



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. Our students, faculty and staff are *Becoming Fully Alive Through Education and Love* during this season of giving. Last Tuesday, the NDA community came together in prayer at our annual Thanksgiving Prayer Service with gratitude for all that God has given us. During our prayer service, two of our students, Mara Schutt and Nina Simkonis, gave witness to the merits of service to others by speaking about their mission trip to the Dominican Republic this past summer with Sr. Maria Francine Stacy. They spoke of the joy they found in the children with whom they worked. Each of them expressed a deep sense of gratitude for the opportunity to serve. After the prayer service, Student Council members presented the results of the CANdamonium food drive to the student body.

Speaking of this year's Canned Food War, I would like to congratulate our NDA Pandas on "Canning the Cru". Our students collected a total of 5,471 canned food items which have been donated to St. Vincent dePaul. Our partners in this canned food competition at St. Henry collected 4,461 items. NDA would like to thank the St. Henry Crusaders for helping us make a positive difference in the world and feeding families in need. I would like to express my gratitude for your support and generosity this year to our annual food drive as well. I am always 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 incredible and spirited group of young women committed to making a tremendous difference in the world!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Silver Bells: Silver and Gold

Ticket sales for the annual Silver Bells Dance began this past Monday and can be purchased via card or check made payable to Notre Dame Academy. Tickets are \$12 per person. The registration link was emailed to all sophomores through seniors.

Silver Bells is on Friday, December 14, 2018. Doors will open at 8:00 p.m., and all students must arrive by 9:00 p.m. The dance ends at 11:00 p.m. Thank you to the Class of 2021 for

### Suicide Prevention Training for Juniors

The Counseling Staff has been having long homeroom sessions the past several weeks with the different grade levels to give them information about suicide prevention and important contacts in the community to access in a crisis. Our juniors have Suicide Prevention Training on Friday during long homeroom. The Suicide Prevention hotline is a good resource for people in the community to use. This lifeline can be reached 24 hours a day and is free. The number is 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

*Please join us for the following holiday events at*

## NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

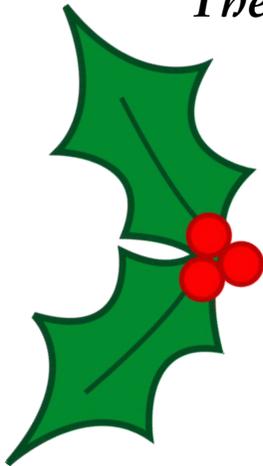
### *Christmas Choral Concert*

*featuring*

*The Dance Pandas and the Panda Tones*

*Friday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m.*

*in the NDA Theatre*



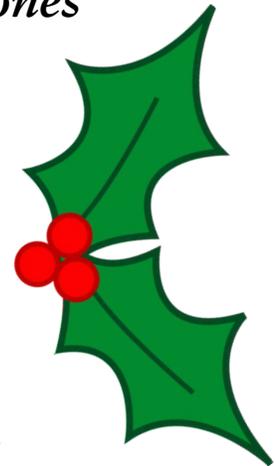
### *Christmas Band Concert*

*featuring*

*The NDA/CCH Band*

*Sunday, December 9 at 4:00 p.m.*

*in the NDA Theatre*



## 2019 MARCH FOR LIFE: IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US ◀

Saving lives, ending abortion, and promoting a culture of life is why we march each year in Washington D.C. If your daughter would like to attend this important event on January 18, 2019 and be a voice for the voiceless please have her stop by front office to pick up permission slip forms. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Theresa Van Auken at [vanaukent@ndapandas.org](mailto:vanaukent@ndapandas.org). Parent chaperones who are virtue trained are needed so please let Mrs. Van Auken know if you are able to join us.

## GOOD FORTUNE COMES TO THOSE WITH MANNERS! ◀

Mrs. Brennan's Entrepreneurship class recently studied Business Dining Etiquette to polish their business skills. They put their lesson into practice by dining at the Oriental Wok on Friday, November 9. It was a delightful learn experience for everyone! NDA Campus Minister Bridget Price accompanied them as a chaperone and tried several new dishes herself.



## SEW AWESOME! ◀

Mrs. Brennan's Textiles class students couldn't wait to unpack NDA's new sewing machines. Two families generously donated 30 Janome sewing machines to the Textiles classroom for class use and for use by the Textiles Club. We are thrilled with the new machines. They are quiet, and make sewing so much easier. We are grateful to these anonymous donors and are keeping them in our prayers!



## WORK STUDY AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LONGSHORE DINING HALL ◀

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](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org). The schedule is online and you can sign up [HERE](#).

**ALSO**, we have a Work Study position open in the Longshore Dining Hall dishroom as well. If you are interested in this position, please contact Karen Brungs at 859.292.1856 or [brungsk@ndapandas.org](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org).



## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



### GSE

The [Governor's School for Entrepreneurs](#) is now accepting applications for the Summer 2019 program,



which will run from June 23 through July 13, at Northern Kentucky University. Students currently in **9th, 10th and 11th** grade can apply, and they can receive high school **class credits** and **scholarships** to Kentucky colleges and universities through their participation. Most of all, if they have that creative spark and drive, it can prepare them to succeed in life as entrepreneurs!

Warren Buffet stated in 2011 that he remembered, "reading a study that sought to correlate business success with all sorts of variables, ranging from I.Q. to which school one attended. The only thing that mattered, it turned out, was the age at which people started their first businesses." An opportunity in high school to experience a program like The Governor's School for Entrepreneurs could be invaluable. ([See Highlights from 2018 GSE!](#))

### GSA

Students can attend a **GSA PREP WORKSHOP** offered by the KY Governor's School for the ARTS, along with an Info Session, on **December 1** at Thomas More University. Students must [Register](#) in Advance and pay a \$10 fee. [The Governor's School for the ARTS](#) applications are open in all nine Art Forms: Architecture, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Film & Photography, Instrumental Music, Musical Theater, Visual Art, Vocal Music - but only until January 11!



### ADHD Driving Study at CCHMC

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center is doing a research study for teens who have ADHD. The study hopes to help students aged 16-19 that have a history of ADHD and a valid drivers license to become safer drivers. There is possible financial compensation for the study. Contact the coordinator at 513-803-1343 or [ADHDdriving@cchmc.org](mailto:ADHDdriving@cchmc.org) for more information.

### New College/Degree Finder Tool for Regional Colleges

The **GC3 Degree** Finder is a searchable database containing every program and degree at the 18 GC3 colleges and universities, including branch and regional campuses. In less than a second, a counselor, student or parent can access over 1900 programs available at all or a single GC3 institution or find all of the GC3 institutions offering a particular program. Click here for more information: [www.gccollegiateconnection.org](http://www.gccollegiateconnection.org)

### BEST Students for Quarter 1

The following students were recognized by their teachers as being hard working and positive influences in the classroom for Quarter 1:

- Freshman: Paige Donnelly
- Sophomore: Margaret Gartner
- Junior: Serena Paterno
- Senior: Bella Howard

### ACT Prep Class

Torchprep will be offering a test prep program at NDA for the in school ACT on February 20th. Spots are limited so sign up today if interested. The first day of the training is 1/24/18. Here is an informational flyer with a link to registration:

[ACT BOOT CAMP FLYER](#)

Youtube video about Torchprep: [Torchprep video](#)



## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

**Coupon book money is due Monday, December 10.**

### Coupon Book Sellers:

Looking for some great deals? Check out NDA's Access to the City coupon book! If you would like to purchase a coupon book, you can contact Susan Colvin in Athletics at [colvins@ndapandas.org](mailto:colvins@ndapandas.org). The books cost \$25 and checks can be made pay-able to Notre Dame Academy.

Once an Athlete has sold her books, she can turn her money in to Athletics or the Main office. All money and checks should be in a sealed envelope with name and homeroom on it.

ALSO: From the NDA website - each Athlete must submit and attach her Tally Sheet through the online link under Athletics / Fundraiser - Submit Tally Form.

## IT'S HOLIDAY SHOPPING TIME AT THE BAMBOOTIQUE ◀

Santa came early this year at NDA and he left many awesome new items for you to purchase for your Panda! Stop in and check them out!



# Holiday Hours



The Bambootique will be open for Holiday Shopping:

Nov 17th 10:30-12:30

Nov 27th 5:30-7:30

Nov 28th 5:30-7:30

Nov 29th 5:30-7:30

Dec 1st 10:30-12:30

Dec 4th 5:30-7:30

Dec 5th 5:30-7:30-

Saint Nick comes tonight

Dec 6th 5:30-7:30

Dec 8th 10:30-12:30

Dec 11th 5:30-7:30

Dec 12th 5:30-7:30

Dec 13th 5:30-7:30

Dec 15th 10:30-12:30

Dec 18th 5:30-7:30 Final Night to shop before SANTA comes!



**NOW SHOWING**

# **ON BROADWAY**

**NDA**

## **Mother Daughter Dance**

**January 12, 2019  
6:30-10:30pm**

**Receptions Banquet Center  
1379 Donaldson Road  
Erlanger, KY 41018**

**Register by Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>  
\$25 per person**

**Come dressed as your favorite Broadway characters/cast, theatre patron or stage hand. Plan to walk the red carpet, enjoy dinner and dance the night away to the tunes of DJ BCD (aka Brian Dunham). The costume parade will be after dinner & winners announced.**

Make your reservation online at <https://www.cognitoforms.com/NotreDameAcademy1/2019MotherDaughter>

OR send cash/check along with this form to the school office.

**Tickets must be paid for at the time of reservation. DUE BY January 7, 2019**

Questions – [stephanie\\_m\\_ahlers@yahoo.com](mailto:stephanie_m_ahlers@yahoo.com) or [mklaird@fuse.net](mailto:mklaird@fuse.net)

Send in a cash or check with this form to the school office.

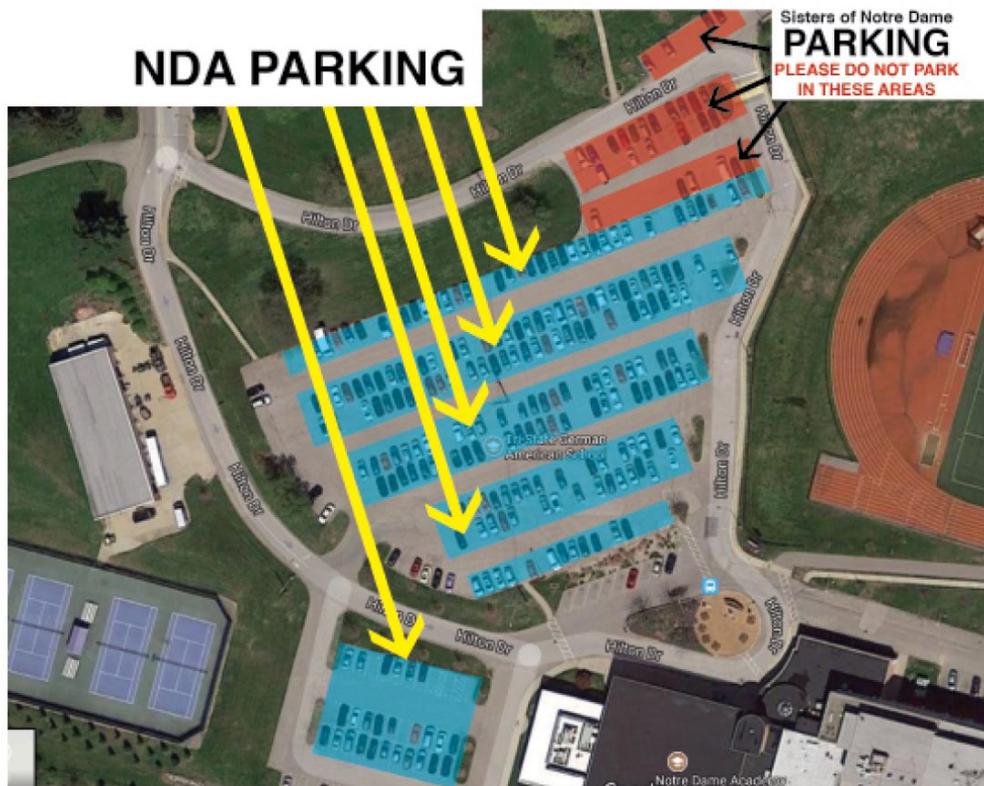
Student Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Mom's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mom's email and phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

# IMPORTANT REMINDER

We have been experiencing some issues on our parking lot recently, especially during the afternoon pick-up period. Please review our parking lot policies and procedures below to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and the children from St. Julie Learning Center.

## PARKING LOT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

1. Please be cautious of students walking to and from the parking lot to the school entrance. Students should be crossing at crosswalks.
2. When picking up your daughter after school, please park in an empty numbered spot and advise your daughter to meet you at the car.
3. For safety purposes and as advised by the Park Hills Fire Department, it is important to keep the parking lot aisles and all fire lanes clear. **PLEASE DO NOT line up for afternoon pick up in the aisles of the parking lot or in fire lanes.**
4. The back of our parking lot is shared with the Sisters of Notre Dame and Julie Learning Center. Signs have been installed and the spaces left unnumbered for the parking that is needed for the Sisters that live at St. Joseph Heights, their employees and the spaces needed for parents to pick up their children from Julie Learning Center. There is a shift change that takes place at 3:00 p.m. for the workers at the Heights. The Julie Learning Center has pickup that begins at approximately the same time as our dismissal.
5. PLEASE SEE THE PICTURE BELOW to see available parking for afternoon pick-up.



6. Students who drive to school need to purchase a parking permit at a cost of \$25.00 for the year. All parked cars must show a parking permit for the current year. Students are to park on the main lot in the student parking area in their designated spot. A car parked on the lot without a permit or in a reserved area will result in a violation. A car parked in a fire lane is subject to police citation and may be towed at the owner's expense.

We certainly understand that the parking lot can be a frustration at times. We have worked with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 6 to look at solutions. They have added additional time to our light to help with our traffic flow at the end of the day.

Thanks for your help in this matter and for keeping the Notre Dame Academy campus safe for not only our students but for the children from St. Julie Learning Center and people at St. Joseph Heights.

## NEWS FROM THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME ◀

Mark your calendars! The Sisters of Notre Dame have some awesome events coming up this month and next. Take a look...

### TONIGHT!

**Wednesday, November 28**

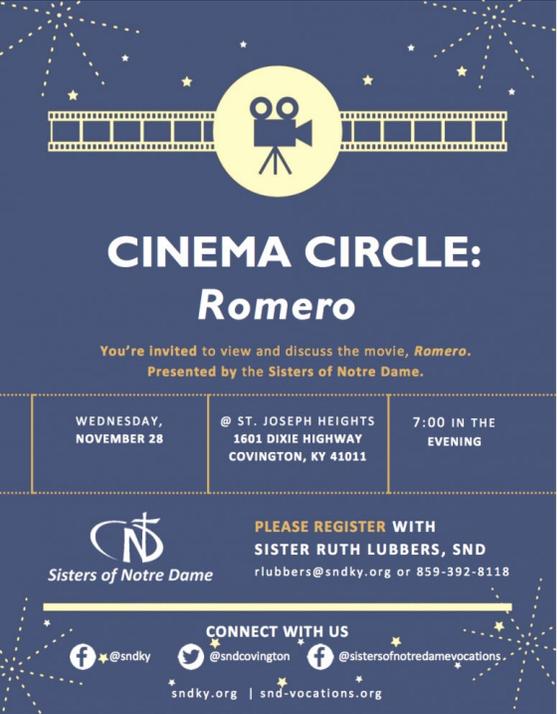
Cinema Circle

<http://www.sndky.org/newsfeed/entry/cinema-circle-473/>

**Sunday, December 9**

Adventure to Give service event

<http://www.sndky.org/newsfeed/entry/advent-volunteer-opportunity-284/>



**CINEMA CIRCLE:**  
**Romero**

You're invited to view and discuss the movie, *Romero*.  
Presented by the Sisters of Notre Dame.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28	@ ST. JOSEPH HEIGHTS 1601 DIXIE HIGHWAY COVINGTON, KY 41011	7:00 IN THE EVENING
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 **Sisters of Notre Dame**

PLEASE REGISTER WITH  
**SISTER RUTH LUBBERS, SND**  
rlubbers@sndky.org or 859-392-8118

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## ▶ Important dates

December 5	SO Retreat
December 7	Midquarter
	Christmas Choral Concert with Dance Team
December 8	High School Placement Test - HSPT
	ACT at NDA
	Freshman Semi-Formal Dance at NDA
December 9	Band Concert
December 10	Seniors leave for retreat
December 14	Silver Bells Dance (school dismisses at 2:00 p.m.)
December 19	Faculty Christmas Party
December 20- January 2	Christmas Break
January 3	School Resumes

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- NCYC
- B.R.A.K.E.S. - Teen Pro-Active Driving School

You can find a complete list of community news [HERE](#).

