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*An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy
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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! May God bless you and your family during 2010!

It was good to see the rested look on all of our faculty and students as they returned from our long Christmas break! We pray for God's blessings on our second semester.

We are excited to have one of our Sisters of Notre Dame and five girls come from our Notre Dame high schools in Rio and Passo Fundo, Brazil. The girls will be staying with our NDA host families from January 8 until January 29. The cold weather and snow will be a surprise to them since they are on their "summer" break in Brazil. In July, six of our NDA girls will go to Brazil and stay with host families there. Ms. Alma Owen, one of our Spanish teachers, speaks Portuguese and has taught in Chile and Brazil, so she has been giving lessons in Portuguese after school to our students. In 2007, I spent a month in Brazil attending the Notre Dame International Educational Conference and visited the schools from where the students are coming. We look forward to a great learning experience.

The following events and activities will occur during the next few weeks:

The **Second Quarter ends January 8** and Report Cards will be distributed on January 19.

Silver Bells Dance: This is a semi-formal dance held at NDA for sophomores, juniors and seniors and their dates. (Students do not need to have a date to attend this event.) The dance is January 8 from 8:00pm-11:00pm.

Father/Daughter Dinner and Dance will be held on January 29 at the Drawbridge. Look for more information soon.

As we plan for the 2010-2011 school year, please review the **LOOKING AHEAD** section below.

Seniors and parents should [go here for college information](#).

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

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

January 8 - Sophomores and juniors will have class meetings to learn about the course selection process for the next school year. The meetings will be during Homeroom.

January 12 - Financial Aid meeting for all current **senior parents** at NDA at 7:00pm.

January 13 - All current **juniors and their parents** will be given an explanation of the courses that will be offered next school year and an explanation of the results of the PSAT test at NDA at 7:00pm.

January 14 - All current **sophomores and their parents** will be given an explanation of the courses that will be offered next school year and an explanation of the results of the PSAT and PLAN tests at NDA at 7:00pm.

January 15 - Freshmen will have a class meeting to learn about the course selection process for the next school year. The meeting will be during Homeroom.

January 19 - All current **freshmen and their parents** will be given an explanation of the courses that will be offered next school year at NDA at 7:00pm.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The PSAS (Private School Aid Service) Student Aid form for the 2010-2011 school is now available from our web page, [go here for more information and to download form](#) . This Financial Assistance Form will need to be sent by May 1, 2010. Individuals asking for financial assistance, asking to become part of the work study program or will be applying for a need based scholarship will need to complete the PSAS form. Please contact Sr. Mary Paul Ann at 859-292-7736 or email her at hannekenP@ndapandas.org if you have any questions.

CAFETERIA NEGATIVE BALANCE

If your daughter has a negative cafeteria balance she might not be able to purchase her lunch. Please be certain to send money to the office or make a credit card deposit at www.PayPams.com to guarantee your daughter will have a lunch. By creating a PayPams account you can receive low balance email notification, view account balance, view daily spending and more. Contact Mrs. Brungs at 859-292-1856 for more information.

BAD WEATHER PROCEDURE

The following are Notre Dame's procedures for bad weather.

Expect that NDA will be open.

All delays or cancellations will be broadcasted over the major TV and radio stations. Our school should be listed as Notre Dame Academy, Park Hills. Please do not call school.

In most instances we will try to have an hour delay. The purpose of a delay is to give drivers more time to travel. If we have school with an hour delay, all classes will be held that day.

If you drive your daughter to school, NDA is open as early as 6:30am and as late as necessary. You can pick your daughter up on your way home from work.

With all of the above in mind, the decision to send your daughter to school or to keep her home is your decision.

PHOTO GALLERY

[Go here to view pictures](#) of our many events at NDA.

PANDAPRESS WEEKLY ARCHIVE

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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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