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

Greetings Parents,

Greetings to all! I hope this third week of Advent includes the joy of anticipation for you and your family and not too much of the stress of preparation that comes with the season. We hope to keep our students mindful of the true meaning of Advent through our daily prayer and celebrating Advent Reconciliation and the Advent Prayer Service.

Exams are next week and students and faculty are busy preparing for this important part of the learning process at NDA. [The schedule can be found here](#). Students should be reviewing class materials and study guides. Please encourage your daughter to get sufficient rest and eat a good breakfast next week.

A special thank you to all the students and parents who have participated in our various toy, clothing, book and canned food drives. Your generosity in reaching out and supporting those in need in our community truly represents the Christmas spirit of giving. Our seniors took the honor of winning the canned food drive by bringing in the most items.

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

MATH NEWS

Congratulations to the following students on their high scores on the second Math Fax Test: Hannah Ziegelmeyer for algebra II; Stephanie Hacker, Emily Bautista, and Caroline Krumme for geometry, and Maria Vittoria Bertolini for advanced math. Nice job girls!

GUIDANCE NEWS

This is a reminder to all sophomore and junior students interested in The **Governor's School for the Arts Program**, that applications must be completed online no later than December 31, 2011. Visit [NDA Guidance](#)

[News](#) on the website or the GSA website at www.kentuckygsa.org.

There will be a summer **Honors Academy at Murray State University** June 9 through June 30. The academy is for students who have completed the junior year of high school and have a 3.5 GPA. The academy provides students with 6 hours of university credit at no charge. It also allows for some automatic scholarship opportunities at MSU. Visit www.murraystate.edu/cha for more information or talk with Mrs. Monohan.

2102 4-H Bee-Keeping Essay Competition: Open to all students in 4-H. The first place winner of this competition will receive \$750. Deadline is February 13, 2012.

Scholarship Bulletin: New scholarship opportunities for seniors can be found in the new *Scholarship Bulletin*. [Go here to view this new Bulletin and other Scholarship Opportunities for seniors.](#)

INTERACT CLUB

The [Interact Club](#) of Notre Dame Academy is less than 52 weeks old. As a student service organization that partners with the Kenton County Rotary Club, we have embarked on any number of projects to increase goodwill through community service. One of our greatest early successes is raising over \$185 dollar through the Box Tops for Education program. Since these funds cannot be used by high schools, we have sent these funds onto diocesan grade schools in Covington. We have also distributed over 240 points from the Labels for Education program to diocesan grade schools. We are launching a new program to gather Coke Rewards Points for school supplies. These funds can be used at the high school level so any points we gather will contribute to both the Notre Dame Urban Education Center and to Notre Dame Academy itself. Coke Rewards Points can be used for buying art supplies, electronic classroom equipment and exercise equipment. Interact Club would appreciate any help students and parents can offer in terms of gathering Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education and Coke Rewards Points. Most importantly, if your daughter is looking for a way to get involved at NDA, Interact Club is always accepting new members.

TAPESTRY YEARBOOK ORDER

It's time to order your 2011-2012 Tapestry Yearbook! The cost is \$50 through January 31, 2012.

Theme: "It's Not the End, Only the Beginning" with delivery in Fall 2012

[Go here to order or to download order form. Also available is a downloadable "Gift Certificate".](#)

[NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY](#) MOM'S DAY OUT - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 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!

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.

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 NEWS

Contact Kelly Micek at kmicek@insightbb.com or 859-992-3144 for more information on the following or if you can volunteer.

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Make one of your new year's resolutions to work weekly or twice monthly in the dish room in the cafeteria! We are in need of volunteers on days listed below. There are many days throughout January where we need help also. We would really like 2 people each day as the cafeteria is short staffed due to illness of one of the employees. [Please sign into www.volunteerspot.com](http://www.volunteerspot.com) and [sign up for the day\(s\) you can work](#). Thanks so much for your help.

January 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

CHAPERONES NEEDED

Chaperones are desperately needed for the Jingle Bell Rock mixer on Wednesday, December 21 from 7:30-11:30pm (Dance is 8-11pm). Please help us host this fun event at the end of exams and to kick off the holiday season for our students. Proceeds will benefit the After Prom.

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!

FABULOUS FURS EVENT

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 plus a 15% discount. Proceeds will benefit the After Prom.



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 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.

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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