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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Parents,

Congratulations to Emily Watson who was recently selected as a National Merit Finalist. This is an outstanding academic accomplishment for Emily. Her parents and teachers can certainly rejoice in her success. Emily will qualify for several collegiate scholarships and be a candidate for a prestigious national merit scholarship to be announced later this spring.

The following students were selected by Notre Dame Academy and the Diocese to compete for a place in the Governors Scholar Program held this summer: Carrie Hall, Amy Hansen, Meredith Jones, Emily Koors, Monica McFadden, Elizabeth Romes, and Cassandra Schoborg. These students were chosen for their accomplishments in academics, leadership and service. Students will be notified of the final selection in April.

This past week our incoming student scholars were notified of their scholarship for the 2012-13 academic year. Please see the list below of the young women who have qualified for these scholarships, we congratulate each of them and look forward to welcoming them to NDA in August.

Please remember that if you are interested in attending one of the strategic planning focus groups meeting to notify the School Secretary, Mrs. Missy Witt, at wittm@ndapandas.org. Please include the date and time of the session you would like to attend (2/16 3:00 pm; 2/23 4:00 pm; 2/23 6:00 pm; 2/23 7:00 pm).

This week NDA will present a Fine Arts Showcase featuring the talent of our many musicians, artists, dancers, choral group, actors and pom team. The shows will be February 16, 17 and 18 at 7:00pm in the Fine Arts Complex. Please plan to join us for a fun evening of entertainment featuring some of the great hits from Broadway Musicals. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for others. For ticket information please contact tixs4pandas@aol.com.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING INCOMING FRESHMEN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Mariah Bezold: NDA Academic Excellence Scholarship, Sr. Mary Agnetis School Scholarship

Annabel Biernat: Gamel Otto Scholarship Andrea Davis: Gamel Otto Scholarship

Elizabeth Greenwell: Sr. Mary Agnetis School Scholarship

Carly Gross: NDA Academic Excellence Scholarship, Sr. Mary Agnetis School Scholarship

Olivia Hagen: Charles & Anna Bauereis Pulsfort Scholarship

Bridgette Hunt: Sr. Mary Agnetis School Scholarship

Bridget Neltner: NDA Academic Excellence Scholarship, Sr. Mary Agnetis School Scholarship Marissa Picciuto: NDA Academic Excellence Scholarship, Sr. Mary Agnetis School Scholarship

Amy Pugliano: Sr. Mary Agnetis School Scholarship

Kirsten Richards: Gamel Otto Scholarship

Malea Rolfsen: NDA Academic Excellence Scholarship, Sr. Mary Agnetis School Scholarship

Christa Saelinger: Gamel Otto Scholarship

Megan Saelinger: NDA Academic Excellence Scholarship, Sr. Mary Agnetis School Scholarship

Shannon Saelinger: Gamel Otto Scholarship Shelby Saylor: Gamel Otto Scholarship BriAnna Schroer: Gamel Otto Scholarship

Kelsey Sucher: NDA Academic Excellence Scholarship, Sr. Mary Agnetis School Scholarship Lily Thaman: NDA Academic Excellence Scholarship, Sr. Mary Agnetis School Scholarship Emily Walter: NDA Academic Excellence Scholarship, Sr. Mary Agnetis School Scholarship

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

Thanks to all of the students who submitted artwork for Scholastics. As always, NDA's art program was well represented. Congratulations to Abby Thomas whose artwork was awarded a Silver Key Award. Her work, and all of the other work that was selected for the Scholastics show, will be on exhibit at Madison Place in Covington from February 3-17. Please check it out.

If you are interested in taking the **Summer Art Studio Course**, the information can be found on our web page here. You can take all four weeks and receive half credit in Art OR you can sign up for any of the weeks and experience something new in the area of Art.

Co-Ed Junior High Summer Art Camp is open to anyone currently in the 6, 7, or 8 grades. This summer we are focusing on the process of Screenprinting. To find out more information and to get the form <u>please go to our web page here</u>.

SPEECH AND DRAMA TEAM

Congratulations to the Speech and Drama team who competed in the Regional competition this weekend. The following girls have qualified to compete at the state tournament in March:

Emily Watson in Dramatic Interpretation, Prose, and Duo Interpretation

Christy Kathmann in Declamation and Duo Interpretation

Michaela Kamer in Original Oratory, Broadcasting, and Duo Interpretation

Rachel Gamel in Duo Interpretation

Sarah Buckley in Broadcasting and Humorous Interpretation

Isabel Beck in Prose and Poetry

Amy Foertsch in Humorous Interpretation and Improvisational Duo

And an extra special congratulations to Hannah Regan, who not only qualified in Improvisational Duo and Declamation, but is also our reigning Regional champion for Impromptu Speaking.

Excellent job, girls! We are so proud of you. Good luck at State!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

There will be a pancake and sausage breakfast sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame and the Knights of Columbus of Fr. Kehoe Council in Ludlow held at Notre Dame Academy on Hilton Drive, Sunday, February 19 from 8:30am-1:00pm. Cost is \$4 for children under 12 and \$6 for others. The proceeds will go for the Sisters of Notre Dame's Mission in Uganda, East Africa.

NDA/CCH VOLLEYBALL MATCH

Attention all NDA/CCH students, parents and alumnae. As an extended part of Catholic Schools' Week activities, the Pandas of Notre Dame and the Colonels of Covington Catholic will play a volleyball match, beginning at 7:00pm at NDA gymnasium on Wednesday, February 15. The first match will involve the varsity volleyball team from NDA versus a select group of CCH students in a best of three game series, followed by a randomly drawn team member match between the two schools. Each student who purchases a ticket, either presale or at the door, has the opportunity to enter their name into a drawing from which the team members will be selected.

Tickets for this event will cost \$3 for students, and \$5 for parents and alumnae. All proceeds will be donated to the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky from the two schools. Presale tickets will be available in the school offices beginning next week. Plan to join the fun, root for your favorite team, and help to support a great winter need in our area.

ADVANCEMENT OFFICE

The Annual Women Making A Difference event is an opportunity to recognize NDA graduates who are making a difference in our world. Held on March 2 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center, the luncheon will be attended by over 400 people in support of NDA and these outstanding honorees. Tickets to the event are \$45 and proceeds go to our scholarship program. To attend, or for more information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Advancement Director Anna Hehman at 859-292-1851 or email hehmana@ndapandas.org.

It's time to start planning the **2012 Autumn Gala**, to be held September 29, 2012! We're looking for parents to help with the planning of this important event, and the proceeds will go towards the tuition gap. To volunteer, please contact Advancement Director Anna Hehman at 859-292-1851 or email hehmana@ndapandas.org.

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. 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.

2012 YEARBOOK

2012 Yearbook order forms are available on the NDA web page here. Yearbooks are \$60.

PTO NEWS

Please **volunteer to work in the cafeteria**. We would like to have two volunteers for each day. <u>Go here to sign up</u>. Contact Kelly Micek at <u>kmicek@insightbb.com</u> or 859-992-3144 for more information. Thank you so much for your help.

This week we are in need of one additional worker on Thursday, 2/16. For the rest of February we need help on 22, 23, 24, 27 and 28. Also please check out your March calendars, as we need help on lots of days in March!

After Prom is collecting prizes for raffles for the April 27 event. Welcomed are gift cards (restaurants, gas stations, theaters, car washes, clothing and electronics stores, etc.), gift items for a themed basket (summer essentials, college life, etc.), larger electronic items (cameras, earbuds, earphones, ipods, ipads, refrigerators, microwaves, etc.) and of course, cash! Basically anything your daughter enjoys would make a great gift for After Prom!

Remember you can use your Kroger card and Remke's card to buy gift cards, get gas points and provide rebates to the school. Send your gifts to the office marked "After Prom" or place it in the After Prom bin in the office. Contact Tricia Kennedy with questions at tsktennis@yahoo.com.

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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