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## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

We congratulate **Dana Youtsey** who has been named a **National Merit Semi-finalist** ! Dana is the daughter of Bev and Michael Youtsey. National Merit designation is based on a student's performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test taken in October of the junior year. (This test is nationally scheduled for October 14 this year.) Dana ranked in the top 1% of high school juniors in the nation. She will compete for about 8,000 scholarships through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Monday is **Club Orientation** . The Student Council sponsors this all school assembly as a wonderful fun event. Each of our 24 clubs presents a skit to help students learn about their club and try to get new membership. It is especially good for freshmen to hear about all the types of clubs that are available: service, academic, and fun. Please encourage your daughter to join at least one extra curricular activity this year.

**Drug Free Clubs of America** : It is time for our yearly sign-ups for the Drug Free Clubs of America here at NDA. We welcome all students to join. DFCA provides students a reason to say, "I can't" when faced with a difficult situation involving drugs. For more information, email Mrs. Tessa Taylor, Personal Counselor at [taylor@ndapandas.org](mailto:taylor@ndapandas.org).

**Divorce Counseling Groups** : Mrs. Tessa Taylor, the Personal Counselor at NDA, would like to begin small groups for girls who are going through or recently experienced a divorce in their family. If this sounds like something that would interest your student, please email Mrs. Taylor at [taylor@ndapandas.org](mailto:taylor@ndapandas.org).

**Freshmen and Parents Night**: All freshmen and their parents are invited to a "Getting to Know You" evening on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00pm in the Auditorium.

"**Youth 2000**" will take place October 9-11 at Thomas More College. [Go here to read more](#).

**Skyline Night**: Each fourth Tuesday of the month will be NDA Night at the Ft. Wright Skyline. 10% of your bill will be donated to NDA if you tell them you are from NDA! The first night is on September 22.

**Playing for the Cure**: NDA volleyball team will play St. Henry's at TMC on Wednesday, September 24 at 7:00pm. All proceeds will benefit "I Have Wings" breast cancer program. Please come and support our team!

**Eighth Grade Visit:** The eighth graders from St. Pius will visit NDA on September 24.

**Soph/Frosh :** The sophomores will host a fun time of games and food for all freshmen and sophomores on September 25. The activities are from 3:00-5:00pm. All are invited. It is a good way for freshmen to get to know one another and meet the sophomores.

**H1N1:** [Please go here to get information](#) from the Northern Kentucky Health Department.

May our Good God bless you and your family,  
Sr. Elaine Marie Winter, SND

## **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

Basketball Coach Cheryl Darpel retires after 13 seasons, Pandas name Nicole Levandusky as the new Basketball Coach. [Go here to read the story.](#)

## **CALENDAR...UPCOMING EVENTS**

Check our [calendars on our web page](#) for the latest on all the upcoming events. The calendars are separated into the following areas: All Events; Academics; Alumnae; Athletics; Fine Arts; Lunch; Freshman; Sophomore; Junior and Senior Activities and more.

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