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## HAPPY EASTER!

Spring Break 4/5-4/13  
Class resumes on 4/16

*An e-Newsletter for the  
Families of Notre Dame Academy  
April 4, 2012*

### LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Parents,

As we all prepare to enjoy our Spring Break, may each of our students be safe and healthy during this time. I hope they will be spending their days relaxing and enjoying their break (perhaps even reading a good book). I trust our students will make good choices, respecting the beautiful minds and bodies that God has given each of them.

In the last couple of months we have addressed the girls about the importance of respecting and protecting themselves in the choices they make. This past month, our speaker addressed the legal implications of turning 18 and reminded our students of the potentially life changing consequences of illegal alcohol and drug use. Students and parents should be aware of and discuss the laws that govern the illegal use of drugs and alcohol. On March 2, our students heard about the reality of human trafficking even in our own country. They learned of the ways in which some people would take advantage of them and engage them in activities that threaten their health and safety in very serious sometimes life-threatening ways. Young people are more vulnerable to these threats when they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Last week our speaker from the Women's Crisis Center spoke to the girls about the importance of watching out for each other and intervening when a friend is tempted to use alcohol or drugs and therefore put themselves in a dangerous or threatening situation. (Ask them about the Green Dot program.) This past week we talked to our juniors and seniors about how they present themselves by the way they dress and communicate through online behaviors including pictures and comments on Facebook and Twitter. Please talk to your daughters and make sure they are aware of the importance, even life saving consequences, of making good choices and respecting the person God has meant them to be. It is never a bad idea to have this conversation with young people.

Today we celebrated our Holy Week Prayer Service as a school community. This celebration focused on the importance of service to others and the many ways in which our school has provided service this school year. The list is quite impressive and we have a very generous and giving community. This was recently made clear in comments offered by representatives of some of our partner agencies. They expressed deep appreciation for the commitment, graciousness and respect shown by our girls in their service to our community.

Finally, may you and each member of your family enjoy a very blessed Easter weekend. May the promise of the Resurrection give you a sense of hope and peace.

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

### **SENIOR PARENTS**

Please check this important information about [graduation on our web page here](#).

### **PERU MISSION TRIP**

This June, twenty-three of our students and two of our teachers will be traveling to Peru for a mission trip. The girls have decided to bring hotel toiletries with them to give to the people in the community. So we are asking for your help! We know that many of you will be going out of town for spring break, so please remember to bring those unused bottles of shampoo, conditioner and even soap back with you and deposit in the collection bins in the foyer. Have a Safe and Happy Spring Break 2012!

**AFTER PROM** is Friday, April 27 at midnight. Permission slips and registration forms should be completed and returned as soon as possible.

Parents: We need your help and presence the night of After Prom, [please go here to sign up](#) or contact Mary Beth Sheridan at [m.sheridan@insightbb.com](mailto:m.sheridan@insightbb.com).

We also need food donations delivered to After Prom. Please email Peggy Niehof at [pe99y@zoomtown.com](mailto:pe99y@zoomtown.com) if you can help.

Prizes! We still are in need of donations for prizes. Let us do the shopping for you and send in cash or checks (payable to NDA After Prom). Gift cards and gifts are also welcome (think iPod docking stations, ear buds, GPS, go in with three of four friends on a Kindle Fire or a TV). Contact Tricia Kennedy at [tsktennis@yahoo.com](mailto:tsktennis@yahoo.com) with any questions.

### **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](#). Applications will also be available at the front office. All applications are **due May 1**.

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The PSAS (Private School Aid Service) [Form is available on our web page](#). 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](mailto:hannekenp@ndapandas.org) if you have any questions.

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

[2012-2013 School Year Calendar is available on our web page here](#).

## **NDA/CCH VACATION BAND SCHOOL**

Learn a Band Instrument this summer. Open to anyone entering grades 6-11 at no charge. [Learn more here.](#)

## **PTO NEWS**

**Please volunteer to work in the cafeteria.** Dirty dishes still need to be washed in the spring time! We would like to have two volunteers for each day. [Go here to sign up.](#) There are no workers 4/16-18, 4/20. Thanks for your help! Contact Kelly Micek at [kmicek@insightbb.com](mailto:kmicek@insightbb.com) or 859-992-3144 for more information.

Is anyone interested in coordinating 5-6 hospitality events next year (like grandparents days, open house, freshmen/senior breakfast)? All you have to do is contact volunteers and find 4-8 workers to set up, serve and clean up the receptions. Some are during the day and a few are in the evening. Also, we need someone to help coordinate volunteers in the dish room. Contact Kelly Micek at [kmicek@insightbb.com](mailto:kmicek@insightbb.com) or 859-992-3144 for more details.

## **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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