fruit sale contract, if your daughter did not sell at least 17 boxes of fruit there is a \$20 per box charge that is due no later than December 12. This fee can be turned in to Jan Schmidt at any time prior to December 12.

## LEADING THE WAY ◀

What does it take for ALL students to be successful?

How can you empower other students to be a part of the solution?

These are the questions that Seniors Morgan Zumbiel and Mia Shelton are grappling with as members of the Northern Kentucky Youth Advisory Board. Morgan and Mia will be drawing from their experiences with the Common Reader Committee to develop a series of short programs and presentations designed to help the entire NDA student body strengthen the bonds of sisterhood.

(Pictured: Morgan and Mia Deliver Words of Wisdom at NKYAB Meeting)



## LEAD CONFERENCE ◀

Recently six students participated in the Young Women LEAD Conference at NKU, accompanied by Mrs. Wagner and Ms. Ericson. Topics for the day included discovering your passions and looking beyond the conventional options to embark on a journey that will challenge and excite you. Roadtrip Nation is an organization that helps students facilitate this process and presented some very practical skills that will help our students discover the options that will allow them to combine their passions. Along with attending interactive breakout sessions about leadership, education, and development the girls also received inspirational and motivational messages from Emily Cook (a three-time Olympian and six-time national champion in aerial skiing) about setting goals and overcoming obstacles. The conference was a great experience and we are already looking forward to next year!



(Anna Readnour, Kirsten Richards, Abby Schuh, Olympian Skier Emily Cook, Katie Hellman, and Grace Jacobs)



(Chloe Summe, Anna Readnour, Grace Jacobs, Abby Schuh, Katie Hellman, Kirsten Richards)

## PANDAS TAKE THE STAGE ◀

Two NDA students, Natalie Belamy and Bianca Sandborn recently performed in The Children's Theatre production of *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* Natalie is also going to appear in *Aladdin* and Bianca will be in *Schoolhouse Rock* later this year.



## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

We qualified for state championships in all of our fall sports have some very exciting games coming up this weekend!

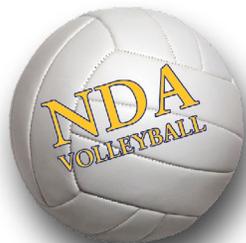


### **Soccer semifinals are TONIGHT at 8 p.m. at Henry Clay in Lexington.**

Because of the late time for this game and the fact that it is in Lexington - we will have a late start on Thursday. Therefore our Thursday schedule will follow the regular Wednesday schedule with the 9 a.m start.



**The Cross Country state meet at 1:30 p.m. this Saturday at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington.**



### **We also have a big volleyball game this Friday at Valley High School in Louisville against Sacred Heart in the State Tournament at 2 p.m.**

We have worked with administration to get charter buses, so girls who would like to go to the game and don't have a ride will be able to get there. Students can ride the bus or girls that would like to drive themselves need to bring a signed parent note of permission. Students going to the volleyball game by bus or by car will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

The cost for riding the bus will be \$10, and the cost for admission to the game will be \$10 as well, totaling a cost of \$20. Students will need to pack their lunch if they are riding the bus, and can eat lunch and snacks on the bus. They will also have time to change before getting on the bus. The estimated arrival time back will be approximately 6 p.m. If you ride the bus to the game, you must ride the bus home as well! We have two buses ordered, so we encourage anyone that would like to come to take advantage of this awesome opportunity. The buses can fit up to 100 people.

Be aware that students will be responsible for homework from all classes that they miss.

**Forms for both riding the bus and notes for driving will be due no later than Thursday before lunch to the office with Attn: Mrs. Monohan written on it. If you are riding the bus you should also turn in the \$10 fee at this time. You will pay for your ticket to the game at the door. The permission form is available on the website [HERE](#).**

If you have any questions feel free to email Mrs. Wagner at [wagnerk@ndapandas.org](mailto:wagnerk@ndapandas.org).



**The NDA Archery Team** hosted its first tournament last Thursday. "The NDA Halloween 10 Meter Tournament" was a huge success with over nine schools represented. NDA's top archer was Erin Kirchner, whose score of 276 earned her 1st place in her flight and 10th overall. Kimmy Birrer scored a respectable 274 and was 13th overall. Emma Grace Wells shot a 271 coming in 2nd in her flight. Hannah Naberhaus' score of 266 was 2nd place in her flight and several of our first year archers received awards for highest novice score: Lauren Reinersman (251), Lauren Graham (253), Julia Goins (254), and Camryn Scaringi (256). Other top scores include: Courtney Blank (267), Addy Dunn (265), Madeline Wermeling (261), Lindsay

Brossart (258), Hanna Knaley 253, Grace Schmidt (245), Hannah Rovito (244), Jillian Walsburger (243), and Lily Gamel 240.



### **2014-15 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.) Parents are welcome to come in to speak with the college reps. Below is a list of upcoming visits.

**November  
14    Brescia University**

## PTO NEWS ◀

This month we are going to cancel our PTO meeting, so that parents can attend the safe driving seminar. If you have a question regarding a PTO activity, contact your grade level representative or call Leanne Kirn at 850.292.1827.

Class of 2015 -	Tricia Kennedy Kathy Kendall	<a href="mailto:kennedyt@ndapandas.org">kennedyt@ndapandas.org</a> <a href="mailto:kendallk@ndapandas.org">kendallk@ndapandas.org</a>
Class of 2016 -	Erin Yung	<a href="mailto:yunge@ndapandas.org">yunge@ndapandas.org</a>
Class of 2017 -	Molly Hollmann Lisa Burden	<a href="mailto:hollmannm@ndapandas.org">hollmannm@ndapandas.org</a> <a href="mailto:burdenl@ndapandas.org">burdenl@ndapandas.org</a>
Class of 2018 -	Cherie Zieleniewski Lori Alcantara	<a href="mailto:zieleniewskic@ndapandas.org">zieleniewskic@ndapandas.org</a> <a href="mailto:alcantara@ndapandas.org">alcantara@ndapandas.org</a>

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

**Juniors:** Students interested in Applying to the Governor's Scholar Program (GSP) need to have paper copies of the application turned in to Mrs. Hildreth by 4 p.m. on Thursday Nov. 20. This is a firm deadline.



Portions of the application that are due Nov. 20th: Demographic Information (pg. 1), Student Profile (Extracurricular Activities, Service, Honors/Awards), Writing Entry, Focus Area, Student Consent Form, and Community Recommendation.

The Community Recommendation is to be completed by someone in the community who knows you well enough to provide a strong recommendation. Please let your recommender know that the form may be downloaded from our website at [gsp.ky.gov](http://gsp.ky.gov). (Letters of recommendation will not be accepted.) Please give your recommender AMPLE time to complete the recommendation.

The Teacher Recommendation is not required on Nov. 20, but instead we ask you to list two teachers from core subjects that you would like to seek a recommendation from. If your application is selected to advance beyond the school level, we will help you select which teacher to ask for a recommendation.

The Academic Achievement section of the GSP application will be completed by NDA School Counselors.

To have the best possible application, take the time to thoroughly complete all parts of the application. Become very familiar with the GSP website, especially the Helpful Hints packet!

- **Application and Helpful Hints:** <http://gsp.ky.gov/Applicants/Apply/Applications-Forms.aspx>
- **Community Recommendation Form:** <http://gsp.ky.gov/Schools/Forms-Resources.aspx>
- **Forms and Resources (Including Writing Rubric):** <http://gsp.ky.gov/Schools/Forms-Resources.aspx>

Please see Mrs. Hildreth if you have any questions, or need a copy of specific suggestions handed out at our September informational meeting.

### PARENT MEETINGS:

There will be a parent meeting to discuss the results of the PSAT and Plan tests this January 21 at 7:00 p.m. for the sophomores. We have received the results of the Plan test (practice ACT) but will not receive the PSAT (practice SAT) scores until later in November. Students can request to look at their scores prior to the meeting but we keep the score reports until we can go over these with students and parents. We also discuss scheduling at this meeting. The juniors will have a similar meeting for PSAT and scheduling plus college info on January 14 at 7:00 p.m.

### Career Fair:

The students will participate in a Career Fair on March 19, 2015. It is the same day as The Women Making a Difference Luncheon and will be a half day of school. We need parent volunteers to talk about various careers. Please contact Mrs. Chrissy Monohan at [monohanc@ndapandas.org](mailto:monohanc@ndapandas.org) if you are interested in sharing your career at the Career Fair.

the new event.  
**extravaPANDAz**  
*celebrate the sisterhood*

**THANK  
YOU!**

Thank you to all who participated in our 2014 ExtravaPANDAz event! Over 240 parents, alumnae and friends of Notre Dame Academy gathered at the Doubletree at the Airport, raising over \$60,000 to support NDA. The event also raised \$20,000 towards a mini bus for our students in clubs and on teams to travel to meets and competitions. Thank you again for your support of this event!

**NDA and CCH Student Councils taking treats to our feeder schools on Halloween! ◀**



▶ **Important dates:**

November 5	Remembrance Mass 1:30 p.m.
November 9	NDA Fall Open House 12-2 p.m.
November 10	National Honor Society Induction
November 12	Fall Sports Awards
November 14	Mother-Daughter Dance
November 19	Freshman Retreat
November 21	8th Grade Panda Funfest
November 25	Parent/Teacher Conferences
December 6-7	Christmas Play

**COMMUNITY NEWS** ◀

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

Catching Fire - High School Girls Retreat  
Are you caring for an aging parent or grandparent? St. Charles can help!  
Pure Fashion  
Streetsmartz

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

