



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving break with family and friends. I would like to express my gratitude for your support and generosity this past month to our annual food and hygiene drive. I continue to be amazed by the spirit in which your daughters take ownership of this annual event. Our students are very generous in sharing their gifts and talents with others. They find great joy when partaking in the service work that is so much a part of NDA. I am very proud to be the principal of such an amazing and spirited group of young women committed to making not just a difference, but a tremendous difference in the world!

I would also like to thank our parents who joined us yesterday in our #GivingTuesday efforts. Our parents made up 26% of our total donor base on this global day of giving. I truly appreciate your support. Your gifts to the Annual Appeal help us to do the following:

- Bridge the gap between tuition and the true cost of educating your daughter
- Allow us to continue to provide a premier education to all young women based on their ability to succeed, not their families' economic circumstances
- Demonstrate a symbol of pride for your daughter's NDA experience

If you have not already made a gift to our 2016-17 Annual Appeal, I ask that you give prayerful consideration to doing so.

Our students and Ms. Stine have been working very long hours preparing for this weekend's performance of *The Showcase of Decades*. I encourage you to see this incredible show this weekend. You can find more information about show times and how to purchase tickets below.

Also, please don't forget to sign up to work the Fruit Sale and to pick up your fruit this weekend!

If you are planning a family trip for the holidays, I would like to stress the importance of your daughter's attendance at school each and every day. Our teachers will be teaching and our students will be learning right up until Christmas break begins and on the first day back. It is critical that they do not miss school on exam days. Absences at any time of year, including the holidays, can affect a student's opportunity for academic success. Please give your daughter the best chance to do well in her studies and make her attendance at school a priority, especially during this holiday season.

While members of our community are busy preparing for exams and the Christmas holidays, this is also the season of Advent, a time of hope and preparation when we draw close to each other and especially to God. May this holy time of Advent and the coming season of Christmas be filled with peace, hope and many special blessings for you and your family, and may we be constantly reminded of God's goodness in our lives each day.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Can Madness

Last Monday, Notre Dame Academy wrapped up “Can with the Colonels to Clean Up Homelessness.” School Co-Presidents, Jay Mullaguru and Katie Hellmann, report that the amount collected is amazing! The final number of points, which is cans plus the hygiene products converted to cans, equals 10,852! A huge thank you to the NDA community for making this possible. Congratulations to the



Seniors who totaled 3,801 points and took first place in the grade level competition and Mr. Greife's homeroom 112 who took the title for the homeroom competition. Great work, Pandas!

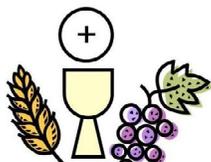


Student Council Mixer

On Saturday, December 10, Student Council will be hosting a Christmas mixer! The mixer will be held from 8-11 p.m. in NDA's auditorium, and the theme is ugly Christmas sweaters. Students from area high schools are welcome to attend! Admission is \$5 with some of the proceeds benefiting a non-profit organization. The dance is a drug and alcohol free activity, and NDA reserves the right to administer preliminary breathalyzer tests to students in attendance.

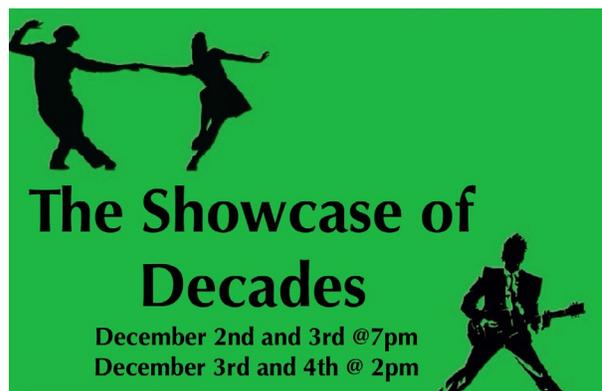
SOPHOMORE RETREAT ◀

Sophomore Retreat is Wednesday, December 7 from 8:30-2:45. We will meet in the Auditorium at 8:30 a.m. Sophomores need to bring their lunch with them for the day. They are permitted to dress down - (please no tights, leggings etc). Sweatpants and jeans/athletic pants are suggested.



JOIN US FOR MASS

This Friday, December 2, we will celebrate Mass at 7:20 a.m. in our chapel. Our intention is for anyone affected by the wildfires throughout the world. Please join us in the celebration of the Eucharist. We welcome all students, parents, faculty and staff!



NDA and CCH PRESENT... ◀

The Showcase of Decades!

Join us as we celebrate the last century of music, dance, showtunes, and theatrical styles with our Showcase! We'll be dancing everything from the Can-Can to the Charleston, remembering the musical styles of everyone from the Andrew's Sisters to Pat Benetar, and celebrating the theatrical genius of artists from Laurel and Hardy to Tom Stoppard. It's going to be a joyous and exciting performance!

Tickets may be purchased online [HERE](#) or at our box office 30 minutes prior to showtime.



CHALLENGER TRIAL ◀

The Introduction to Engineering class conducted a Mock Trial regarding the Challenger Disaster from the 80's as part of their study of Engineering Ethics. They put the Vice President of Engineering on trial for his lack of following the ethics he should follow as an engineer. They did an amazing job researching for the trial and preparing their opening statements and questioning for the witnesses. Senior Molly Hehman said, "The most surprising thing to me was how poor communication can be such a huge problem especially when it's on a project that has so much at stake."



ATTENTION ATHLETES...

Don't forget to sign up to work the Fruit Sale and pick up your fruit THIS WEEKEND!

FRUIT SALE: HELP NEEDED

Thank you to all those that signed up to work this weekend. When everyone does their part, things can be fun. We are in NEED of workers on Sunday from 12:00 on and especially for 2:00-4:00ish. The 12:00 time slot will fill orders and move the extra fruit to the auditorium and the 2:00 until finished will clean the floors and set the cafeteria for school on Monday. If anyone one has some time on Friday, 12/09/2016, starting at 7:00 AM, I am still in need of workers to count money. We will be in the auditorium starting the process of collecting from the girls and making deposits.

Please make sure you make arrangements to pick up your fruit either December 3 or 4 and if you have not signed up to work the fruit sale please do so at <https://www.timetosignup.com/ndapandas/folder/4298>

YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR FRUIT IS PICKED UP THIS WEEKEND AND DELIVERED TO YOUR CUSTOMERS. ALL FRUIT NEEDS TO BE PICKED UP BY 1:30 ON SUNDAY.

Please remember that all exchanges need to be done in the morning. I am not there after school. All exchanges and additional purchases need to be done by Thursday, 12/8.

Please check the fruit before delivering. I will replace any bad pieces just bring it in, in a plastic bag and a clean bag to take the fruit home. This is a way to keep happy customers. Also, do not store fruit in the trunk of your car or some place that it may freeze and do not store by a heat source which will cause it to go bad quickly.

ALL MONEY IS DUE BY DECEMBER 9TH. WE START COLLECTING AT 7:00 AM IN THE AUDITORIUM.

Thank you for your help with this fruit sale .
Janice Schmidt

MORE NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

ARCHERY

The Archery Team started its season at Community Christian's 10 meter tournament. Top finishers were Erin Kirchner who came in 4th in her division with a 283, Alexis Hehman in 9th place with a 271, Lauren Reinersman in 14th place with a 268, and Jenna Wigger in 15th place, with a 267. Results of our full roster can be found at nasptournaments.org



NDA HALL OF FAME

NDA is pleased to announce that the next Hall of Fame Induction will be March 9, 2017. If you know any former NDA athletes, coaches or supporters please take a moment to nominate them here: [NDA Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Form](#)

Nominations are due December 10, 2016. Questions? Contact NDA AD, Myanna Webster at webstern@ndapandas.org.



NO NEED TO COOK ON THURSDAY! ◀

Want a night off from cooking? TOMORROW - DECEMBER 1, Skyline will donate 20% of their sales that day from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. if you have [THIS COUPON](#).

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



KENTUCKY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS

We're getting close to the 2017 application deadline for the Governor's School for Entrepreneurs. Below is the important information. Email Mrs. Hildreth if you have questions.



Application Deadline: January 4th (only 5 weeks)

Apply Here: www.KentuckyGSE.com

GSE 2017 Dates: June 25th to July 15th

GSE 2017 Location: Transylvania University (our 1st year here!)

EXAM SCHEDULE

You can find a pdf of the exam schedule [HERE](#).

Final Exam "Survival" Session for Freshmen

The Final Exam "Survival" Session for Freshmen will be held on December 12.

The Admissions and Student Services Offices will hold a Final Exam "Survival" Session for Freshmen on Monday, Dec. 12 from 3-4 p.m. in Alumnae Hall. The session will provide information and strategies for:

- handling exam stress
- organizing notes and class content
- creating effective study aides
- staying healthy during exams
- AND MUCH MORE!

We hope to see all of the freshmen there!

NDA TAKES PART IN GLOBAL DAY OF GIVING ◀

Yesterday was #GivingTuesday, a worldwide day of giving back. This year, Notre Dame Academy joined more than 10,000 organizations on this day dedicated to giving.

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THANK YOU to all of our parents and alumnae who took part in this special day with a gift to our Annual Appeal!

Our parents made up 26% of our total donors and our alumnae (a few of which are also current parents) made up 64% of our total donors.

These generous benefactors made a tremendous difference in the lives of current and future NDA students. You can read more about The Heart of NDA [HERE](#).

Thank you!

#GIVING TUESDAY

If you would like to #MakeADifference@NDA and make a donation to our Annual Appeal, it's not too late. You can make your donation online [HERE](#).

#MakeADifference@NDA

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEND A HELPING HAND? ◀

Do you have just one day a month to volunteer for two hours in the NDA cafeteria? Helping out is neither difficult nor time-consuming and our current volunteers have fun visiting the school and seeing their daughters, granddaughters and friends. Volunteers are also welcome to stick around after their two-hour shift for lunch with “the crew”. Grandparents in particular seem to love this job, so please consider asking your daughter’s grandparents if they would like to help out. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karen Brungs at 859.292.1856 or brungsk@ndapandas.org. The schedule is online and you can sign up [HERE](#).



IT'S HOLIDAY SHOPPING TIME!

Come visit us at the
Bambootique!



Special Holiday Hours to serve you!

Saturday	December 3	10:30-12:30pm
Tuesday	December 6	3-5pm
Saturday	December 10	10:30-12:30pm
Tuesday	December 13	5-7pm
Thursday	December 15	5:30-7:30pm
Saturday	December 17	10:30-12:30pm

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



Athletes/Parents!
Grab your gifts on
December 3rd from 10:30-
12:30pm while picking up
your fruit!

► Important dates

December 1	Reconciliation in Chapel during Religion classes After Prom fundraiser at Skyline
December 2	Mass in Chapel - 7:20 a.m. - All are welcome! Reconciliation in Chapel during Religion classes Fruit Sale Drop Off Today Decades Showcase 7:00 p.m.
December 3	Decades Showcase 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Fruit Sale Pick Up 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
December 4	Fruit Sale Pick Up 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
December 6	HSPT Prep Workshop
December 8	No School: Immaculate Conception
December 9	In School Christmas Band and Choral Concert Christmas Choral Concert
December 10	HSPT - High School Placement Test ACT Test
December 11	Band Concert
December 16	Advent Prayer Service
December 19-21	Exams
December 21	2nd Quarter Ends
December 22-January 4	Christmas Break - No School
January 5	Classes Resume

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Part-time job opportunity for moms and students
- National League of Junior Cottillions

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

