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

Greetings Parents,

I am pleased to announce that our Theater season opens this week with "Our Town" which will be performed Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Please plan to attend one of these performances and enjoy the many talents of our NDA and CCH students and the debut of our new director Ms. Cathy Creason. Shows start at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$5 (students/children) and \$10 (others) and can be purchased by contacting Laura Hehman at tixs4pandas@aol.com or 859-341-1964.

The annual Fruit Sale began this past weekend to support our athletic program. All athletes will be busy selling fruit to many people in our local community. This is a major fundraiser for our Athletic Department and your support in selling or purchasing boxes of fruit is greatly appreciated.

Over the years we have learned that some of the local churches, agencies and food pantries are very appreciative of any donations of fresh fruit. If you would like to purchase fruit for this purpose, please contact the agency ahead of time to learn more about their needs and where the fruit can be delivered.

Our faculty are busy finalizing lessons and assessments for the first quarter which ends on October 19. This may mean tests and due dates for long term assignments in the coming days. Parents can access [PowerSchool](#) to review progress with your daughters. Please note that [email links to faculty from our website](#) have been restored if you have any questions.

Many thanks to all who supported our Gala this weekend in so many ways. It was a wonderful time to celebrate community and raise funds to support the curricular and co-curricular programs at NDA. Many parents, students, faculty and staff joined forces to support the Advancement Office in implementing this major fundraiser. It was a great example of many hands making light work and building community. My sincerest gratitude to all.

May you know God's goodness each day,
Dr. Laura Koehl

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The **Governor's School for the Arts Program** for high school sophomores and juniors is currently allowing application submittal online. The GSA Program recently allowed students to start submitting his or her applications and sign up for ArtShops (practice and informational sessions) for participants through the website, www.kentuckygsa.org. Mrs. Monohan offered informational sessions after school in regards to the GSA Program. Please see Mrs. Monohan with any questions.

There is a program offered through the **Greater Cincinnati Health Foundation called Tap MD** that is currently seeking high school juniors. The program allows talented Tristate students to explore medicine each month in 2012. They will visit Tristate hospitals, outpatient clinics, and community sites as they shadow medical physicians. Applicants will be screened by the UC School of Medicine to determine their chance of future success. Students need to be at least 16 years of age and a junior in high school. The participants also need to have a high ACT/SAT (29/1300) score. See Mrs. Monohan for application information or visit the website at www.gchc.org (under Work Force tab - select Tap MD).

The **sophomores and juniors** took the practice SAT (PSAT) on Wednesday of this week. Results will be reviewed with parents at the January 11 meeting for juniors and the January 18 meeting for sophomores. We will also discuss the PLAN test for sophomores as well scheduling and college planning at these meetings.

Attention senior parents, if you and your daughter are not yet scheduled for your Student/Parent College Meeting with Ms. Burgei, please contact her at burgeik@ndapandas.org or 859-292-1830 as soon as possible. We are doing our best to get all students/families in for their meetings in the next few weeks. Please encourage your daughter to listen to announcements and check her NDA email as Ms. Burgei is offering a few, short information/Q&A sessions for girls who have not had their meeting.

Soon there will be a "**Scholarship Update**" on the Guidance section of the NDA website. Updates will be published on an on-going basis as NDA receives notification of these opportunities. Most of these will be specific to seniors, but some may be open to underclassman as well.

WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP REMINDER

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PARENTS

The Registration Deadline is Saturday, October 15!

The deadline to sign up for the 11 and 12 grade educational trip to Washington, D.C. (March 16-19, 2012) is fast approaching. If you are planning to send your daughter on the trip, please make sure she is registered by October 15.

To learn more about the program please watch the [WorldStrides' online parent presentation and video](#) about the trip. The presentation covers similar information to what was discussed at last month's meeting and will hopefully answer most of your questions. To supplement the presentation, a sample itinerary and pricing information can be found in the Invitation Packet your daughter should have brought home from school. For more information email Mrs. Lisa Heiert at heiertl@ndapandas.org.

HISTORY OF NDA

[Learn more about Notre Dame Academy's Heritage here.](#) There are additional postings to this blog.

CALENDARS...UPCOMING EVENTS

[Check our calendars on our webpage for the latest on all the upcoming events. The calendars are separated into many different areas.](#)

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