



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

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Happy Veterans Day! I would like to begin with a special salute to our NDA veterans and all veterans around the world. Our deepest appreciation for your dedicated service!

Last Friday we celebrated All Souls Mass as a school community. It was a beautiful celebration remembering our deceased loved ones and we are grateful for the time to come together to remember and pray for those we have lost this past year.

It was a busy weekend for our Panda athletes. Our Volleyball Pandas fell to Assumption in the State Semifinals Saturday night but they are to be congratulated for their fine efforts and a great season. Congratulations also to Morgan Hentz on being named to the 1st Team All-American! Our Cross Country Pandas finished 18th at the State Meet on Saturday. They are also to be commended on a very good season. Finally, a special thanks to our Panda fans and the wonderful "Sisterhood" I witness in our students each and every day. It was awesome to see so much school spirit this weekend as many students and fans supported our Pandas.

We welcomed many families to NDA last Sunday for our annual Open House. Thanks to all of those generous individuals who made the event such a tremendous success. It was wonderful to have so many students, parents and faculty here to welcome prospective students and showcase our school. I want to especially thank our student ambassadors who were so gracious and professional in greeting our visitors and giving tours. They are the best example of the value of a Notre Dame education!

On Friday, November 20, NDA will host the Panda Funfest. This is a fun event and an excellent opportunity for eighth-graders to come and experience Notre Dame Academy and meet other students who are considering enrollment for next fall. If you know of a young lady who would like to join us for this event, please contact Katie Caccavari at 859.292.1829.

I apologize if you are missing any canned foods items from your pantry. Our "Can the Colonels" Food Drive is in full swing and our Pandas are very motivated and quite impressive in their efforts. We appreciate your support in our endeavor to claim victory over CCH by gathering the most items and fill the shelves at St. Vincent dePaul for those in need!

Please read more below about all of the recent accomplishments of our students and the amazing things they are up to this week. Also, please join me in congratulating our November Student of the Month, sophomore Manon Stovik.

By reading the Panda Press each week, you can clearly see how our students are engaged in many different parts of our community, from academics, clubs and activities to the arts and athletics. We offer many different paths to encourage our students to try on new roles and develop their gifts and talents. We want our students to understand the need for continual growth and seek opportunities in which their faith can flourish, their physical talents can thrive and their academic enthusiasm can evolve. This is not only a way to excel but also, and more importantly, a way to give glory to God.

As always, thank you for putting your faith in us and allowing us the privilege of educating your daughters!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Freshmen Breakfast

This Friday during long homeroom, half of the freshmen class will join several of our sophomore class representatives for breakfast. This is the second of two breakfasts to take place this year. The breakfast is not only a great time to indulge in some bagels and donuts but also gives our freshmen a chance to ask questions and to reflect on their transition into NDA life.

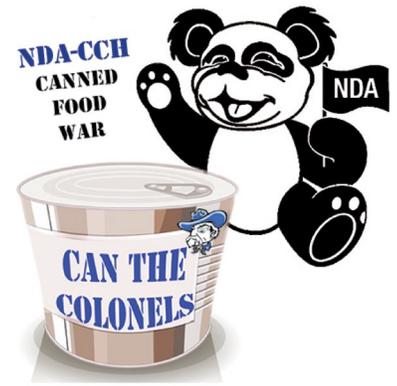
### Uganda Pandas Unified for Uganda

This year, Uganda Pandas have added a new chapter to the club named Unified for Uganda. U4u works to financially and emotionally support the education of destitute children in northern Uganda through the empowerment of American youth. The students at Notre Dame will be raising money to support six children from Uganda, allowing them the opportunity to receive an education. It is important for both the students in Uganda and also the students at Notre Dame to be able to learn more about one another on a more personal level. We are given the opportunity to write letters to our sponsored kids in which we share information about our school, family, and community. In these letters we also aim to motivate the students to work hard and excel in the classroom. In return, we will receive letters from them later in the year, in which they will give us an insight to their academic standing at school, and a piece of their everyday life. Through this process of communication we learn that they aren't so different from us after all. These letters represent everything this club stands for: friendship, love, and gratitude.

## CAN THE COLONELS! ◀

Our annual food drive, **Can the Colonels**, continues! We will collect canned goods and non-perishable food items through November 23. Below is the link to a video sharing some info about St. Vincent De Paul and where our food actually goes and who it helps.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fekptFipINQ&feature=em-upload\\_owner#action=share](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fekptFipINQ&feature=em-upload_owner#action=share)



## 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 next 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!



## INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

This Friday, November 13, the Pandas are on their way to the 11th annual Women in IT Conference presented by the INTERAlliance of Greater Cincinnati and sponsored by 5/3, Citi, GE, Great American Insurance, Kroger, P&G, and Western & Southern, along with Miami University, University of Cincinnati, and Xavier University. This year's event will be held at XU's Cintas Center.



"In this technology-driven world, graduates in engineering and information technology will continue to be in demand and will command higher salaries. This trend is particularly true in the case of women. According to a piece published by Forbes in 2013, IT related careers are three of the top ten paying jobs for women."

Notre Dame Academy's dedication and commitment to attending these kinds of events and providing a 1:1 learning environment ensure we are educating young women to make a difference; even in the high stakes of technology.



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

### NOVEMBER - Manon Stovik

Congratulations to our November Student of the Month - Manon Stovik. Manon is a sophomore at NDA who enjoys running Cross Country, playing in the band and working hard in class. You can read all about Manon on our website [HERE](#).

## CONGRATULATIONS! ◀

Congratulations to Kelsey Sucher for a perfect score on the first Math Fax test of the year. Math Fax is a national competition among catholic schools across the country. It takes place four times a year and the next test date is December 2.

## CREW INTERVIEWS ◀

Crew Interviews for the NDA/CCH production of "The Snow Queen" will take place Tuesday, November 17. Any students interested in participating backstage as crew should come to the theatre after school (3:30 p.m.) to interview. These interviews will also be for the Showcase, our upcoming production in February.



## PPC NEWS ◀

**Mother Daughter Dance 2015.** Mother Daughter "Freaky Friday" Event THIS FRIDAY! Get your [RSVP form](#) to the school office as soon as possible! We will accept them until **Thursday afternoon**. SENIORS - get your senior posters (thin poster board with pictures of you and your mom) to front office this week, **FRIDAY by 9 AM!** Put final touches on your 'freaky' costume this week (or just come and enjoy dinner with mom and have fun

seeing other people in their costumes)! If there are any dads or grandparents that want to come and help at the registration table that night from 6:45-8:30, please email me at [mimicbradley@gmail.com](mailto:mimicbradley@gmail.com).



### Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts

In appreciation for our outstanding faculty and staff at NDA, the PPC provides breakfast for them on the 1st Wednesday of every month. If you would like to volunteer one month to send something in to show your appreciation for our faculty, contact Janie Neff at [janelfn@aol.com](mailto:janelfn@aol.com).

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Presents  
**EMPOWERED**  
& *Enlightened*  
A SPECIAL SPEAKER SERIES FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES

**Eating from the Garden of Eden:**  
The Best Bible Foods and Herbs for Women  
**Tuesday, November 17, 2015**  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
NDA Alumnae Hall

## NDA PRESENTS 2015-16 SPEAKER SERIES ◀

This school year, Notre Dame Academy is hosting a **FREE** four-part speaker series focusing on **Empowering & Enlightening Women of All Ages**. This series is sponsored by the Miss Montgomery Thompson Scholarship Fund.

The second part of the series is a **FREE COOKING PRESENTATION** entitled *Eating from the Garden of Eden: The best herbs and foods for women* with Rita Nader Heikenfeld, will be held on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in NDA's Alumnae Hall. Rita is an award-winning syndicated journalist, accredited family herbalist, author, cooking teacher, media personality and the founding editor of [www.Abouteating.com](http://www.Abouteating.com). She will have some great tips and she will share one the recipe for one of her most popular gifts! (You'll get to taste this special gift as well!)

ALL ARE WELCOME! Participants do not need to be members of NDA families or alumnae. Feel free to bring a group of friends of any age. Space is limited so register online for this FREE COOKING CLASS today at:

<https://docs.google.com/a/ndapandas.org/forms/d/1c5T0kPd5tLITtyZj7zd02FukqyfXpC9H5ytVCrbkGMA/viewform>

**COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES** ◀



**Junior College Planning Meeting**

**(For Juniors and Junior Parents)**

Thursday, November 19 from 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 from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the 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.

**FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT** ◀

**VOLLEYBALL**

Volleyball fell to Assumption 1-3 in the state semi finals Saturday. Congrats on a great season! Congratulations also to Morgan Hentz on being named to 1st Team All-American and Miss Kentucky volleyball 2015! Also, Morgan Hentz and Hannah Talkers were named to the first team All State and Madison Salkowski was named to the second team all State.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Cross country finished 18th at the state meet and Natalie Kleier lead the Pandas with a 19:59 time. Congrats on a great season!

**NDA Athletes Committed to Play in College:**

Congratulations to all of our NDA athletes who have made a College Commitment.

<b>Athlete</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Sport</b>
Erin Durstock	NKU	Golf
Amy Pugliano	NKU	Golf
Hanna Knaley	Wingate	Volleyball
Madison Salkowski	Seton Hall	Volleyball
Morgan Hentz	Stanford	Volleyball
Taylor Watts	Belmont	Soccer
Hannah Talkers	Transylvania	Volleyball
Maddie Vonderhaar	UVA	Swimming
Hanna Colvin	Wright State	Volleyball
Christina Kennedy	Georgetown College	Lacrosse
Libby Greenwell	UC	Soccer
Emily Jackson	Transylvania	Lacrosse



**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](#).

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Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

**2015-16 ANNUAL APPEAL**

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT** ◀

While our NDA community is very blessed, we need your support. The **2015-16 Annual Appeal** will help to bridge the gap between what is generated in tuition and what it costs to educate each of our young women. This gap currently stands at \$1,500 per student.

Over \$800,000 was dispersed this school year at NDA in tuition allowances including financial assistance, need based grants and scholarships, and work study. Your donation to the Annual Appeal will allow us to continue to work with any young woman who could benefit from an NDA education.

We are grateful for your support and we thank you in advance for your commitment to supporting the mission of Notre Dame Academy!

## FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT ◀

### Artwork From the Thomas More Art Show

The show at Thomas More's Eva G. Farris Gallery has ended but if you were unable to make it, here are the works that were accepted.



- Emma Wainscott



- Paige Brunson



- Lauren Darpel

### Two Seniors Selected to Show Art at Mount St. Joe's

Every other year, The College of Mount St. Joe's hosts a show called 'Selections' where many high schools from around the Greater Cincinnati Area select two seniors to represent the Art program and exhibit artwork. Congratulations to Lauren Darpel and Marissa Picciuto who were this year's artists to be selected to show. The show opens Sunday, November 15, from 2-4 and is an incredible display of the talent from around this area. Below are the pieces that this year's artists selected to exhibit.



- 'Win' by Marissa Picciuto



- 'Jellyfish' by Lauren Darpel



## PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS ◀

Mailwise Solutions in Crescent Springs

- Monday-Friday, 8-15 hrs/wk
- after school hours 3-6 p.m.
- Business services - casual, busy, friendly office
- Mail processing and Shipping Assistant

Call 513-315-8267 for more information. (Owners are Blessed Sacrament Parishioners.)



## IT'S HOLIDAY SHOPPING TIME!

Come visit us at the  
**Bambootique!**



### Special Holiday Hours to serve you!

Saturday	November 14	10:30-12:30pm
Saturday	November 28	10:30-12:30pm
Saturday	December 5	10:30-12:30pm
Thursday	December 10	10:30-12:30pm
Saturday	December 12	10:30-12:30pm
Tuesday	December 15	5-7pm
Thursday	December 17	5-7pm
Saturday	December 19	9-12:30pm

STOP IN and GRAB  
everything on your  
PANDA's list!



**Athletes/Parents!**  
Grab your gifts on  
December 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-  
12:30pm while picking up  
your fruit!

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT? ◀

Joe Drennen from GPHomestay will be conducting an open information session at NDA after school on Tuesday, December 1, from 3-3:30 p.m. You can RSVP Joe at [tdrennen@gphomestay.com](mailto:tdrennen@gphomestay.com) or 859.414.4182, or just show up.



### Important dates:

November 11	Veteran's Day
November 12	Juniors attend play Senior Lunch and Learn - Refining Resumes Athletic Signing 3:15 p.m.
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 - Eating from the Garden of Eden: The Best Bible Foods and Herbs for Women - FREE
November 18	Freshmen Retreat Fall Sports Award Program
November 19	Junior College Planning Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Auditorium
November 20	Panda Funfest for 8th Graders (5:00-10:30 p.m.)
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
- Join the St. Agnes Youth Group
- Street Smartz

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

