



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

Next week is Catholic Schools week and this year's theme is "Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." We join other schools in our Diocese in celebrating our Catholic schools and the success of our NDA students and faculty. We have many events planned for the week including a special mass honoring the Sisters of Notre Dame on Monday. Our week will also include Faculty Appreciation Day, Student Appreciation Day and a talent show. You can read more about everything we have planned for this special week in the Student Life Section below.

Our Annual raffle is underway and we ask each family to support this effort by buying/selling at least six tickets. We had an all-school assembly earlier this week where Dr. Koehl and I encouraged your daughters to support our NDA mission by participating in this important fundraiser for their school. We stressed to them that their participation in the annual Cash Raffle is as important as the number of tickets they sell. The tickets were given to the students in homeroom on Monday. Sr. Paul Ann, Sr. Rachel and Advancement Associate Jan Gilliam will be greeting our students every morning through February 7 to collect the tickets they have sold. The raffle helps to cover our educational costs including tuition assistance. In addition to those benefits, there are incentives for students and for each grade level. Please encourage your daughter to sell her six tickets. Your support is greatly appreciated!

We are ready to begin our scheduling process for the 2017-18 academic year. This includes **College Planning meetings with parents** as listed in the information below. We also meet with each class during long home-rooms prior to these College Planning meetings to review the process and course options. I suggest you take some time in the next few weeks to discuss your daughter's thoughts on what options she is interested in pursuing next school year.

Please pray for our seniors who are on retreat this week. May this be a special and meaningful experience that brings them closer to God for their journey ahead.

As we celebrate our NDA Catholic community, please know that we are most grateful for the commitment of our parents to Catholic education. Thank you for choosing a Notre Dame education for your daughter and giving us the opportunity to be a part of her development as a woman who will make a difference in our world.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Catholic Schools Week (by Maria Danneman)

Since Catholic Schools Week is approaching, Student Council has been planning several fun activities and themed days for that week.



Monday, January 29th: Nunday Monday

On this day students will be expected to be in full uniform for Mass. Several of our students will provide and eat lunch with the Sisters, and the Sisters treat the students to ice cream sundaes during lunch time.

Tuesday, January 30th: Sisterhood Sleepover

Students are encouraged to come to school dressed in their PJs!

Wednesday, January 31st: Boy Day

Students will recognize and thank the faculty, staff and administration for all they do to provide an exemplary Catholic education. Faculty and Staff are invited to breakfast (provided by the junior class) at 8:00 a.m. in the faculty lounge.

Students are encouraged to come to school dressed as boys. There will be a volleyball game that night at NDA starting at 6:30 p.m. NDA and CCH will be playing each other and all proceeds will go to the NKY Emergency Cold Shelter. Chick-fil-a sandwiches will also be available to purchase.

Thursday, February 1st: Grade School Day

Students are encouraged to wear their old grade school uniform or spirit wear shirts. There will also be Panda Rec Time after lunch!

Friday, February 2nd: Decades Day

Freshmen have the 50s, Sophomores have the 60s, Juniors have the 70s, and Seniors have the 80s. Students are encouraged to come dressed as their decade and can enjoy Skyline during the lunches. There will also be a talent show later that day for our fellow pandas to show off their many talents.

Looking forward to a very fun week full of many exciting activities!

Silver Bells Dance

A Starry Night in Paris will now take place on Saturday, March 10 at NDA. The dance will go from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Sophomores through Seniors planning to attend will have to complete an updated registration form which will be shared at a later time. Previously submitted money will not be refunded unless the student is unable to attend or paid too much.



2018 FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE ◀

Don't miss this year's Father Daughter Dance this Friday, January 26 from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at Receptions in Erlanger. The theme this year is Country Western! The cost is \$25 per person and includes dinner, dances and non-alcoholic drinks. Country Western attire is encouraged! **THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS TODAY - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24.** You can make your reservations online [HERE](#).



2018 NDA RAFFLE ◀

It's Raffle time at NDA!

It's Raffle Time at NDA and as Principal, Mr. VonHandorf explained in his letter on Monday, each student received 6 raffle tickets this week to sell.

This year's Grand Prize is \$10,000 and the winner will be drawn at our student pep rally on February 7 at 2:15 p.m. Our student goal this year is \$40,000 and 75% participation.

This year we are concentrating on participation. Each student does not have to sell all 6 tickets but some participation is encouraged. We are expressing the need for students to support our mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world by participating in this important fundraiser.

Sr. Paul Ann, Sr. Rachel and Jan Gilliam will be collecting raffle tickets each morning, passing out Out of Uniform pass and tallying up our totals for the students to check our progress each day. There are many incentives for the girls but the most important one is to support their school.

The first out of uniform is tomorrow, Thursday January 24. If your student has brought in her 6 sold raffle tickets, she has received a pass to be out of uniform tomorrow. If your student brings in her 6 raffle tickets tomorrow morning, she can come out of uniform as well.

Thank you for your support of our NDA 2018 Cash Raffle!



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

SOCCER

Congratulations to our 2017 Northern Kentucky Fall All-Stars in Girls Soccer - Player of the Year Maddie Wilhoite, Maya Decker, Kylie Long, Audrey Muck, Ellie Hellmann and Cassidy Craig and Coach of the Year David Gronotte! Go Pandas!

ARCHERY

The Archers took 1st place at the Beechwood Winter Tournament with a score of 3190, besting Covington Catholic, Beechwood, Scott, and Villa Madonna. Lily Gamel was the team's top shot, scoring a perfect end and winning 1st place with a 279. Alexis Hehman came in 2nd place with a score of 278. Mackenzie Burns shot her personal best score of 272 and came in 5th place in her division. Gwyneth Thomas came in 6th place with a 272. Other outstanding archers include Evelyn Cook with a 265, Megan Raab with her personal best score of 265, and Gracie Siemer with a 263. Dani Shoemake and Leigh Breeden shot their personal best scores. The results for our full roster can be found on Nasptournaments.org. Excellent shooting, Pandas!



CONGRATULATIONS

NDA SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARD WINNERS



NDA STUDENTS RECEIVE 115 SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARDS ◀

Congratulations to our very talented young writers who recently received 18 Gold Keys, 52 Silver Keys, and 44 Honorable Mentions for a total of 115 writing awards in the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition. All gold key winners will move on to the national completion this spring.

Two Notre Dame students, Junior Kate Williams and Freshman Clara Dusing, were recognized as American Voices nominees. From the Scholastic website, "The American Voices nominees are "Best in Show" awards that most exemplify originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision." Each region has five American Voices nominees. One winner will be chosen from each region and presented the American Voices Medal at a ceremony in NYC.

GOLD KEY

Ginger Rose
Laure Dinn
Kenzie Eberhart
Katherine Horsford (2)
Emma Jennings
Angela Menkhaus
Maribeth Stafford (2)
Kate Williams (2) American Voices Nominee

Ellie O'Hara
Haley Planicka
Morgan Weltzer
Sammy Arnold
Clara Dusing - American Voices Nominee
Anna Resing
Shelby Wohlwender

SILVER KEY

Kaylie Collins
Isabelle Morgan
Bella Smith (2)
Hanna Sweeney
Maya Batshoun
Morgan Briede
Abby Bruns
Grace Caccavari
Chloe Collins
Abigail Darpel (4)

Ella David
Laura Dinn
Grace Eckerle
Taylor Eiting (2)
Chloe Esmeier
Emily Farrell
Isabella Feagan
Katherine Horsford (2)
Caroline Jackson (2)
Molly Kleier

Jana Lebrecht
Rosie Molony (2)
Ainsley Moore
Sara Spellman
Maribeth Stafford (3)
Gabrielle Weber
Kate Williams (2)
Lauren Zalla
Megan Bezold
Isabel Coomes

Emma Donaghy
Isabella Howard
Julia Hughes
Olivia Ossege
Haley Planicka (2)
Morgan Weltzer
Sammy Arnold
Maggie Ellis
Abbey Kathman
Ceceilagh Pitstick

HONORABLE MENTION

Hope McNickle
Olivia Allender
Noel Baker
Sally Bishop
Morgan Briede
Laura Dinn
Taylor Eiting
Kate Hail
Caroline Jackson
Sammie Kleier (2)

Micaela Kramer
Angela Menkhaus (3)
Rosie Molony
Ainsley Moore
Lainey Renaker
Lucy Teller
Kate Williams
Gracyn Wyman
Emma Browning
Emma Donaghy

Katherine Donaghy
Onali Fernando
Claire Jacob
Claire James
Angela Kyntchev
Fallon McAllister
Olivia Ossege
Nina Pauly
Landrie Barnes
Lucy Pastura

Catherine Branch
Annie Kleier
Selena Mann
Oli Marita
Hanna Miller
Ceceilagh Pitstick (2)
Anna Resing (4)



NDA/CCH

Fine Arts Showcase

February 2 - 4, 2018 | at Notre Dame Academy

TICKETS ON SALE NOW! ◀

Fine Arts Showcase: Revolutions, Feb. 2 - 4

Join us in declaring REVOLUTION as we examine the ways in which rebellion, revolution, and change have manifested throughout our musical/theatrical history! From the Beatles to Hamilton, we as a people have defied convention, made waves, and changed the course of history with our indomitable spirits and strength of will.

This NDA/CCH Fine Arts Showcase will feature Theatre, Chorus, Dance Team, Visual Art and our Jazz Band. Come and bring the family! You can purchase tickets online [HERE](#).

TRI-STATE BAND SYMPOSIUM ◀

CONGRATULATIONS to our NKU Honor Symposium Folks! We are all proud of you representing yourselves and our band so well: Christina Cornett, Manon Stovik, Anissa Dickerson, Grace Caccavari, Ming Waih Wong Burgess, Hana Kennedy and Emily Farrell!



ART STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH THE MEMORY PROJECT ◀

One of the service projects our Art students do each year, under the direction of Mr. Matt Eckerle, is called the Memory Project. NDA students make portraits of children from around the world who are either orphans or living in poverty. It is a beautiful project and our Pandas always do a great job with it! Each year after Mr. Eckerle sends his students' pieces in to be delivered to the kids, they make a video and send it back to NDA students to show them what the delivery looks like. As you can see [HERE](#) it looks like our NDA students are learning how to make a difference in the world!

WOMEN'S INITIATIVE BREAKFAST ◀

NDA was well represented at the NKY Chamber's Women's Initiative Breakfast this morning!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



College Planning Nights for Students and Parents:

The NDA counselors will be having a College Planning night for the current freshmen, sophomores and juniors. These nights will address what students should be doing at this time to prepare for their path after high school. We will discuss our Naviance program, standardized testing, scheduling courses and other related issues. We would like a parent and the student (if possible) to attend. We understand that scheduling conflicts occur, and will send out a copy of the presentation electronically after the meetings.

- **Junior College Planning:** February 6 at 6:30
- **Freshmen College Planning Meeting:** February 20 at 6:30 (*Please note this has been moved from Feb 8 due to a facility scheduling conflict)
- **Sophomore College Planning:** February 15 at 6:30

Junior ACT in school:

This is a reminder that the juniors will be taking the ACT in school on Tuesday, February 27. Students do not register for this through ACT online. Mrs. Monohan has sent some communication to the students about the test as well. They will have the test in the morning and have a long break before enrichment activities in the afternoon. They will wear their uniform that day. They do not pay for the test as it is already included in school fees.

Sophomore and Freshmen CERT Testing:

The sophomores and freshmen will be taking the online CERT test on Tuesday, February 27. This is a practice test for the ACT and is aligned with the ACT format and scoring. Students will have testing in the morning a long lunch and enrichment activities in the afternoon. Students need to have a charged iPad that day for the test and will wear their uniform. We do not have extended time for students that have a Plan for this test. It is only a practice test. Here is some info about the CERT. This will be the 2nd time sophomores will take the test this year and the first time for freshmen.

<https://certforschools.com/about#overview>

College Planning for Students with Learning Differences

The Cincinnati Public Library will be hosting a free series for parents and students with learning differences starting on February 17. It is presented by Thomas More College's Institute for Learning Differences. For more information visit the library website at: <http://cincinnati.library.evanced.info/signup/List?df=list&nd=120&kw=Choosing&ds=2018/02/01>

Attention Juniors and Seniors!

Cinderella's Closet is again helping junior and senior girls have a memorable prom experience by providing dresses and accessories at no cost to those who have a financial need! If this is something your junior or senior daughter could benefit from please contact personal counselor Erin Maggard at maggarde@ndapandas.org. Cinderella's closet will be open the weekend of March 16 & 17. Appointments can only be made by Mrs. Maggard, so please contact her to make one!

Gateway Open House

Gateway Community and Technical College is hosting an Open House event on **Thursday, February 8 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Center for Technology, Innovation, and Enterprise at 516 Madison Avenue, Covington, KY**. The event is designed for high school seniors (juniors welcome!) and their parents or guardians. This event is to introduce students to the programs Gateway has to offer. Gateway wants to ensure students know their programs (everything from two to three class certifications in Computer Information Technology, to degrees in massage therapy, up to Associate in Science transfer degrees with Pre-Med science offerings). For more info and to RSVP: gateway.kctcs.edu/openhouse

Fernside, Supporting Children and Families Through Grief is sponsoring a peer support group in collaboration with Notre Dame Academy. The Fernside grief support group is a six-week, structured group that uses expressive arts activities to help adolescents understand emotions and develop skills to cope with the feelings associated with loss. The group will begin in February and will finish in March; the meetings will rotate class periods, so that no class will be missed more than once. Please contact Mrs. Hildreth if interested or for more information.



► Important dates

January 22-25	Senior Retreat
January 25	Out of Uniform Day for NDA Raffle (students who sold 6 tickets)
January 26	Father/Daughter Dance 7:00 p.m. - Receptions
January 29	Catholic Schools Week Begins
February 2	Talent Show
February 2-4	Fine Arts Showcase
February 6	Sophomores to Play Sophomore Ring Ordering 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Junior College Planning Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 7	\$10,000 Raffle Drawing Winter Sports Pep Rally
February 8	Sophomore Ring Ordering 10:50 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
February 14	Ash Wednesday Mass 1:30 p.m.
February 15	Sophomore College Planning Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 16	Mid quarter Mother/Daughter Dance 7:00 p.m. - Receptions
February 19	No School: Presidents's Day
February 20	Freshman College Planning Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 26	Body Peace Week
February 27	Super Tuesday! (FR/SO CERT, JR ACT, SR Mission Retreat)

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- World Meeting of Families
- Positions Available for Students
- Part-time job opportunity

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

