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

Greetings Parents,

As we get our first full week of school underway, it is great to see the enthusiasm and spirit of our faculty and students. Through assemblies, daily prayer, classroom participation and daily interactions at lunch and in the hallways we are reminded of the importance of caring for one another and building a strong community.

To best prepare our students for the school year, faculty are presenting requirements for each class, including classroom behavior, learning objectives and processes for assessment. We are also reminding them of expectations regarding conduct, uniforms and their own responsibility for the learning process. Our goal is to create a positive environment that supports the learning process for all. Your support of this goal at home is greatly appreciated.

This Friday we will celebrate our first Mass for the School year. This is an important time to come together and be mindful of the SND mission and Catholic tradition that defines the NDA experience. Our celebrant will be our chaplain Fr. Brian Wigger.

On Friday night Student Council will hold the first mixer for the year in our auditorium. This dance will be from 8:00pm to 11:00pm. Students must arrive by 8:45pm unless they have a signed excuse from a coach or parent. Students are not permitted to come and go during the dance.

As a reminder we have two important meetings this week:

7:00pm 8/23 - Theatre Meeting for all students and parents interested in the NDA Theatre opportunities this year. This meeting will be held in the Theatre.

7:00pm 8/25 - Mandatory meeting for any freshman or other student playing a sport at NDA for the first time. This meeting will be held on the auditorium.

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

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

Information about our Opening School Mass and Grandparents Day Celebration is available on the [Campus Ministry News webpage](#).

COMING SOON

Within the next week your daughter(s) will bring home an envelope with 5 raffle tickets we are asking each student to sell to help support the Autumn Gala. There will be homeroom competition as an incentive to create enthusiasm for this major fundraising event.

Also included in the envelope is a Kroger Gift Card with \$1.00 loaded on it and a Remke card. If you shop at either of these stores we ask you to use one of the cards. We are grateful to these stores for including NDA in their rewards program. Our goal this year is \$15,000 to be used to make improvements in our present auditorium. Please use your cards every time you shop at these stores. Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy endeavor. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. M. Paul Ann or Sr. M. Rachel at hannekenp@ndapandas.org.

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Two volunteers are needed daily to work in the dish room during lunch. See your daughter and her friends! We can work with your schedule! You can work weekly, bi-weekly, once a month or once a quarter. To see the available schedule calendar and to [sign up online go to this link and follow the prompts](#) or email Kelly at kmicek@insightbb.com or call her at 859-992-3144. We appreciate any help you might give us.

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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