



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents!

I hope this letter finds you and your family staying warm and doing well. As January is in full swing please be aware of some important events this month.

PTO will sponsor the annual Father Daughter Dance on January 24 at the Syndicate. Make sure to get your tickets for this fun filled evening of dinner and dancing.

Next week we remember our call to respect life for all - from conception to natural death. On Wednesday a group of students, teachers and parents depart for the Life March in Washington D.C. Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on this annual journey of advocacy to promote respect for all life. They will join citizens from around our country to speak out against abortion. On the day of their departure we will join other schools in our Diocese and hold a special prayer service to commemorate a "Day of Prayer and Penance for Life."

Our Fine Arts faculty are preparing for the annual showcase to be held on January 31-February 2. Please see our website ([LINK](#) for more details). The theme this year is a celebration of the 60's! Please plan to attend this entertaining event featuring our many talented arts students.

Report cards for the second quarter will be ready on Friday and sent home electronically. Please see below for details.

Finally, on Monday we celebrate Martin Luther King Day and there will be no school.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

OPEN REGISTRATION for CLASS OF 2018

If you know someone who is interested in applying as an incoming freshman at NDA for the 2014-2015 school year, please let them know that the **NDA Freshman Application Period** is from **January 7, 2014 – February 7, 2014**. Incoming freshmen must submit their online application and registration fee by February 7, 2014 to be eligible for scholarship consideration and our iPad drawing.

The online application form can be found on our website [HERE](#).



TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

Are you “in the know” about iPads?

The iPad is an effective and efficient tool for organizing and allocating your time and tasks. While your daughter(s) are very enlightened and knowledgeable iPad users, you may be struggling to understand all there is to know about these amazing little devices.

Everything you could ever want to know about the iPad and how your daughter is using it in school is on our website. Check it out and you will find all sorts of tips and tricks as well as other very useful information about using your iPad. Details about Dropbox, Edmodo, iCal, Restoring your iPad, and retrieving a forgotten password, are all available [HERE](#).

IMPORTANT REPORT CARD INFORMATION ◀

Second quarter report cards are scheduled to be sent home on Friday using the e-mail addresses on the Power Announcement page of PowerSchool.

This quarter only the digital report card will be sent. We would like that each family have at least one e-mail address authorized to receive e-mails from NDA. If you received the e-mails regarding the recent weather delays for NDA, your account is set correctly to receive the report card. If you did not receive the weather alerts, you may activate your e-mail by:

- 1) Log into your PowerSchool account and select the Power Announcement link on the left.
- 2) Click the Expand All button at the top.
- 3) Click the Message Type checkbox for the Contact Me Using Email preference near the top of the page.
- 4) Select the checkbox(es) behind the e-mail address(es) you wish to authorize in the Contact Field preferences.
- 5) Select your Email Message Category Preference checkboxes.
- 6) Click the Save Preferences button at the bottom of the page.



STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 27-31) is rapidly approaching, and this year we celebrate communities of faith, knowledge and service. There are many activities scheduled for Catholic Schools Week with one being the annual Talent Show on Friday, January 31. Student Council invites all Pandas who are interested in participating to complete a registration form. The forms are available for pick up in the office or on NDA's website [HERE](#) and must be completed and returned to Mrs. Grayson

by Tuesday, January 21. Skyline will be served on Friday of Catholic Schools Week and tickets are now being sold during homeroom. Buy a Coney for \$1 and a 3-Way for \$3!

A.L.I.C.E. Training

Yesterday, students completed phase 3 of their ALICE training. ALICE is an acronym that stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. During homeroom, students and faculty discussed the counter and evacuate components of the program. Students were reminded that if confronted by an active shooter and if no other options exist, they should be prepared to defend themselves using simple, proactive counter techniques. Likewise, students discussed the options for evacuation and learned about Notre Dame's Rally Points or their reporting location -- St. Agnes or Covington Catholic. If during evacuation, a student reports to a location other than our Rally Points, they have been instructed to call our emergency hotline (859.292.7724).



MARK YOUR CALENDAR ◀

NDA and CCH Present...

Join the students of NDA and CCH as they relive the 1960s with a fast-paced and lively celebration of songs, dance and comedy skits. From Motown to the Beatles, we will remember the 60s with fun, poignancy and all the kitsch you can stand. Production dates are Friday, January 31 and Saturday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 2 at 2:00 p.m. Arrive early and enjoy the looking at the NDA Student Art and listening to the NDA/CCH Jazz Band

in Alumnae Hall! Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and senior citizens. Call 292-1863 to reserve your tickets.



2014 NDA Father-Daughter Parisian Night ◀

Don't miss this year's Father-Daughter night!

The theme for this year's Father-Daughter night is *Parisian Night*.

The event will be held on Friday, January 24, 2014 at the Newport Syndicate from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:45 p.m.

The cost is \$25 per person and checks can be made payable to Notre Dame Academy.

You can find more information and a reservation form online [HERE](#).

Please make your reservations by Friday, January 17, 2014.

FRESHMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀



A Special Christmas Gift Exchange

Each school year Mrs. Johnson's Freshmen Religion Students are randomly assigned prayer partners. Prayer partners pray for each other in a special way and they support one another in both academic and social situations within the classroom. One highlight that occurs each Christmas is the annual Prayer Partner gift exchange.

However, something unusual occurred this year - students decided to donate part of the money they would have spent on a gift for their partner to Children's Hospital! The students collected \$440 in just two days. When the online donation was made, students were surprised to find that an

anonymous donor was tripling any donation made to Children's Hospital before 12/31/13! And so the generous donation of \$440 became \$1320!!

While the freshmen prayer partners still exchanged less expensive gifts with each other, any of the girls would tell you that the donation to Children's Hospital was the best gift of all. Mrs. Johnson is so grateful to her 3 freshman classes for being young women making a difference!

NEEDED: HELPING HANDS ◀



Parents, would you consider lending a hand to help out at NDA's cafeteria once in a while? Volunteers are needed in the cafeteria on the following dates:

January - 16, 21, 23, 27, and 29.

Shifts are from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. You can sign up to volunteer at [Volunteer Spot](#). Thank you to all of the parents who are already volunteering. We truly appreciate your help!



FABRIC DRIVE ◀

The Teen Leadership Club is doing a Fabric Drive to benefit the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home. If you have any unused fabric hanging around, please hang on to it and bring it to NDA January 13 - 17. There are bins in the foyer for collection. TLC will be using the fabric to make pillowcases for DCCH.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Reminder to all Freshman Parents!

There will be a Freshman Parent Scheduling Meeting next Thursday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Theatre. Information will be provided to you in regards to courses available for next year and the scheduling process. Parents do not need to bring anything to this meeting. Students are welcome, but not required to attend. All freshman students will have a long homeroom meeting this Friday to hear about course offerings for next year.



Northern Kentucky Spring College Fair

Monday, February 24, 2014

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Thomas More College - Connor Convocation Center

For a list of colleges attending and more info: http://www.thomasmore.edu/admissions/college_fair_list.cfm

This is during the school-day. This is not a school-sponsored event.

Juniors and seniors will be allowed to use a "College Visit Day". See Mrs. Witt to pick up a College Visit Form.

Reminder to Seniors!

Seniors must bring in copies of college/military acceptance letters and any scholarship notices. Please be sure students bring in copies of these documents and not the originals. If a notice is sent via email, students are welcome to bring in a notice they have printed out from an email. Students are asked to turn in these documents to Ms. Burgei or Mrs. Schmidt.



3rd Quarter Underway...

We are now into the 3rd quarter! Students, keep up the great work! 3rd Quarter ends March 12th. Have a great quarter!

Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE)

is a three week residential summer program where creative students, working in teams, will learn how to take an idea, turn it into a product or service, and develop a business around it.

Who is Eligible: Kentucky high school students in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade. Students can apply as an individual or as a team of two or more.

What do I need to apply?

- a two minute video about your idea or desire to participate
- a completed application form
- two recommendations sent on your behalf

When: June 22- July 12, 2014

Where: Georgetown College

Applications (including two recommendation forms) are due January 31, 2014. It is FREE! There is no cost to attend. Visit their website to learn more gse.kstc.com.

Apply now!

AFTER PROM ◀

After Prom will begin collecting items for the April 25, 2014 After Prom. If you received a Christmas gift that you can't use, please consider donating it to this year's After Prom. Gift cards, gift items for themed baskets, electronic items, and accessories would all make great gift ideas for After Prom. Please send in your donations (marked "After Prom) to the school office. Thank you!



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH? ◀

Did you know that the lunch menu is on website? You can find it by going to [Quicklinks](#) or directly to the [Cafeteria page](#) (Students>>Policies and Procedures>>Cafeteria).

▶ Important Dates

January 15	7:00 p.m. - Class of 2016 Scheduling Information (Parents)
January 20	No School (Martin Luther King)
January 22-23	March for Life (Washington D.C.)
January 23	7:00 p.m. - Class of 2017 Scheduling Information (Parents)
January 24	Father Daughter Dance
January 29	7:00 p.m. - NDA-CCH Charity Volleyball Game at NDA
January 31	7:00 p.m. - Spring Theatre Showcase
February 1	7:00 p.m. - Spring Theatre Showcase
February 2	2:00 p.m. - Spring Theatre Showcase

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

FUNdraiser for the Deaton Family

THANK YOU! - A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with and attended the FUNdraiser basketball game for the Deaton family on Friday night. It was a great success and much FUN was had by all! Our St. Agnes/Notre Dame/Covington Catholic families pulled together and showed our spirit. YOU made this happen! God bless you and your families.

Catechesis and Formation Classes

Two courses presented by the Department of Catechesis and Formation are about to begin. *Seminars on the Catechism* is on January 28, February 4, 11, 18 and 25, from 6-8:00 p.m., Covington Latin School. *Introduction to Scripture* is a one day course on February 1, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., St. Pius X in Edgewood. All adults are welcome to attend these courses for purposes of faith formation. The cost is \$25.00 per course. To register, email mwest@covdio.org or call (859) 392-1500 ext. 1533.

Piano Lessons

Have you always wanted to learn how to play piano? Did you take lessons as a child but can't remember much more than Middle C? This class is for you! Join other adults in a fun and relaxed, yet learning-filled environment of recreational music making! This weekly class will cover the basics of piano: proper technique, note reading, rhythm, articulation, chords, and more. At the end of the course, students will enjoy a night of good friends, food, and musical fun. Class size is limited; register early to reserve your seat!

Saturdays 10:00-11:00 a.m.

January 25th - May 10th

\$230 (book included)

Registration Deadline: January 17th

Contact: schaffern@ndapandas.org OR 859-292-1858

