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#### **LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Greetings Parents,

This is a busy week with many activities on and off campus. This includes our Mini Night, the Diocesan Senior Mass and Grandparents Mass. This is also the mid point of the first quarter.

We look forward to seeing you at Mini Night tonight. This is an opportunity for you to meet your daughter's teachers and hear about their courses and academic expectations. The program will begin promptly at 7:00pm. Freshman parents are invited to arrive at 6:00pm for a dinner sponsored by our Advancement Office. We will have a 9:00am start on Thursday.

Today I am taking a group students to a Student Service Leadership Workshop sponsored by the Mayerson Service Learning Program at the University of Cincinnati. These girls are genuinely excited about attending this program and I am looking forward to what we will learn and what they can share with their fellow students about the many opportunities for service in our community.

It is an honor to announce that senior Emily Watson has been named a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Emily received this honor for her high score on the PSAT that she took last October. She will now go on to compete for a finalist position in the program. We congratulate Emily and her family on this outstanding accomplishment.

Congratulations to Emily Schmahl, La Rosa's MVP player of the week ([www.larosasmvp.com](http://www.larosasmvp.com)). Emily represents the NDA community as an outstanding student athlete in the Northern Kentucky Greater Cincinnati region. We are proud of her many accomplishments on and off the court.

This week our freshman set up accounts with the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEEA) in their InfoTech classes. This will allow them to track their KEES money and get information about post high school opportunities and financial aid as they progress through their next four years at NDA. College representatives are visiting our school to share information with all interested students about their programs. This schedule can be found on the school web page calendars.

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

## **CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS**

We will celebrate Grandparents Day on Friday, September 16. For more information about this and other Campus Ministry Events visit the [Campus Ministry News Page](#).

## **GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT**

[Seniors & Senior Parents can go here for some helpful websites for all aspects of the College Process.](#)

Also, all seniors received a packet from Ms. Burgei during homeroom on September 6 that outlined steps they can be taking to start the College Application process.

There will be an Area Health Career Fair on Thursday, September 15. Any junior or senior interested in attending may pick up a permission slip in the office. We have a late start (9:00am) that day, but students attending the field trip will need to meet in the foyer at 8:45am. We will return to school before lunch. See Mrs. Monohan for more information.

The Mentor Center will be open after school from 2:50-3:40pm for peer tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 104. We will have more Math help on Thursdays.

The middle of the First Quarter is on Wednesday, September 14. Please take a moment and visit page 7 of our [NDA Student/Parent Handbook](#) to learn about our Student Eligibility Policy.

Bob McDermott, Representative from Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), met with freshmen in InfoTech Classes to set up accounts with KHEAA. Students will be able to use this site for information regarding KEES money, career, college and scholarship searches. Students' social security numbers are used for registration since the State of Kentucky uses this for the awarding of KEES monies.

## **DrugFree CLUB**

It's time to join the club! DFC is NDA's way of rewarding our students who choose to live a healthy lifestyle. [Go here to learn more and get an application](#). Sign up by the end of September!

## **KROGER AND REMKE CARDS**

We would like to make a correction regarding the proceeds obtained from the Kroger Cards. This year the proceeds are going to the much needed renovation of the present auditorium. We're counting on your support in order to make this happen. THANK YOU! [Go here for more information](#).

## **GALA**

Early Bird Registration - Don't forget the early bird special raffle for those reservations received by Parent Mini-Night, September 14. The winner will be announced that night and will receive \$100 in Gala bucks to be used the evening of the Gala. Get your friends, family, and other NDA parents together for an evening to remember. Here are just a few of the exciting items that will be auctioned during the evening:

Vacations to Charleston, St. Maarten, Destin, Naples, Norris Lake, North Carolina

Greenbrier Getaway  
NDA Class Gifts  
Jewelry  
Graduation Package  
Sports tickets (Notre Dame football, UK, etc) and Memorabilia  
Much, much, more.

To make your reservation, contact the NDA Advancement Department at 859-292-7729 or mail in your reservation to:

NDA Advancement Department, Attn: Autumn Gala Early Bird, 1699 Hilton Drive, Park Hills, KY 41011

### **CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Two volunteers are needed daily to work in the dish room during lunch. To sign up [online go here](#) or email Kelly at [kmicek@insightbb.com](mailto: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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