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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

"Founder's Day" for the Sisters of Notre Dame: October 1, 1850 is the date that two young women, Hilligonda Wolbring and Lizette Kuling, became the first Sisters of Notre Dame in Coefeld, Germany. These two women followed the spirituality of St. Julie Billiard who was known for proclaiming God's goodness. The students will hear more about this during their Religion classes. Please pray for vocations to the Sisters of Notre Dame.

National Merit Commended Students: Seniors, Sarah Gregory and Krista Noll have been named National Merit Commended students. These students placed among the five percent of more than 1.5 million students who took the PSAT last October. **We congratulate Sarah, Krista, their parents and teachers!**

"Making High School Count" is a program for all freshmen to learn about the various ways they can get the most out of their education. NDA has had this program and other grade level "Making it Count" programs for the last several years. Parents of freshman are invited to attend as well. It will be held at 8:45-9:30am on Friday, September 25.

Soph/Frosh will be held at NDA from 3:00-5:00pm on Friday, September 25. We hope many freshmen and sophomores will attend this fun time hosted by the sophomores.

"Go Higher Ed" is a program for all students in the state of KY that gives students access to educational opportunities offered by the state. The bus, which is equipped with computers, will be at NDA on Monday, September 28. All freshmen and new students will be scheduled to go to the bus to set up their account. All other grade levels did this last year.

PLAN - All sophomores will take the PLAN Test on Tuesday, September 29. This test is a good predictor of how well a student will do on the ACT. Results will be explained to you and your daughter at a meeting later in the year.

Eighteen students have earned AP Scholar Awards. [Go here to read more.](#)

Grandparents' Mass will be celebrated in our gym on Wednesday, September 30 at 8:50am. A reception will follow. Grandparents may also tour our new facilities. This is a great opportunity for the girls and their

grandparents or grandfriends to pray together. Because of the large number of grandparents who attend, we ask that parents do not come to this Mass. Students will need to park at The Gardens of Park Hills on Wednesday.

The next **ACT Prep Class** is scheduled for October 13, 15, 20 and 22.

The class is from 3:30-6:30pm. For a registration form, go [here](#).

JETS! Junior Engineering Technical Society is a new club at NDA open to all grade levels. [Go here to read more](#).

"Annie" Mark your calendars for upcoming performances you will not forget!

[Go here for more information](#) on Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic's 2009/2010 season. Tickets are available by sending an email to tixs4pandas@aol.com.

May our Good God bless you and your family,

Sr. Elaine Marie Winter, SND

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The Northern Kentucky Regional College Fair will be held on Thomas More College's campus on **Tuesday, September 29 from 6:00-8:00pm** in the Connor Convocation Center. Over 100 colleges and universities will be participating. For more information visit:

http://www.thomasmore.edu/admissions/college_fair.cfm

The Cincinnati National College Fair will be held on Sunday, October 11 from 1:00-4:00pm at the Duke Energy Center (Exhibit Hall A) in Cincinnati located at 525 Elm Street. Sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and hosted by the Ohio Association for College Admission Counseling (OACMC). Over 200 colleges and universities will be participating. Students can pre-register for the Fair at www.gotomyncf.com.

There is a **\$500 scholarship opportunity through KHEAA for current juniors**. The scholarship requires the student to write an essay about high school challenges. See <http://www.kheaa.com/website/kheaa/home> or the NDA guidance website for more details.

Mrs. Monohan will be hosting **PSAT Prep Classes** for any interested junior after school on Wednesday, September 30 and Wednesday, October 7. This will help juniors prepare to take the PSAT scheduled for Wednesday, October 14. The juniors that take the PSAT this year will be eligible to become National Merit Finalists. We will be using a study guide workbook and video. The sessions will last from 3-4 or 4:30 pm. The first session will focus on the Math section of the test and the second session will focus on the Writing and Reading portions of the PSAT.

AUTUMN GALA

Now's your chance to attend one of the most exciting events of the year! The Autumn Gala committee has worked hard to create a fabulous evening. We have collected over \$60,000 worth of gifts, one-of-a-kind vacations, jewelry, electronics, motorized scooter, to name just few. You will also want to check out the School Days category which features autographed class gifts, personalized NDA spiritwear, and other items your daughter would love to have.

You won't want to miss the opportunity to participate in a new feature this year, First Choice. One hundred First Choice raffle tickets will be sold, and immediately before the live auction begins, one lucky person will

be chosen and get to pick any of the live auction items at no charge.

So come to the Gala and come early to take advantage of everything the night offers. Questions regarding the Gala can be directed to the NDA Development Department at 859-292-7729.

PHOTO GALLERY

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

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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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