



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings Parents,

With Labor Day just around the corner, the school year has gotten off to a great start. Faculty, staff and students are enthusiastic about the 2014-15 school year and excited about "Celebrating Sisterhood" as a community of learners in our school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Our Malala Day was a huge success and I am grateful to the faculty, staff and students who planned the day as well all our students who participated with enthusiasm and respect. We had many good discussions about this young woman's courageous story of making a difference. It was also an opportunity to reflect on the gift of our own Catholic education and the ways in which we can use that gift to bring about positive change in our world, especially for young women.

Please note the following important schedule information. There will be no school next Monday (9/1) and on Wednesday (9/3) there is a late start to accommodate our monthly faculty meeting. Picture Day is September 5 in the morning. Your daughter will be given her picture forms next Tuesday during homeroom.

The Instructional Technology Office is currently in the process of finalizing the Canvas Learning Management system set-up. All students should be able to access their Canvas accounts at this time. Students received training at the beginning of school year about this program. Also, please reinforce with your daughters that their iPads must be backed up. This is the student's responsibility and NDA cannot guarantee data retrieval. The Technology Office (which is now in Room 101) is glad to assist with this process. ([Canvas information](#))

The juniors took an ACT practice test this morning as part of a program sponsored by Torchprep –the ACT Boot Camp providers. Torchprep will meet with the juniors next Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. to review the test and strategies for taking standardized tests. They will hold an informational meeting for parents on September 18 at 7:00 p.m. Please note the parent meeting will be held at Covington Catholic.

Parent Mini Night is just around the corner on September 10 from 7-9 p.m. This is a special evening when you can visit each of your daughter's classes for a 10-minute overview about course expectations and activities. Your daughter will bring home her Wednesday schedule for you to follow that night. This is not a time for individual parent- teacher conferences as the teachers will be addressing parents as a group. Parents interested in an individual consultation with a teacher should email that teacher to set up an alternate time.

Finally, please mark your calendar for the first PTO meeting on Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Plans for the coming year will be discussed.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

Celebrating Sisterhood!



STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Fall Mixer

We anticipate a school year filled with many exciting events for our students. Next Friday, August 29, the Student Council will hold the first mixer of the year. The mixer kicks off at 8:00 p.m. and ends at 11:00 p.m. All students are encouraged to attend and to celebrate the start of the school year. Hawaiian and Luau attire is encouraged! Admission is \$5 per person with the proceeds supporting the Uganda missions and NDA's Student Council.

Handbook Reminders

Early Release

Notes from parents requesting that students be permitted to leave school early should be brought to the school office before school, so an Office Permission Slip can be issued. It is important that the student take care of this when she arrives at school for attendance purposes. If a student becomes ill during the school day, she must contact a parent/guardian from the school office. She is not permitted to contact a parent via email, cell phone or iPad.

Excused Absences

Excused absences are absences NOT counted toward a student's missed days; however, they will still be reflected on the student's attendance record. These would include:

- 1) College Days - A "college day" is a day on which a senior or junior is scheduled to visit a college or university. College days are not mandatory. The student must obtain a [verification form](#) from the school office to take with her. This is to be returned to NDA signed by a college official. Failure to provide verification will result in an unexcused absence. College visits are not excused after April 30 of the academic year. Between their junior and senior year, students are allotted 5 total excused college visit days.
- 2) Funerals of immediate relatives, or others in consultation with the Assistant Principal.
- 3) Participation in an NDA sponsored activity in which a student will miss class time.
- 4) Attendance at NDA/CCH athletic events that occur during school hours at the discretion of the administration through public notification.

A request for an [Excused Absence Form](#) can be made through the school office or a copy can be downloaded from the website. The form is to be completed for any student who has a documented chronic condition, is having surgery, or must miss school repeatedly for reasons beyond her control. Forms should be completed within two weeks of a student's return to school after a prolonged absence. Documented absences supported by this form may be excused upon review by the Assistant Principal.



2014-15 College Rep Visits at NDA

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch mods (M/T/Th/F 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Wednesdays 11:12 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) Parents are welcome to come in to speak with the college reps. Below is a list of upcoming visits.

September

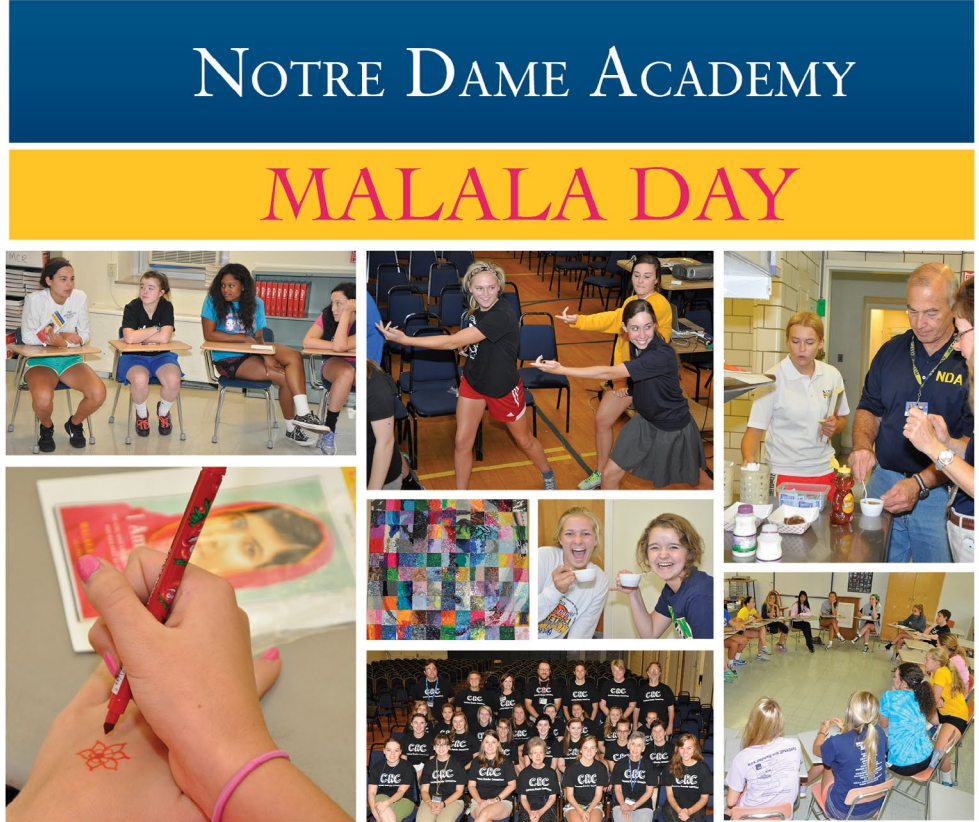
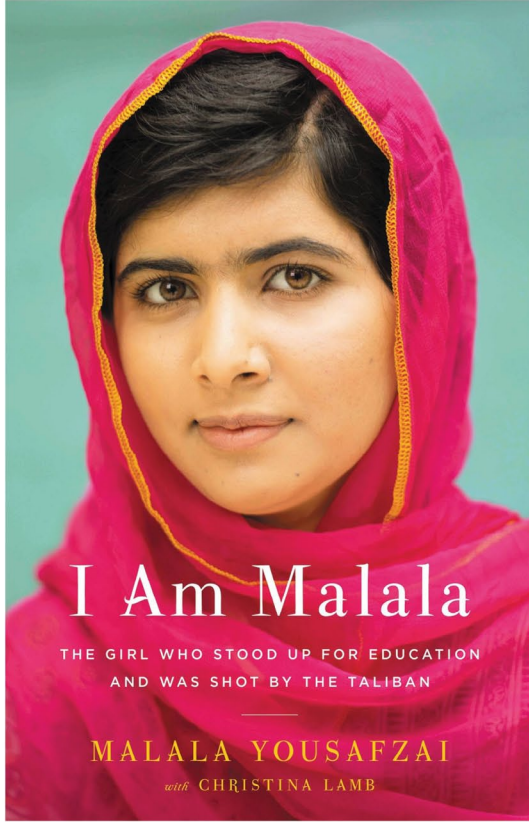
- 4 Hanover College
- 4 University of Notre Dame
- 12 Washington University St. Louis
- 12 University of Kentucky
- 12 University of South Carolina
- 16 Vanderbilt University
- 24 Indiana University

October

- 2 Western Kentucky University
- 6 Miami University Oxford
- 14 University of Alabama
- 28 University of Dayton

CALLING ALL TRAVELERS! ◀

There will be a meeting this Thursday after school in room 307 for any students interested in the Italy Trip which will take place June 6-14, 2015. We will be visiting Rome, Florence, Venice, and Assisi. There will also be a parent meeting on Wednesday, September 10 right after Parent Mini-Night (9 PM). It is required that parents attend this meeting for their daughter to sign up for the trip. If your daughter is interested in the trip and you are unable to attend the meeting please contact Mrs. Wagner at wagnerk@ndapandas.org.



WORK STUDY POSITIONS AVAILABLE ◀

Cafeteria

NDA is seeking a parent interested in working in the Dish Room. The position is 5 days per week, 4 hours per day during the school year. Please contact NDA Cafeteria Manager, Karen Brungs, at brungsk@ndapandas.org if you are interested.

Building and Groundskeeping

NDA is seeking a parent interested in assisting NDA Building and Groundskeeper, Pete Hehman, weekdays. If you are interested, please contact Bridget Lange at nda@ndapandas.org.



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
invites all 6th Grade Girls to the annual
6th Grade Scavenger Hunt
Friday, September 19, 2014
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Don't miss this afternoon of
FUN. FRIENDS. and FOOD!

The event is **free!**
A donation of 2 canned goods will be accepted to
benefit Be-Concerned.

A reservation form with a parent's signature is required.
The form is available online at ndapandas.org.



SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST ◀

The Annual NDA Scholarship Appreciation Breakfast will be held on September 17 at 8:00 a.m. in NDA's auditorium. This breakfast is a celebration where we as a school thank our scholarship donors for their generosity. This breakfast is mandatory for students who have received an email about this event. An Information Session for the girls will be held on September the 3 in the gym at 8:00 a.m. This meeting is also mandatory.

Parents will not be attending the breakfast due to limited capacity in the auditorium. If you have any questions, please call or email Jan Gilliam, Advancement Associate, at 859-292-1850, gilliamj@ndapandas.org.



▶ Important dates: Opening of School Year

August 27	JR ACT Practice Test
August 29	Fall Mixer 8:00-11:00 p.m.
September 1	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
September 2	Theatre Parent Meeting 7:00-8:00 p.m.
September 3	Soccer Grade School Night!
September 5	Picture Day
September 9	PTO Meeting 7:00-8:00 p.m.
September 10	Parent Mini-Night 7:00-9:00 p.m.
September 12	Junior Retreat
September 17	Donor Breakfast
September 19	Club Orientation
	6th Grade Scavenger Hunt 3:30-5:30 p.m.
September 23	PLAN Test
September 26	Grandparent's Day Mass
September 28	Golden Girls Brunch

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Reveal Your Dignity
- New Begininngs
- Pure Fashion
- Streetsmartz

For a complete list of community news [CLICK HERE](#).