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Feast of the Immaculate Conception is Thursday, December 8, there will be NO SCHOOL. An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy December 7, 2011

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Parents,

I hope you are enjoying a blessed and prayerful Advent season. As Christmas break approaches our students and faculty are preparing for exams and enjoying the celebrations that go with the season.

This Saturday we are holding the High School Placement Test for incoming freshman. If you know a young lady who is considering NDA, please encourage her to sign up. Referrals can be made by calling our main office at 859-261-4300.

Next week we will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation available to our students during their Religion classes. The Most Reverend Bishop Foys will join us for an Advent prayer service on December 16 at 10:00am. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Foys to our community.

I hope you plan to join us for the Christmas Theater production to be held on December 10 at 2:00pm and 4:30pm. This will be a special production of You're a Good Man Charlie Brown; the show will entertain young and old and include a special guest!

This is our last week for the Clorox Skype "Power A Bright Future" competition. Please help us to have a strong finish by voting for NDA at http://www.powerabrightfuture.com/gallery/detail/?nid=915 The winner will receive up to \$50,000 in grant funds for technology. You can also vote easily by texting 44144 and sending the message Clorox5774. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.

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

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Student Services will be hosting a meeting to discuss Financial Aid assistance on January 10 at 7:00pm, all are welcome.

Scheduling/ Planning for the Future meetings are scheduled in the month of January. We ask that at least one parent attend and students are welcome. At these meetings, scheduling will be discussed as well as test scores for the current sophomore and juniors on the PSAT and/or Plan tests. We will also focus on important topics applicable to each grade level such as ACT, SAT, college search, etc. The meeting time is 7:00pm and the dates are on the school calendar and as follows:

Current freshmen meeting: January 19 Current sophomore meeting: January 18 Current junior meeting: January 11

NHS MOM'S DAY OUT- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 and 17 from 1-4pm

National Honor Society will be sponsoring a MOM'S DAY OUT, with babysitting from 1-4pm in the auditorium at no charge. The children will be entertained by our junior and senior students by watching videos, drawing, coloring, playing with playdough and playing board games. Popcorn and juice boxes will be provided while they're enjoying their time with the girls. Children from infants to 10 year old will be welcomed!

ACADEMIC TEAM

On Saturday, December 3, the Academic Team competed at the Northern Kentucky Academic League Tournament at Dixie High School. Abigail Martin and Rachel Peavler received honorable mention awards for their scores on the Arts and Humanities written test. Congratulations to these students and their parents!

LIFE CLUB CHRISTMAS CARDS

Life Club is selling Christmas Cards in room 302 before and after school. Each pack has ten cards displaying a variety of beautiful, religious artwork. The cost is \$5.00 for each pack.

BUSINESS OFFICE

Students will not be permitted to take first semester exams if their tuition and cafeteria accounts are delinquent. Tuition and cafeteria accounts must be current by December 9. If you have any questions or need assistance, please email Mr. Mike Meadows at meadowsm@ndapandas.org or call 859-292-1845.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The PSAS (Private School Aid Service) form for the 2012-2013 school year is now available on our web page, go here for more information and to download the 2012-2013 PSAS Student Aid Form. This Financial Assistance Form will need to be postmarked no later than April 20, 2012. Individuals asking for financial assistance, asking to become part of the work-study program or 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.

PTO MEETING

There will be a PTO meeting open to all parents on the second Tuesday of each month. Please try to attend

and share your ideas and energy. Meetings will take place in the Faculty Lounge at 7:00pm. Go here for more information.

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We really need your help in the dish room as one of our employees is out on medical leave. We need volunteers on:

December 7, 9, 13, 14, 15 January 3, 4, 5, 6

<u>Please sign into www.volunteerspot .com and sign up for the day(s) you can work.</u> You can also contact Kelly Micek at <u>kmicek@Insightbb.com</u> or 859-992-3144. Thanks so much for your help.

FABULOUS FURS EVENT FOR AFTER PROM

Calling all Multi-taskers! Join us on Thursday, December 15 from 6:00-8:00pm at Fabulous Furs, 20 West 11th Street, Covington, KY. Gather a few friends, and come meet other moms from school too! \$10 gets you appetizers and beverages pus a 15% discount. Go here for more details and to RSVP by December 12.

AFTER PROM INFORMATION

After Prom Needs Your Help! After Prom is collecting items for the April 27, 2012 After Prom. Gift cards (to restaurants, gas stations, theaters, sporting events, car washes, clothing and electronics stores), gift items for a themed basket (i.e. summer essentials, car washes, college life), clothing items like hats, belts, sunglasses, electronic items, and cash! Anything your daughter enjoys receiving as a gift would make a great gift for After Prom! Please send your donations (marked "after prom") to the front office.

Also, we would love to have your help in planning the After Prom - especially parents of juniors! Help out a senior parent and learn this year so that next year will go more smoothly! Contact Kelly Micek at kmicek@insightbb.com for more details.



BAD WEATHER PROCEDURE

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

Expect that NDA will be open.

This year we will again be using C-Notify phone system to let you know if there is a change to the school schedule. This system was tested earlier this year. These calls will go to the two phone numbers you have provided for the parent notification system.

In addition, 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.

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

Saturday, December 10, 2011

2:00pm and 4:30pm

Tickets are \$10, and \$5

Please email your ticket orders to Mrs. Laura Hehman at Tixs4pandas@aol.com.

Go here for more information.

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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