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

Greetings Parents,

This past week I had the honor of attending the American Junior Science Academy in Vancouver where I witnessed some outstanding science research by high school students from our country. This included our own Stephanie Biecker who presented her research titled "Food Preservation in a Zeer Refrigeration System". Stephanie was one of four students representing our commonwealth and she did so very well. This coming weekend, 22 Science Research students will present their original research at the Science and Engineering Fair of Northern Kentucky. These young scientists have been taught and led by Sr. Mary Ethel Parrott.

NDA was well represented in the Scholastic Competition this year with 50 students receiving gold key, silver key or honorable mention designations. [For a listing of the winners please go here](#) . Our students have written some very creative pieces in the various genres including prose, poetry, personal memoir, humor and short story. This included Sophia Kamaromoy Hiller who qualified as a southern region winner for the American Voices Nomination. Congratulations to all our young women who have shared their creative talents in writing and visual art.

Congratulations to our fine arts faculty and all the students who participated in the Fine Arts Showcase this weekend. Many enjoyed the talents of our actors, singers, musicians and visual artists.

There are some important opportunities for parents coming up in the month of March. First we are asking you to join us in helping to make a difference in Northern Kentucky. [Please see the announcement on our web page here](#) about volunteering for Operation Preparation, an initiative to assist in career preparation for youth in the Northern Kentucky region. It could only take 60 minutes of your time to make a difference in a young person's life.

Junior and Senior parents please plan to attend an important presentation titled "Now You're 18" on March 5 at 7:00pm in the theater. This very informative presentation will provide you and your daughter with information about the many legal aspects of turning 18 as well as tips on making the transition to college life and being away from home. More information will follow, but please mark your calendars now.

As we begin our season of Lent, I wish you a peaceful and prayerful season that will culminate in the joy of

knowing God's grace in our world.

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

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Lent is upon us and we will be offering several opportunities for our young ladies and parents to draw closer to God. [See the Campus Ministry News Page for a list of opportunities.](#)

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

The **Summer Art Studio Course** [information is available on our web page here](#). Take all four weeks and receive half credit in Art OR sign up for any of the weeks and experience something new in the area of Art. Registration deadline is May 25.

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. [Go to our web page for more information](#). Registration deadline is May 25.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

[Scholarship descriptions, requirements and applications for our current students are now available on our web page for the 2012-2013 school year](#). Applications will also be available at the front office. All applications are due May 1.

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 form will need to be postmarked no later than April 20 to apply for financial assistance, work-study program and some scholarships. Please contact Sr. Mary Paul Ann at 859-292-7736 or email her at hannekenp@ndapandas.org if you have any questions.

ADVANCEMENT OFFICE

The [Annual Women Making A Difference event](#) is an opportunity to recognize NDA graduates who are making a difference in our world. Congratulations to our 2012 Women Making A Difference Honorees!

Sr. Mary Sebastien Schmidt, SND, Class of 1945

Cathy Toebbe Ficke, Class of 1969

Debbie Moore Shaner, Class of 1979

Held on March 2 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center, tickets are \$45 and proceeds go to our scholarship program. For more information, 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. Contact Advancement Director Anna Hehman at 859-292-1851 or email hehmana@ndapandas.org for additional

information.

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. [Go here to sign up.](#) Contact Kelly Micek at kmicek@insightbb.com or 859-992-3144 for more information. Thank you so much for your help.

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. 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 tskennis@yahoo.com.

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.](#)

Big Blue Bash Coast 2 Coast

St. Agnes School is holding their biggest fundraiser on Saturday, March 3 from 6:30-midnight at London Hall, Drawbridge Hotel. Cost is \$40 per ticket and includes dinner, bottled beer, wine and desserts. There will be silent auction items, raffles, and exciting games to play! You can also purchase tickets for our CASH! CASH! CASH! Raffle both now and at the event; you could win \$5,000 CASH! RSVP's are due by February 27; no walk-ins will be accepted. Tickets are available at www.cincyticket.com (search "Big Blue Bash") or at the office by calling 859-261-0543. ALL ARE WELCOME to attend! Please come out for a great evening of fun!

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