



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 drive. I was astounded by the spirit in which your daughters took 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!

Our students continue giving back to the community this week with our Christmas Collection, the annual Hygiene Drive. You can read more below about the types of items being collected. Again, I thank you for your support and generosity!

Congratulations to Olivia Cooney on being named Student of the Month for December. Olivia exemplifies well what it means to be a student of Notre Dame Academy. She is diligent in her studies and very involved outside of the classroom. Please see the link below to read more about Olivia's accomplishments.

You will find much more important information in today's Panda Press including show times for this weekend's performance of *Snow Queen*. Please take note that our A.L.I.C.E. program training session for students will take place next week. We are committed to providing a safe learning environment for our school community.

December is one of the busiest times of the year. Members of our community prepare for exams and the Christmas holiday. 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

Emmanuel,
Our world waits in darkness longing for Your light.

In the midst of darkness, enkindle our hope.

As we long for lasting peace in the midst of war,
Be with us.

As we long for families to be reunited, Be with us.

As we long for enemies to be reconciled, Be with us.

As we long for cures and healings, Be with us.

As we long for decent jobs and economic security, Be with us.

As we long for love and community, Be with us.

Fulfill the deepest longings of your people and
Dispel the darkness in our hearts and in our world.

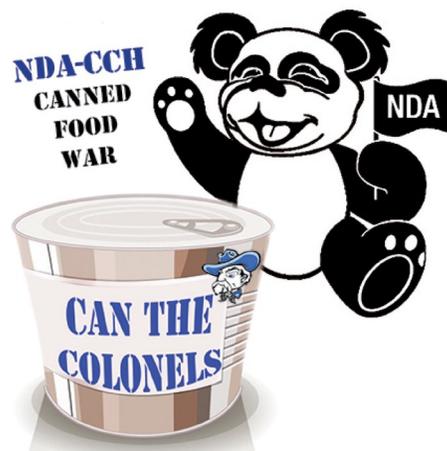
Let your Word ignite the hope the world needs
to bring to life your love and justice.

Amen.

A.L.I.C.E. Training

Three years ago, Notre Dame Academy adopted the A.L.I.C.E. program, which replaces traditional lockdown procedures. The program defines response options and mentally prepares our school community to respond in ways that will increase chances of survival in violent shooter situations. Violent shooter situations such as the most recent occurrences in Arizona and Oregon remind us that school preparation is essential in maintaining a safe environment. The next training session for students will occur next week.

NDA PANDAS CAN THE COLONELS ONCE AGAIN!



The numbers are in and the results are clear - NDA has once again CANNED the Colonels! After collecting more than double the canned goods, students at Notre Dame Academy claimed victory last week over Covington Catholic in the annual NDA/CCH Canned Food War. This year, the NDA Pandas pulled out all of the stops collecting 13,407 canned goods while the CCH Colonels collected 6,393. Thanks to everyone who participated in the food drive. The success of our drive is a result of kindness, sacrifice and effort on the behalf of many, and through our efforts, many mouths will be fed!



FROM THE CAMPUS MINISTER ◀

Hygiene Drive - Nov. 30-Dec. 4. - Last year we collected 2500 + items for this collection. We would love to see the same amount again this year. THIS IS OUR CHRISTMAS COLLECTION. Every year, BeConcerned depends on us to help provide the basic hygiene items that we so often take for granted. These items are used as part of their Christmas Store opening at the beginning of December. **Items for collection: shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine products, razors, shaving cream, cleaning supplies, dawn dish soap, windex, laundry detergent.** We will be offering a **dress down day** to any student who brings in **laundry detergent (any size) on Thursday, Dec. 3.** While travel size items are nice and accepted, remember that many people who benefit from BeConcerned are caring for a family and need the regular sized items as well. Thanks for your support and generosity! God Bless!



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COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

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.



[Governor's School for the Arts](#) is open to current sophomores and juniors. Please see the website or contact Mrs. Hildreth for more information. Students may apply in two (out of nine offered) Art Disciplines; each discipline has its own application requirements.

**Architecture+Design
Drama
New Media**

**Creative Writing
Instrumental Music
Visual Art**

**Dance
Musical Theatre
Vocal Music**



[The Governor's School for Entrepreneurs](#) is open to current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. GSE is a (free) three-week summer residential program on the campus of Georgetown College. Students take an idea for a product or service and utilize STEM, art, and business skills to design a product and build a business model for it. The GSE application is available online and is submitted directly to GSE. Notre Dame Academy does not participate in any part of the application or judging process. Applications are due December 21st. See their website or contact Mrs. Kathy Hildreth for more information.

Commonwealth Honors Academy at Murray State

The Commonwealth Academy at Murray state is a summer program for juniors who have approximately a 25 on the ACT and a 3.5 GPA. The program is a residential program on Murray's campus. Students who apply and are accepted can earn up to a total of 12 credit hours for college (6 in summer and 6 online after the camp). Here is a link for more info and the application: <http://www.murraystate.edu/cha>

Gateway Community College Dual Credit and CLEP Info session:

Gateway Community College is offering an open house next Tuesday, December 8, at their Edgewood Campus. This is a great opportunity to hear about ways to take some college credit courses and also test out of various classes. They will also be talking about some of their specific transition programs. Please call 859-441-4500 and press "0" for questions.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ◀

Please check your daughter's account balances in the cafeteria and to pay any overdue balances by the Christmas Break. Thank you!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER ◀

Congratulations to NDA junior Olivia Cooney on being named the December Student of the Month. Olivia is a leader in her classes and participates in many extracurricular activities. You can read more about Olivia [HERE](#).

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS ◀

Do you shop at Kroger? Every time a registered Kroger Plus Card member shops at Kroger using their Kroger Plus Card, NDA will earn rewards if you designate Notre Dame Academy as your non-profit organization. It's easy – you shop, use your Kroger Plus Card, and Notre Dame Academy receives rewards. Most of you already have a Kroger Plus Card. If you do not, you can get one at the Customer Service Desk at any Kroger.



Your Kroger Plus Card **MUST** be registered online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. After your card is registered, you can then designate Notre Dame Academy as your non-profit organization. Our organization number is **#80500**. Some of you may already have your card registered, if you currently receive on-line coupons from Kroger. If so, you can skip the registration part and designate Notre Dame Academy as your non-profit organization. When you click on the link above there are step-by-step instructions to help you through the process; it only takes a few minutes. All Participants must re-enroll each year to continue earning awards during the coming year. This is one simple way to get money for Notre Dame Academy. **Please register your Kroger Plus Card for Notre Dame Academy today.**

FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

BASKETBALL

Basketball will start its regular season tonight at Dixie with a triple header.

SWIMMING

Swimming will head into their second meet at Scott this Saturday.

BOWLING

Bowling will compete against Highlands tomorrow.

ARCHERY

Archery heads out to Pendleton County Saturday for a shoot!

ARCHERY NEWS ◀

The Panda Archers shot well at the Calvary Christian 10 meter tournament last weekend. Camyrn Scaringi was our top shooter, scoring a 282 and coming in 8th in her division. Our top five shooters included Lauren Reinersman (278), Julia Goins (269), Lauren Graham and Grace Schmidt (266). Two new archers deserve honorable mention: Rosie Molony shot a 265 and Hannah Rovito shot a 264 in their first tournament. Excellent shooting, archers!



FRUIT SALE ◀



Thank you to all those that signed up to work this weekend. When everyone does their part, things can be fun. If anyone one has some time on Friday, 12/11/15, starting at 7:00 a.m., Mrs. Schmidt is still in need of workers to count money. They will be in the auditorium starting the process of collecting from the girls and making deposits.

Please remember that all exchanges need to be done in the morning. Mrs. Schmidt is not there after school. All exchanges and additional purchases need to be done by Thursday, 12/10.

Please check the fruit before delivering. Mrs. Schmidt 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 or cook it.

ALL MONEY IS DUE BY DECEMBER 11. WE START COLLECTING AT 7:00 A.M. IN THE AUDITORIUM.

YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR FRUIT IS PICKED UP THIS WEEKEND AND DELIVERED TO YOUR CUSTOMERS.



NCYC REFLECTION ◀

By Tess Witt

Have you ever imagined what 24,000 Catholics crammed into a football stadium looks like? Well, let me tell you, National Catholic Youth Conference, or NCYC, is just that and much more! Every two years in Indianapolis Catholic youths have the experience to practice their faith with teenagers from all over America. When I attended NCYC two years ago, I never would have expected that it would change my life. I knew I had to attend this year. A group of some of my best friends and I got to experience break out sessions, keynotes, adoration and mass together with



Catholics from New York, Kansas, California and all over! On our last night, everyone in attendance experienced Mass together. Seeing Catholic teenagers, on their knees, worshipping the Lord together and embracing the beauty of the Eucharist reminded me of how good God is, and how grateful I am to attend a school rooted in faith. Now, I say “N-C,” you say “Y-C.” N-C!



NDA & CCH PRESENT ◀

Don't miss this vibrant retelling of Hans Christian Anderson's classic tale! It will be a joy for the entire family! Written by local playwright, Harper Lee, we invite you join us for Christmas merriment and joy as we celebrate the season!

Showtimes are Friday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, December 5 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 p.m.

You can purchase your tickets online [HERE](#).



PPC NEWS ◀

Help Raise Money For NDA's After Prom!

Dine at Max & Erma's at the Crestview Hills Town Center on Sunday, December 13, from 11 a.m.– 10 p.m.! Just mention to your server that you are there to support NDA's After Prom or present [this flyer](#). Max & Erma's will donate a percentage of the day's sales to NDA to help us fund this important event. Thanks in advance for your support!

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	2:30 - 5:30 pm
Saturday	December 12	10:30-12:30pm
Tuesday	December 15	5-7pm
Thursday	December 17	5-7pm
Saturday	December 19	9-12:30pm



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





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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!

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 or 859.414.4182, or just show up.



Important dates:

December 2	Seniors Attend Play Alumnae Networking Event
December 3	Dress Down Day for all who bring in laundry detergent
December 4-6	Christmas Play - Snow Queen
December 5	HSPT Workshop
December 7	Shadow Day
December 8	No School - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 9	Financial Aid Parent Meeting
December 11	In School Band and Choral Concert /Evening Choral Concert
December 12	High School Placement Test
December 13	Band Concert
December 16	Exams Begin
December 18	Last Day of Exams
January 4	Classes Resume

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Join the St. Agnes Youth Group
- Street Smartz

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

