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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 week I have some very exciting news to share with you. Notre Dame Academy is launching our **One to One Initiative: Embracing 21st Century Learners** for the 2012-13 school year. Starting this August, students will use iPads in their NDA classes.

We see all around us the daily use of mobile devices giving quick and easy access to vast amounts of information as well as the ability for 24/7 communication. The majority of young people have access to these mobile devices in every part of their lives except when they are at school. As this technology has become central to our culture it is incumbent upon educators to consider the responsibilities and opportunities we have to teach our students about the effective use of this technology. It is our belief that we must educate our young women to become responsible digital citizens - to be able to access and process the vast amounts of information available to them in responsible, ethical and effective ways. This coincides with an overwhelming opportunity to use technology to support best instructional practices. It is our belief that this will lead to more effective student engagement and greater learning.

Effective with this coming school year, all students will be required to have an iPad as part of their school supplies. After considering the number of individuals who already own these devices or desire to do so, we thought it would be best to implement this as a "bring your own iPad" (BYOI) initiative. [Look for information about this program, its requirements and use in the classroom on our web page soon. Please note that this will be a live page that will be updated continuously as more information becomes available, check it often.](#)

This is a challenging initiative and major change for our school, teachers, students and families. We ask for your patience as we continue to work out the many details of the program. Over the summer we will have orientation sessions available to our students. We will also provide information to our parents at the August parent meetings. [These dates will be announced on our web page soon.](#)

I appreciate your support as we all work together to implement the iPad Initiative for NDA and promote ongoing improvements in student learning.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

HISTORY-SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT NEWS

On Saturday, March 24, NDA students participated in the National History Day regional competition at NKU. [Go here to view students](#) who won awards and have also qualified for the state competition in Frankfort on April 28.

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[The application form is available on our web page here.](#) Please email the completed form to Anna Weber at webera@ndapandas.org or send completed form to the school office by **April 20**.

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 if you have any questions.

AFTER PROM is just around the corner - two weeks! Permission slips and registration forms have been distributed. Please complete and return as soon as possible! Congratulations to Katherine Kopyay who won the admission drawing (\$40 value).

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.

We also need food donations delivered to After Prom. Please email Peggy Niehof at 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 or four friends on a Kindle Fire or a TV). Contact Tricia Kennedy at tskennis@yahoo.com with any questions.

Not Not Your Typical Art Show

All are invited to the annual Notre Dame Academy, Covington Catholic High School Art Show. We are lucky to have reserved a space at the Sigr Art Gallery, 205 Fairfield Avenue, Bellevue, KY, for this event. Special thanks to the incredibly kind Hargis family for allowing us to show at such an impressive location. The students from both schools have put a tremendous amount of time on their work and are very excited for the chance to show at the Sigr Gallery. Please join us for the 'Not Not Your Typical Art Show', this Saturday, April 21, from 5-8pm, at the Sigr Art Gallery. [Go here for additional information.](#)

PTO NEWS

Please volunteer to work in the cafeteria. Thanks to those of you who answered the plea over spring break and signed up to work this week and next! We would like to have two volunteers for each day. [Go here to sign up](#). There are no workers 4/25, 4/26, 5/2, 5/3, and 5/4. Thanks for your help! Contact Kelly Micek at 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 or 859-992-3144 for more details.

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**.

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WORK STUDY

[Go here to download the job application for Work Study](#). Families who are eligible for financial assistance must also apply for work study. Please contact Sr. Mary Paul Ann at 859-292-7736 or email her at hannekenp@ndapandas.org if you have any questions. Applications will also be available at the front office.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

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TUITION INFORMATION

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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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