



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings Parents,

This week we remember our call to respect life for all - from conception to natural death. On Thursday evening a group of students and teachers 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 Friday of this week we will join other schools in our Diocese and hold a special prayer service to commemorate a "Day of Prayer and Penance for Life."

Next week is Catholic Schools week and this year's theme is "Raise the Standards." We join other schools on our Diocese in celebrating our Catholic schools and the success of our students and faculty. We have many events planned for the week including a special mass honoring the Sisters of Notre Dame and celebrated by Bishop Foys. Our week will also include Faculty Appreciation Day, School Appreciation Day and a talent show. As we celebrate our NDA Catholic community, please know that we are most grateful for the commitment of our parents to Catholic education. Thank you for choosing Catholic education for your daughter and giving us the opportunity to be a part of her development as a woman who will make a difference in our world.

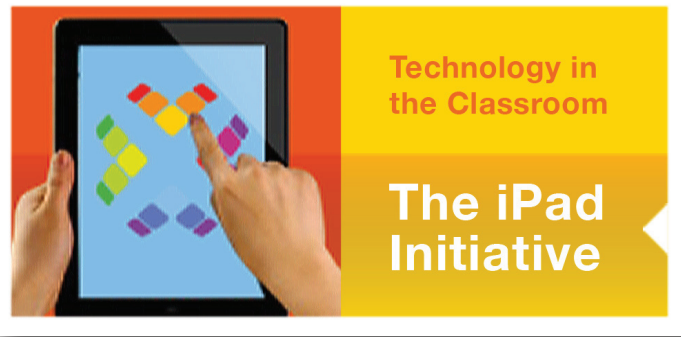
Our accreditation process is moving along as we have completed the self-study and submitted this to AdvancEd. We are now preparing for the site visit on February 20-21. This process has provided valuable information for our Strategic Plan. Please take a look at the Strategic Goals for this plan on our website at [NDA: STRATEGIC PLAN](#). Committees are working to complete action plans for each of these goals. Information from the self-study will be used to help complete these action plans.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



Marching for Life is a tradition for NDA students!

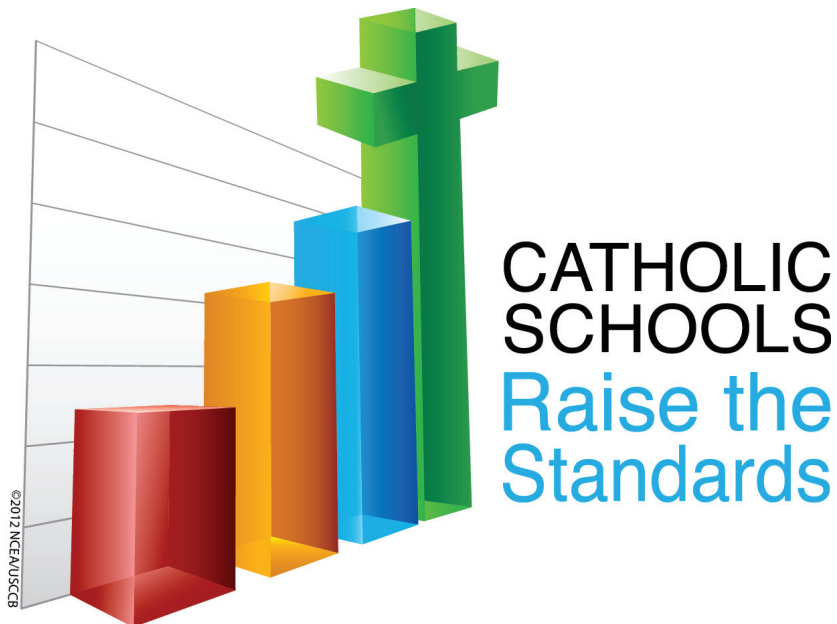


iPad UPDATE ◀

This semester we will hold two sessions for parents on using the iPad. These will be held on Wednesday, February 27 and Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. Please watch for further details and plan to attend one of these sessions if you would like to know more about the iPad and some of the ways it is being used at NDA.

NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE ◀

Catholic Schools Week Next Week!



GO PANDAS!

Covington Catholic High School has once again challenged NDA, but this time, it is on the volleyball court!

On Wednesday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m., NDA will host a volleyball game with our volleyball team and faculty members taking on students and faculty members from the school across the street. Please join us! Cost is \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. All proceeds will benefit the [Northern Kentucky Emergency Center](#). Go Pandas!

NDA Talent Show previews will take place today and tomorrow after school in the auditorium.

Other Catholic Schools Week Events:

Monday Nunday: Welcome Bishop Foys who will join us for Mass on Monday morning, and a big thank you to the Sisters of Notre Dame who will receive special recognition during the Mass and who have offered to serve ice cream sundaes to the students during lunch.

Tuesday: Students show their appreciation for the faculty who serve as Gospel witnesses for the NDA community. Students are encouraged to dress for Career Day on Tuesday.

Wednesday: Students blast to the past today and are invited to wear their elementary school uniforms or spirit wear from their earlier years. Don't forget to join us for the NDA versus Cov Cath volleyball game. Come cheer on the students and faculty!

Thursday: Students will show their patriotism by wearing red, white, and blue and by writing letters to our country's service men and women.

Friday: The final day of Catholic Schools Week celebrates all the decades with each grade dressing as representatives from a specific decade. On Friday afternoon, many of NDA's students will perform during the annual Talent Show.



Until Every One Comes Home.

NDA AND CCH PRESENT ◀

Don't miss the Drama Troupe from Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic High School as they honor our US servicemen and women with their next production *USO Until Everyone Comes Home*. NDA's theatre will be transformed into a World War II base the weekend of February 1-3 as the Drama Troupe presents a USO Tour showcasing songs, dance and comedy routines from the war years of the 1940s.

Come relive the era of our "greatest generation" as the NDA/CCH students perform such classic songs as "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree", "I'll Be Seeing You", "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy", and "They Can't Take That Away From Me", comedy sketches from "No Time for Sergeants" and the "Sullivan Radio Hour" and "special appearances" by Hollywood icons of the era, Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, Katherine Hepburn and others. Reserve your tickets now for this fun filled, nostalgic remembrance. Show times are:

Friday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 3 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$5/Students and \$10/Adults and the Box Office opens 30 minutes prior to each show. All military veterans will receive **free admission**. Tickets can be reserved on-line at tixs4pandas@aol.com. Please call 859-292-1863 with questions.

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF HOPE! ◀

Notre Dame Academy will host *Homeless to Hopeful, A Night at the Movies* Friday, February 22 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the NDA Theatre. This program to raise awareness about homelessness in our community and raise funds to benefit organizations dedicated to sheltering the homeless will benefit the [Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky](#) and [Family Promise of Northern Kentucky](#).

The evening will begin with an award winning documentary about homeless families called "Motel Kids of Orange County". Local individuals will also share their story of how having shelter assisted them towards housing. Raffles, split-the-pot, and refreshments will follow.

Tickets are \$15/adults and \$5/students and can be purchased by calling 859.431.6840, at the door, or at NDA through our president, Sr. Mary Lynette. Sr. Lynette is very involved with these two organizations and will be more than happy to fill orders for anyone who leaves the number of tickets to be purchased along with payment in the school office.

Be a part of a great evening to support - Family Promise of NKY and the Emergency Shelter of NKY!



LIFE CLUB ◀



Life Club would like you to bring your appetite to Max and Erma's (Crestview Hills) on Thursday, February 7, 2013. Dine in or carry-out is accepted (cannot do gift certificate sales) and 20% of the bill will go to N.D.A. Life Club. Our funds will benefit local pregnancy centers, educational groups, and our mission in Uganda. So come hungry and come often (on Feb. 7) to Max and Erma's. Don't forget the paper ticket you need to show the waiter on that day. They will be given to the students and some will be in the front school office. Thank You for your support!

Women Making A Difference



Kathy Thamann
'69



Janet VonHandorf Schmidt
'81



Kara Middendorf
'96



Dick and Jeanne-Marie Tapke

WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The 2013 Women Making a Difference luncheon is in full swing! We are honoring Kathy Talbert Thamann '69, Janet Von Handorf Schmidt '81, Kara Middendorf '96 and, receiving the Sr. Reina Arlinghaus award in honor of their contributions to both the NDA and Northern Kentucky communities, Dick and Jeanne Marie Tapke! Call 292-7729 to make reservations for the event or to sponsor the event!

NDA ANNUAL APPEAL

There is still an opportunity to support the NDA Annual Appeal! This year's Appeal has a goal of \$250,000 to close the \$1500 gap that exists per student at NDA. To donate online [click here](#). For questions about the Annual Appeal, please call the NDA Advancement Department at 292-7729.

TEENS FOR JEANS ◀



Did you know that 1/3 of all homeless people are under age 18? Beginning next week, NDA's National Honor Society will be sponsoring a **Teens for Jeans** drive in which you will have the opportunity to clean out your closet, help homeless teens, and support NDA!

Teens for Jeans is a nationwide drive to collect new or used jeans – any condition, size, brand, or style – for local homeless shelters. Additionally, if NDA collects the greatest number of jeans out of all the schools participating, we will win \$10,000, customized hoodies for every student, and a school-wide pizza party! Last year, NDA participated in this drive and collected over 200 pairs of jeans in only five days; the winning school collected just over 1,000 pairs. With a generous community like ours, the goal of collecting the most jeans is definitely within reach.

If you choose to donate, please place your jeans in the bins in the school foyer anytime until Friday, February 8.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Cincinnati State Parent Student Night

Cincinnati State is hosting its annual Parent Student Night on Thursday, January 31, 2013. The event will start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. This is a fantastic opportunity for students and parents to get to know what Cincinnati State has to offer. There will be a presentation by the Director of Admissions. She will speak about the admissions process, the services offered at Cincinnati State, and financial aid opportunities including the College's scholarship program and FAFSA. There will also be breakout sessions hosted by each academic division. Students can meet with representatives from the program they are interested in. All of the associate degree programs will present information about job placement, co-op opportunities and potential salary. Reservations are recommended but not required. Students may register online at www.cincinnati-state.edu/futurestudent.

DISH ROOM NEWS ◀

Hello, Volunteers!

We are in serious need of volunteers in the dish room. Very few people have signed up for this month and next, with the following dates being “unmanned”: Jan. 24, 28, 30, and Feb. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, and 28.

If you are able to volunteer, the shift is from 10:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. After you are finished, you can enjoy a complimentary lunch! Please click the link below if you are able sign up to help. As stated previously, you can sign up once a week, twice a month, once a month...the choice is yours. The students, faculty and staff are grateful for your help.

[CLICK HERE FOR VOLUNTEER SPOT SIGN-UP](#)

Thank you so much for your time and for helping out NDA!

Shari Buckley



COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Prom Dress Exchange/Sale to Benefit FORCE, Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered

The Prom Dress Exchange will take place on Saturday, February 2, in O'Connor Hall at St. Dominic Church, 4551 Delhi Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238. This fundraiser will benefit **FORCE**, Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered, the only national non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by hereditary breast and ovarian cancer. FORCE's mission includes education, awareness, advocacy, research, and support. www.facingourrisk.org, www.facebook.com/FORCECincinnatiNKY

For those hoping to earn money for their gently worn dresses, drop-off will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at O'Connor Hall on February 2, 2013. There is a \$7.00 cash donation to FORCE for every dress brought in to sell. Everything is non-refundable. However, you get to price your own dresses to sell!

The dresses will be for sale from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dressing rooms will be provided. From 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., sellers can return to pick up money that they earned, or the actual dress if it did not sell. Any cash not picked up will be donated to FORCE, and dresses not claimed will be donated to charity.

The Prom Dress Exchange benefits everyone involved. Sellers can earn some extra money, buyers can get a good quality dress at a bargain price, and we can work toward our goal to educate others about reducing cancer risk, and work to fight cancer one step at a time!

For more information please contact Hana Goubeaux at Hana_Goubeaux@mail.msj.edu or Mary Orloff at maryo@facingourrisk.org.