



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

This school year seems to have flown by. I cannot believe we are in the final week of classes before the end of the second quarter. Students and faculty are busy completing their semester work and preparing for exams. Our student council has done a terrific job decorating our school building with all sorts of holiday cheer to prepare us for the upcoming holidays.

Exams will be next week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Information about exams can be found in the announcements below. Students are dismissed for the day at the end of the last exam. Please make sure your daughter gets plenty of rest and has a good breakfast for each exam day as it can be difficult to manage the stress of exams this time of year.

Many thanks to all who so generously supported our Hygiene Drive for BeCon last week and our Canned Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul prior to that. Because of your generosity, our local pantries are much better equipped to assist those in need in our community over this holiday season.

A very special thank you to all the students and parents who came out this past weekend to support our annual fruit sale. It could not have been done without you! Also we are especially grateful to Ken and Jan Schmidt for the planning, hard work and infinite number of hours they contributed to making this fundraiser for our athletic program a success. They are truly a couple making a difference.

Congratulations to our Panda Tones who were selected as finalists in the Q102 Christmas Choir Competition. Please take a minute to vote for them. Voting ends tonight at 9:00 p.m. (See link below.)

Congratulations also to our Theatre Pandas and our Theatre Director Ms. Stine on the wonderful production of *The Snow Queen* that they presented this weekend. The show was a perfect opportunity to get ourselves into the holiday spirit.

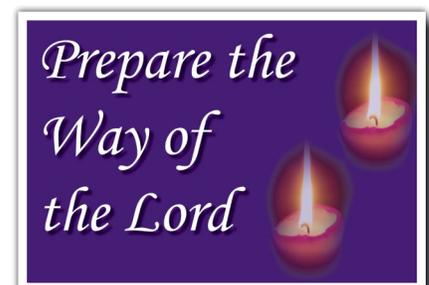
Here are some special events to be aware of as our Christmas break approaches:

- The Christmas Choral Concert is scheduled for Friday evening (12/11) at 7:00 p.m.
- The high school placement test is scheduled for this Saturday (12/12) at 9:00 a.m. All eighth-graders should register by contacting Mrs. Katie Caccavari at 859-292-1829.
- The NDA/CCH Band Concert will be performed this Sunday (12/13) at 5:00 p.m.

I know this is a busy time of year but I encourage you to take time during this season of Advent for joyful preparation and peaceful reflection of the coming of our Lord on Christmas day.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Silver Bells

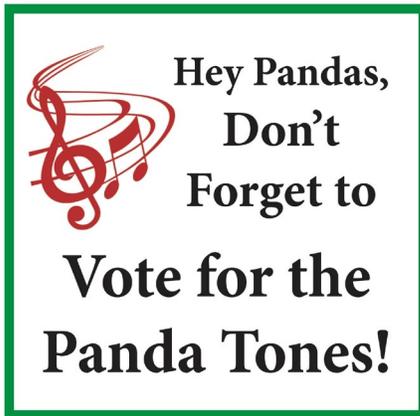
Tickets are going on sale for the annual Silver Bells dance. All sophomores through seniors are invited to join us on Friday, January 8, 2016 from 8:00pm to 11:00pm. Tickets are \$12 a person (\$24 per couple) and available for purchase before and after school in NDA's foyer on the following dates: 12/10-12/11, 12/14-12/15 and 1/5-1/6. Please make checks payable to Notre Dame Academy.



For students planning to attend, they must first complete the Google form that was sent to them on Monday, THEN purchase their tickets before or after school on the dates indicated above. No additional paper forms are necessary for NDA students or their dates. A huge thank you to the sophomore class for coordinating this year's dance.

Getting into the Christmas Spirit

To celebrate Christmas, all students are encouraged to wear Christmas socks on Monday with their uniforms. On Tuesday, students can be festive with Christmas socks, sweaters and accessories in addition to the uniform skirt.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VOTE FOR THE PANDA TONES! ◀

Congratulations to the NDA's Panda Tones who were chosen as one of the semi-finalists in the Q102 Christmas Choir Competition!

Voting takes place until 9:00 p.m TONIGHT so please take a minute to vote at: <http://www.wkrq.com/jeff-jenns-christmas-choir/>

The school with the highest number of votes gets \$5,000 so vote as often as you can! You are allowed to vote up to 255 times!

Good luck Panda Tones!

FROM THE CAMPUS MINISTER ◀

A special thanks to everyone in the NDA community who participated in last week's Hygiene Drive. We collected 800 + items. This was 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 BeConcerned's Christmas Store which opened the beginning of this month.

FALL GAVEL ONLINE ◀

NDA's Publication class has put together their first Gavel of the school year. You can enjoy reading all about What's New at NDA, Panda Sisters and Athletic News in this issue. Check it out on NDA's website [HERE](#).



FRUIT SALE 2015 ◀

I want to thank everyone that participated in the fruit weekend. There were many changes to the venue this year. We started early unloading the semis and making boxes. We had all the mixed boxes made and filled with the fruit in record time. Thank you to those that came in early on Friday to start the process. Saturday also presented challenges due to the new computer ordering. Those that had to wait were very understanding. This was a learning year.

Just a reminder that all fruit needs to be exchange by Thursday morning. All money is due on Friday starting at 7:00 AM in the auditorium.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding during this learning year.

Jan Schmidt

IMPORTANT REMINDER ◀

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

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



College Financial Aid Presentation

TONIGHT

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.

Exams

The students will have the Fall exams December 16, 17 and 18. The students were all sent a copy of the schedule that will be filled out based on her individual class schedule. We will have some fun studying after school on Monday and Tuesday after school with some food and drinks in Alumni Hall. There will be some teachers and students there to help with studying as well.



Application deadline of December 31 for Governor's School for the Arts is rapidly approaching! GSA is open to current 10th and 11th grade students. Students may apply in two (out of nine offered) Art Disciplines; see GSA website for more information as each art discipline has its own application requirements. Contact [Mrs. Hildreth](#) for more information.

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Last call for student applications! Deadline is December 21.

Summer session: June 12 - July 2, 2016 at Georgetown College

- No minimum GPA. No test scores.
- No cost to the student to attend.
- Open to 9th, 10th and 11th grade students.

Apply online at KentuckyGSE.com Students may apply as an individual or as a team of 2, 3 or 4. Details, FAQs and more on [GSE website](#).

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/>

FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® KENTUCKY VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Morgan Hentz! The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, announced Morgan Hentz as its 2015-16 Gatorade Kentucky Volleyball Player of the Year. Hentz is the first Gatorade Kentucky Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Notre Dame Academy. The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Hentz as Kentucky's best high school volleyball player.

BASKETBALL

The Basketball Pandas fell to Simon Kenton Saturday to put them at 1-1 on the season. They play again Thursday at NDA.

BOWLING

Good luck to our Panda Bowlers. They take on Bellvue in a regular season game Thursday, December 10, at 3:30 p.m.

ARCHERY

The NDA archers competed in Pendleton County's Tournament last Saturday, and shot well their first 10/15 meter tournament of the season. Camryn Scaringi placed 2nd overall with an impressive 284, and the team finished 6th overall.

ARCHERY NEWS ◀

The NDA archers competed in Pendleton County's Tournament Saturday, December 5th and shot well their first 10/15 meter tournament of the season. Camryn Scaringi placed 2nd with an impressive 284. Other top shooters were Erin Kirchner (274), Kimmy Birrer (270), Lauren Reinersman (269), Jordan Kreutzkamp (263), and Lindsay Brossart (257). The leading first year archers included Hope Feinauer (251), Samantha Wichmann (244), and Libby Roebker (238). The team shot a 3063 and placed 6th overall. Good form, archers!



PPC NEWS ◀

Save the Date!

This year's Father/Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, January 29, 7-11 pm. Look for further information in the first edition of Panda Press in January 2016.

Looking for Chaperones

We are looking for Virtus trained parents to chaperone Silver Belles on January 8, 2016, at NDA. Please email Lori Alcantara at alcantara@ndapandas.org if you can help.

Mother daughter 2015: Thank you so much to all our volunteers this year! Including Lisa Macke, Cherie Zielenlewski, Jackie Marita, Jen Summe, Janice Halpin, Emily Edmondson, Francis Dinn, Sarah and Carol Williams, Karen Arlinghaus, Ellen Lonneman, Erin Yung and Brian McCauley and the husband of Melody Hoppipi, and our staff supporters, Jane Kleier, Emily Berling, Amber Grayson, Robyn Cox and Leanne Kirm!

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!

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.**

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!



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

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 9	National Social Studies Honor Society Induction Financial Aid Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m.
December 11	In School Band and Choral Concert /Evening Choral Concert
December 12	High School Placement Test
December 13	Band Concert 5:00 p.m.
December 16	Exams Begin
December 18	Last Day of Exams
January 4	Classes Resume
January 6	Sophomore Retreat Incoming Freshmen Parent Meeting
January 8	Silver Bells Dance
January 12	Panda Parent Club (PPC) Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the teacher's lounge

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](#).

