



*An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy*

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

Greetings! As September comes to a close, we are beginning the second half of the 1st quarter. You should find updated grades for your daughter on Power School and have a good sense of how she is progressing at this point. Please discuss your daughter's progress with her and if she needs assistance, encourage her to speak with her teacher(s) and take advantage of our Mentor Center.

Today our sophomores took the PLAN test. This is a standardized test that collects career interest information and prepares them for the ACT. Results from this test will be useful to you and your daughter as you plan for the remainder of her high school years and consider areas of interest she would like to pursue after high school.

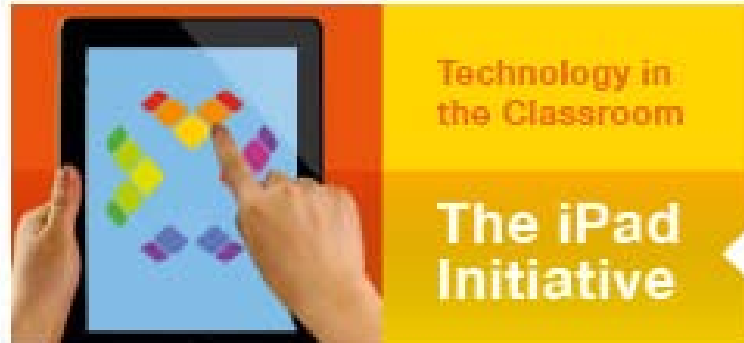
I am pleased to announce that we have two National Merit Semifinalists and three National Merit Commended Students, all selected for their scores on the PSAT they took as juniors. Congratulations to Hannah Regan and Lillian Trunnell - our National Merit Semifinalists. These students are among a select group of students in our nation to receive this distinction. They scored in the highest category on the national level and were among the highest scoring students in our Commonwealth. Our commended students are Amy Foertsch, Kathleen Gatti, and Catriona Shaughnessy. Commended students achieved scores above a national Selection Index Score.

Congratulations to one of our juniors, Szofia Komaromy-Hiller, on being recognized by the U.S. Department of Education for her national award-winning work from the 2012 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Her piece, "In That Case, I'll Stick to Politics," published in *The Best Teen Writing of 2012*, will be on display at Kindles at the U.S. Department of Education as part of ART.WRITE.NOW.DC. The Department of Education is hosting this yearlong exhibition.

Please remember that we have no school this Friday. This was at the request of Bishop Roger Foys in recognition of our Blue Ribbon of Excellence Award.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



Mr. Gray's biology classes are using the iPad to photograph images on the slides they are viewing on the microscopes. This creates a more accurate image they can keep in their notebooks for labeling and review. It will help students be better prepared for lab practicals because they are studying the same image the instructor will use for the assessment.



## SUPPORT NDA ◀

The **Autumn Gala** is Notre Dame Academy's largest fundraiser, with a goal this year of \$90,000 to help support the gap between what is generated in tuition and the cost of educating each of our students. The Autumn Gala is this Saturday, September 29, at NDA and **THURSDAY** is your **LAST CHANCE to PURCHASE TICKETS!** Tickets are \$75.

Join us for an exciting evening celebrating Notre Dame Academy and our mission of educating women to make a difference. The evening includes a Live Auction, Silent Auction, Craft Beer Tasting, Major Raffle, Heads or Tails, First Choice, and LOTS of prizes!

If you can't attend Gala, please purchase a **\$50 First Choice** ticket, and the winner will get the opportunity to choose their favorite item of our live auction offerings. Click here to see the live auction items: [GALA LIVE AUCTION](#).

Make your reservations today by calling the Advancement Office at 859-292-7729 or emailing your RSVP to [hehmana@ndapandas.org](mailto:hehmana@ndapandas.org). Remember, **Thursday is the last day to buy tickets!!!**



## THIS JUST IN... ◀

Add this adorable Cavapoo puppy to your family at the Autumn Gala! This little charmer will be part of our **Live Auction** event and is ready for a great home and family who adore him as much as he adores them! This puppy is up to date on all his shots and comes with a three night stay at Almost Home Pet Resort and a basket of food, toys, food & water bowls, bed and other necessities to get you started!

He will be available to view (and pet!) during the NDA lunch mods Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, or you can meet him the night of Gala to see if he's right for your family!

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

**The sophomores and juniors will be taking the PSAT on Wednesday, October 17.** The students will take this preliminary SAT test in the school day and have partial classes after the test. The junior class takes the test to also qualify for the National Merit State Qualifying Test. For more information please visit the Collegeboard website at <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html>.

**Any sophomore, junior or senior interested in pursuing a health related career** can participate in the Health Career Fair that will be taking place on October 25 at Xavier University. Permission slips are available in the school office or outside of Mrs. Monohan's door. We will have room for a limited amount of students so turn in your signed permission slips soon.

**Any junior student interested in The Governor's Scholar's Program** is encouraged to attend an after school meeting on either October 8 or October 11 in the school library. See Mrs. Monohan for details after the meeting date if you cannot attend.

**Any junior or sophomore interested in the Governor's School for the Arts Programs** please plan to attend a meeting on either October 1 or October 4 in the school library. See Mrs. Monohan for details after the meeting date if you cannot attend.

**Drug Free Club of America** is a national school club that promotes and rewards healthy teen decisions. To join, students complete a registration form (available in the NDA school office), get a parent signature, and pay a \$35 fee. (Freshmen get their senior year FREE by signing up for all four years at once!) An outside agency will conduct drug screenings at our school during the week of Oct. 8-12. After testing negative for drugs on the initial test, students receive a Member ID Card with a number and can log in at [www.drugfreeclub.com](http://www.drugfreeclub.com) for numerous Community Rewards. NDA Drug Free Club members will also receive various NDA rewards: out-of-uniform days, treats, free mixer tickets, and random drawings for movie tickets, gift cards to restaurants, stores, Bambootique, and more! Drug free screenings will occur randomly during the school year, and re-tested members tested will receive recognition and rewards. Drug Free Club Members are eligible to enter the Scholarship Essay Contest in March and win a \$500 scholarship (NDA had a 2012 winner!) or other runner-up prizes. Membership in Drug Free Club, a credible, nationally known organization, can also be put on college applications! Register before October 8! Contact Mrs. Hildreth at [hildrethk@ndapandas.org](mailto:hildrethk@ndapandas.org) if any questions.

**Divorce and Grief Groups** will be starting up in October. They will run for 5 week each semester on a rotating basis so students will never miss a class more than once a semester. If you know a student who might be interested in participating, contact Mrs. Hildreth at [hildrethk@ndapandas.org](mailto:hildrethk@ndapandas.org).

## FREE LUNCH! ◀

We are in need of a volunteers to work in the dish room from 10:45 a.m. -12:30 p.m. on the following dates: 9/27, 10/4, 10/5, 10/9, 10/10, 10/16, 10/18, 10/24, 10/25, 10/26, 10/29, 10/30, and 10/31. Please sign up for once a week, every other week or monthly at [CAFETERIA SIGN UP](#). You can see what days are open and sign up to fit your own availability. You will have to provide your email address so that you can receive reminders. You will NOT receive promotional e-mail from Volunteer Spot unless you choose to do so. Please contact Shari Buckley at [sharib@zoombtown.com](mailto:sharib@zoombtown.com) or 859-380-6239 if you need assistance signing up or if you do not have access to the internet. We greatly appreciate your help! It's a great way to see your daughters, her friends and the teachers during the school day. Complimentary lunch of your choice is also provided at the end of the lunch period.

## GOT DIRT? ◀

Bring your car to N.D.A. on Sunday, September 30, from 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. for a **Diocesan Car Wash**. Covington Catholic and Notre Dame Academy are sponsoring this fundraising event. All donations will benefit local pregnancy centers doing pro-life work. Free lemonade and cookies while you wait!

## IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE NKY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ◀

The Northern Kentucky Health Department has requested that we pass the following letter on to our school parents due to the increased number of Pertussis cases in our area. We are not aware of any reported cases involving our students at NDA. For further information, a fact sheet about Pertussis can be found at this link [PERTUSSIS](#).

August 2, 2012

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Northern Kentucky Health Department is seeing an increased number of Pertussis (also known as Whooping Cough) cases being reported in the Northern Kentucky area. Pertussis is a contagious disease that can be spread in settings where people are in close contact. Since the beginning of January there have been 79 cases reported. The ages of those cases reported have ranged from three weeks to 67 years of age, with most cases being 13 years of age or younger.

The symptoms of Pertussis may begin gradually with a cough that won't go away and gets worse over time.. The ill person may also have vomiting after bouts of coughing, a high pitched "whoop" when breathing in and lose their breath or not be able to take air into their lungs. Some people may not have the high pitched whoop, or the sudden attack of coughing, especially vaccinated children and adults.

People at least five days of antibiotic therapy. If no treatment was given, they must be excluded, work or other public contact until they have recovered at least five days of antibiotic therapy. If no treatment was given, they must be excluded, work or other public contact until they have recovered at least five days of antibiotic therapy. Close contacts, anyone with repeated indoor face to face exposure, should also be treated. This would include those in childcare settings, and in some situations, work and school settings.

You may want to consider asking your health care provider about the Tdap vaccine. We are recommending this vaccine to the parents of small children. This vaccine can be obtained from the health department for \$4.00, if your health care provider is unable to provide it.

Please contact the Health Department at 859-363-2072 with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Joyce Rice, RN MSPH  
Epidemiology Manager  
Northern Kentucky Health Department

## SMILES & MILES 5K ◀

Registration is now open for the Smiles and Miles 5K will be held on Sunday, October 14th at 4:00 p.m. at St. Agnes. This 5K honors Maria Schastein who lost her life in a tragic accident two years ago. The family friendly 5K features a walk and run through scenic Park Hills and Devou Park and ends at St. Agnes with a large party featuring music, food and drinks. All proceeds benefit St. Agnes School and Parish. You can register for the [Smiles and Miles 5K here](#).