



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents!

The third-quarter is moving along quickly and next week will mark the midpoint. At our faculty meeting this morning, we spent some time reflecting on the meaning of our third educational principle – **the Notre Dame Educator as a Gospel Witness**. The reflections and conversations affirmed the many blessed opportunities we have to live out our gospel values in the Notre Dame tradition.

Last Friday we held the student talent show as a culmination of Catholic Schools Week. It was a wonderful display of the many and varied talents of our students. We were entertained with dancing, singing, skits and videos. Of special note was the graciousness our students displayed in the appreciation of the performances and support for those willing to be on stage in front of the whole school.

I hope you had a chance to see the NDA/CCH USO Showcase. It was a wonderful display of the many talents of students from both schools. A special thank you to Ms. Perrino, Ms. Stratman and all the students and parents who helped make the performances so successful. It was a nice history lesson for our students and a meaningful tribute to our men and women who serve our country in the armed forces.

Speaking of student excellence, congratulations to senior Hannah Regan who was recently selected as a National Merit Finalist! Hannah will continue in the competition for some 8,300 scholarships worth more than \$32-million that will be offered next spring by the National Merit Scholarship Program. Representing less than one percent of the nation's high school seniors, Hannah was named a National Merit Semifinalist this past September for her outstanding score on the PSAT.

Congratulations to our February Student of the Month - sophomore Abigail Sauer! Abby is a shining example of being a gospel witness as a student, please see Mrs. Grayson's announcement below. I am also pleased to announce that senior Olivia Voskuhl was selected as the LaRosa MVP Player of the week. It is great to see our students getting this recognition for their talents and efforts.

Congratulations to Mrs. Lisa Heiert for receiving the Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award presented by The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. This award recognizes teachers whose instruction on the Revolutionary War era from 1750 - 1800 demonstrates educational efforts in the classroom that includes innovation and outstanding effort in teaching. Mrs. Heiert is not only the regional winner of this award but also the state level winner.

Don't forget about our Father-Daughter dance on Friday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Syndicate. Please look for information below and in future PPW newsletters.

Bishop Foys has requested we offer a free day to honor Catholic Schools Week. The day will be Monday, March 11.

Finally, please take note of the announcements provided by Student Services in the section below regarding scheduling, testing and college information.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



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 ◀

NDA Talent Show 2013!



The results are in!

Last week's charity volleyball game between NDA and Covington Catholic raised **\$2,405.00**. All the money will be donated to Northern Kentucky's Emergency Shelter. Their commitment to service and charitable works is just one more way Catholic Schools are raising the standards.

This Thursday, NDA will join over 2 million people from across the nation in the Great ShakeOut.

Seen as an opportunity to prepare our school community for an earthquake, the Great ShakeOut emphasizes the Drop, Cover, and Hold On approach to earthquake preparedness. In addition to the earthquake drill, the NDA school community regularly practices fire, lockdown, and tornado procedures. Visit the Student/Parent Handbook or ask a Panda for more details about our school's emergency procedures.

Reminder: Students are not permitted to use cell phones throughout the school day, and violations and detentions are issued when students do not comply with this policy. If a student needs to make a phone call, she is required to use the phone in the school's office.



USO SHOWCASE ON DVD ◀

DVD's from the USO Showcase are available for \$20.00 a copy. Your order, accompanied with payment, should be submitted to Mrs. Stratman by Friday, February 15, 2013.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀



Abby Sauer

NDA's February Student of the Month believes compassion and sympathy are the foundation from which relationships are built. Sophomore Abby Sauer believes in treating others as she would like to be treated, and her life is a testimony to the Golden Rule. According to her Scriptures teacher Mrs. Gorton, Abby demonstrates maturity, respect, and a willingness to share during class discussions. A student who says you discover "new things about yourself everyday," Abby cultivates a classroom environment that fosters mutual respect and promotes learning. This is her way of giving back to Notre Dame Academy where she treasures the opportunities she has to develop long lasting relationships.

A member of NDA's Class of 2015, Abby is part of Latin Club and has participated in the Theater program since her freshman year when she played Mrs. Webb in the play *Our Town*. Since then, Abby has played a role in every school production including her favorite, *You Can't Take it With You*. Ms. Perrino, NDA's Theatre Teacher and Director, knows Abby well and says she "brings an upbeat attitude to everything she does . . . works incredibly hard on each show and is never satisfied with her performance until it is just right." This level of dedication and commitment extends beyond NDA where she attends voice lessons and competes at the local level.

Though life sometimes presents its struggles, Abby believes everything happens for a reason. We couldn't agree more! There is a reason Abby is February's Student of the Month. She is positive, respectful, hardworking, and joyful, and we are proud to call her a Panda! Congratulations!

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DON'T FORGET...

Bishop Foys gave NDA students a "Free Day" in honor of Catholic Schools Week. NDA will be off on Monday, March 11, 2013!

NDA FATHER/DAUGHTER - UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN ◀



Please join us
Friday February 22, 2013
At the Newport Syndicate

7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Check in begins at 7pm / Dinner seating at 8pm

\$25 per person by February 15 / \$35 per person after February 16
Please rsvp by the 20th for catering and seating

[CLICK HERE FOR SIGN-UP FORM](#)

Questions? Contact Connie Combs 380 2466
or Suzanne Ginter 513 310 9470

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Scheduling Process:

The Parent meetings have been completed and the scheduling process for next year has begun. If you were unable to attend a meeting and need to access information about scheduling, please visit the our Counseling and Student Services section of the NDA website at:

<http://www.ndapandas.org/academics/counseling-and-student-services/college-counseling.aspx>

To access Action Plans for each year of high school that were handed out at the meetings please click here:

<http://www.ndapandas.org/academics/counseling-and-student-services/college-counseling.aspx>

Helpful Information
from:
NDA'S
STUDENT
SERVICES!

If you are taking the ACT this Saturday, February 9, 2013:

There will be a **FREE review and tips** session specifically for the **Math section** of the ACT this Friday, February 8 at NDA.

- This will be conducted by Tony Miglio, head of NKY Tutoring.
- Location: Room 112 (Mr. Greife's)
- Time: 3:15 p.m. until 4:30/4:45 p.m.
- For more information on NKY Tutoring go to:

<http://www.ndapandas.org/Portals/ndapandas/Documents/Counseling/T.Miglio.MarchACT.Prepare.pdf>

Questions: Talk to Mrs. Monohan or Ms. Burgei

ACT Boot Camp:

There will be a Boot Camp at NDA presented through Torchprep to help students prepare for the ACT on the following dates and times:

(Strategy) Thursdays 6 P.M. – 9 P.M. : 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14

(Practice Test) Saturdays 10 A.M. – 2PM: 2/16, 2/23, OFF, 3/9, 3/16

Visit www.torchprep.com to register or get more information.

College Fair:

The National Association for College Admission Counseling will be hosting a National College Fair in Louisville at The Kentucky International Convention Center on Sunday, March 3, 2013. There will be approximately 100 schools represented from all over the country. Visit the NACAC website for more information about this event. [Learn more.](#)

Murray State Commonwealth Honors Academy:

Murray State University is accepting applications for the Commonwealth Honors Academy for juniors. The applications are due by March 1, 2013. This Academy is a free 3-week residential program for high achieving students. If one participates, he or she will be awarded at least six (6) hours of college credit and have an automatic \$2,000 per year scholarship for Murray State. NDA will have an informational meeting after school on Thursday in the library for any current junior that is interested. See Mrs. Monohan for more info or visit the website: <http://www.murraystate.edu/cha/>

QuestBridge College Prep Scholarship Program for juniors:

This is a program for high achieving and low-income juniors. It helps those who qualify for the program (usually \$60,000 or below household income) to connect to highly selective colleges and provides free college visits and summer opportunities. For more info visit their website at: www.questbridge.org

If you are worried about prom this year, Cinderella's Closet may be able to help!

This agency gives you the ability to pick a dress and accessories that you wouldn't otherwise have been able to afford. You need to be referred by one of NDA's counselors, so please see one of them if you are interested. More information can be found about Cinderella's Closet by clicking here: <http://www.ndapandas.org/academics/counseling-and-student-services/personal-counseling.aspx>

JOSEPH AND THE TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT ◀

Mark your calendar! NDA's Aumnae Dinner Theatre will be held Thursday, April 18, 2013. The cost is \$25 for dinner and a showing of "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat". Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. with the show at 7:00 p.m. Please make your reservations by April 11 by calling the Advancement Office at 859-292-7729.

DISH ROOM NEWS ◀



Hello Dish Room Volunteers! We need volunteers for the following dates: February Feb. 8, 13, 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 27, Mar. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7.

If you are able to donate just about an hour and 45 minutes on any of these dates, we would greatly appreciate it! You can sign up to help at [CAFETERIA SIGN-UP](#).

NDA BASS FISHING TEAM NEEDS BOAT OWNERS ◀

NDA is seeking bass boat owners to volunteer and assist the NDA Bass Fishing team in NDA's newest Varsity sport. Boat owners are needed to operate their boats as NDA team members fish in tournaments. Boat volunteers will be reimbursed for their expenses. For more information contact Athletic Director Kim Gunning at 859-292-7730.

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](#). Former U.S. Representative, Geoff Davis will be the Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Tickets are \$15.00/Adults \$5.00/Students and students can get their ticket validated for 3 hours of community service. To order tickets, please call (859)431-6840, email janet@familypromisenky.org, OR Send the number of tickets to be purchased along with payment to the school office and Sr. Lynette will get your tickets for you.

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

POSITIONS AVAILABLE ◀

The Sisters of Notre Dame are currently seeking a student to work part-time in the Provincial House as a dietary aide. This aide would be responsible for serving the sisters in Lourdes Hall their evening meal and preparing the kitchen and dining rooms for the next meal. The student would work 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - 2 days one week and 3 days the next week. The starting pay for this position is \$7.50 per hour. This position is through the work-study program and all students are eligible.

The Sisters are also looking for a parent to work part-time as a dishwasher operator. The position is Monday, Tuesday and every other Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. This position prepares dishes and utensils for the dishwasher. This position is through the work-study program and all families are eligible.

If interested in working in this loving home environment please contact the HR Department:

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Covington, KY 41011
859-291-2040
humanresources@sndky.org