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PandaPress Weekly

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May the miracle of Christmas fill your heart with peace and happiness. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR From all of us at NDA.

An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy December 21, 2011

The next issue of *PandaPress Weekly* will be in January.
Christmas break begins on December 22,
classes will resume on January 3, 2012.
The school office will be closed during Christmas break.

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Parents,

Our Advent prayer service, led by Reverend Bishop Foys, was a wonderful and blessed way to close our last full week of school before Christmas break. I was very proud and appreciative of our students who were most gracious and reverent.

Bishop Foys asked that we give the girls a day off sometime next semester and that day will be Monday, March 19. Additionally, the Faculty Meeting on March 21 will not be held that week so school will begin at the usual time of 8:00am. Please make a note in your calendars.

Many thanks to all who contributed to our toy drive. Our students and teachers wrapped over 300 toys last Friday! These were delivered to John G. Carlisle and Sixth District Elementary.

A special thanks to all of our many volunteers. You provide a wonderful service to our school. Your help is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank Julie Duncan, Class of 2005, for sharing her ideas and experiences about attending Ivy League and highly selective colleges. Julie is in her final year of law school at Harvard. She shared some great ideas about how her NDA education prepared her and what qualities colleges look for in successful students. Julie told the girls in attendance that a love of learning is important to success and it is obvious that Julie has this passion for education.

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

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

Thanks to those of you who volunteered to work the dish room the first week of January! We really appreciate your help! However, we need volunteers to sign up for the second week as well as the rest of the month! Please sign into www.volunteerspot .com and sign up for the day(s) you can work.

AFTER PROM INFORMATION

After Prom Needs Your Help! After Prom is collecting items for the April 27, 2012 After Prom. <u>Gift cards</u> (to restaurants, gas stations, theaters, sporting events, car washes, clothing and electronics stores), <u>gift items</u> for a themed basket (i.e. summer essentials, car washes, college life), clothing items like hats, belts, sunglasses, <u>electronic items</u>, and <u>cash</u>! 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!

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

<u>Check our calendars on our webpage for the latest on all the upcoming events. The calendars are separated into many different areas.</u>

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