



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents!

We were hopeful for a full week of regular days, but with the water main break today, that is not to be the case. We are thankful to get in a school day with 25-minute classes today and appreciate your support in picking up your daughters early. Our maintenance staff is confident they can get this resolved by the end of the day.

It is an honor and joy to report that our five National Merit Semifinalists all qualified as Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition. Congratulations to seniors Stephanie Hacker, Maggie Hackman, Szophia Komaromy-Hiller, Abby Marshall and Abigail Martin. These young women, their teachers and parents are to be commended for this recognition of commitment to hard work and academic success.

Speaking of academic success, congratulations to our Academic Team who placed second in the District competition that included Quick Recall and written assessments. Our team advances to the Regional competition this weekend and we wish them well in their efforts. Way to go Academic Team Pandas!

Scheduling for next year's courses begins on Monday, February 25 and should be completed by February 28. Students will be able to access Power School and register for electives. Teachers have met with students and completed course recommendations for the core requirements. For information about the scheduling process please go to the counseling page on our website (<http://www.ndapandas.org/academics/counseling-and-student-services.aspx>). Our academic counselors have begun meeting with each student to review their course plan for next year.

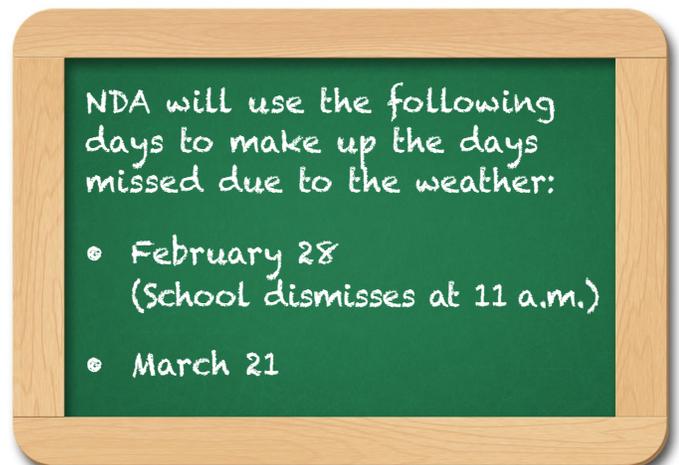
It has come to our attention that several parents have not received the second quarter report cards that were sent home electronically. This is a new system we are using with Power School and they are working on resolving the issue. Since we do not have a clear indication of how soon that resolution will come we are printing paper copies and sending them home with your daughters next week.

Sophomore parents please remember that, on Wednesday, February 19th from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Herff Jones will be at NDA to provide information about class rings and placing orders.

There is much to share about the happenings at NDA. I hope you take the time to read all that is listed below to stay current on activities and accomplishments. Also, please visit our website (www.ndapandas.org) for additional information about our programs and services as well as news articles about NDA.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl





TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

Students taking the SWAT Course are getting their projects ready for the [KySTE Conference](#) on Thursday, March 6, in Louisville. The topic of the presentation is called, "Professional Development in a 1:1 iPad Implementation Demands Student Participation."

Students will present on practical recommendations for iPad uses in an academic setting. Some examples are; assignment workflow, utilizing iTunesU, iCloud workflow with the iPad, and some recent filming projects. Please look for more specific news in the coming weeks.

Please remind your daughters to bring their iPad to school each day. We are seeing an inordinate amount of iPad sign-outs in the SWAT Help Desk, enough to prompt us to require students to sign a release: [NDA iPad Loaner Policy](#). Additionally, we are finding students keeping the loaners longer than we would like. General maintenance calls for us to examine them on a regular basis. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Support NDA's Life Club...



Eat at Skyline TONIGHT!

IT'S SKYLINE TIME ◀

It is always time for Skyline! Help support N.D.A Life Club TODAY, Wednesday, February 12, 2014. Bring the coupon below at any time between 3:00-9:00 p.m. and our pro-life club will get 10% of the night's sales.

Life Club donates all proceeds to pro-life groups such as; locally (Care Net Pregnancy Center), nationally (National and Kentucky Right to Life) and internationally (NDA's Ugandan School).

So bring your hunger; bring your family and friends to Skyline at 1730 Dixie Highway, Ft. Wright, on this special night to enjoy good food, and support the right to life of all humans; from the womb to the tomb.

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Reminder for Sophomore Parents:

Herff Jones will be on campus next Wednesday from 3:00-7:30 p.m. and during the lunches on Thursday between 10:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

NDA and CCH StuCo reps present the check for \$2509.50 to Rachael Winter at the Northern KY Emergency Shelter. The money was raised by both schools at the charity volleyball game during Catholic Schools Week.





DVD AVAILABLE ◀

Orders for the "60's Showcase" DVD will be accepted until February 14th. DVDs are \$20.00 a copy; please make checks payable to NDA and send to Nancy Stratman at Notre Dame Academy.

BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT NEWS: ◀



Notre Dame Academy students in the Accounting I class, under the direction of Mrs. Gronotte, recently completed **Be Entrepreneurial**, a program designed to inspire and prepare students to start an entrepreneurial venture by developing a business plan while still in high school. This program is sponsored by Junior Achievement, a world-wide nonprofit organization providing in-school programs that focus on three pillars of student success: work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy. Junior Achievement provides a business volunteer to guide the students through weekly sessions. Mr. Coleman Nelson, an Assurance Associate with PriceWaterhouseCoopers Public Accountants, spent several weeks visiting the classroom and guiding the students through the sessions. The students brain-stormed new business ideas by thinking about how to improve a product or how to solve a problem. They learned about marketing and understanding the customer, competitive advantages, and ethics and social responsibilities that are associated with entrepreneurship. They concluded the sessions by developing a written business plan. The students will have the opportunity to continue their work by preparing for a regional high school Entrepreneurship competition at NKU.



HAVE A HEART FOR THE HOMELESS ◀

DONATIONS THIS WEEK - Please consider donating the following items for a Diocesan Service Project this weekend, "Have a Heart for the Homeless". Items needed: adult socks, men's t-shirts (small, medium, & large), and/or toiletry items (travel size soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, toothbrushes etc). Donations accepted until Friday at 3:00 p.m.

"Have a Heart for the Homeless," a service event for youth of high school age, will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2014 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in Howard Hall at the Diocesan Curia Building, 1125 Madison Ave., Covington, KY. Part of the "Together As One" diocesan youth ministry program, the event will involve the assembly of gift bags to be distributed to homeless persons through the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky. Youth who attend are asked to bring donations of adult size socks, men's T-shirts (S, M, & L), and/or travel size toiletry items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, shaving cream as well as toothbrushes and shavers). An RSVP for the event is requested, but not required. To donate items, to RSVP, or for more information, contact the Diocese of Covington, Department of Catechesis and Formation at catechesis@covdio.org or 859-392-1500 ext. 1527 Or Mrs. Bridget Price at NDA at priceb@ndapandas.org or 859-292-1836. Students can also sign up through their x2Vol website.

VISUAL ART PANDAS EARN SCHOLASTICS AWARDS ◀

Many thanks to all of the art students who submitted work for the Scholastics Competition. Notre Dame's Art program is always well represented by your talent and hard work. Congratulations to the following for being selected and earning awards:

Maria Topmiller – Honorable Mention

Sam Meyrose – Silver Key

Rachel Schutzman – Gold Key

Marissa Picciuto – Honorable Mention and Gold Key



Rachel Schutzman



Sam Meyrose

The information to visit the art show honoring the work of these students and many other talented young artists from around the area is as follows:

Exhibition Dates: 2/7/2014 - 2/21/2014
Madison Place
100 West RiverCenter Blvd.
Covington, KY 41011

Exhibition Runs from February 7 - 21
Saturdays & Sundays (noon to 3 p.m.)
Monday - Friday (9 to noon & 4 to 7 p.m.)
Ceremony Date: 2/21/2014 (awards start at 6 p.m.)



SUMMER ART OPPORTUNITIES ◀

If you are interested in the Junior High or High School Summer Studio Art classes you can find all of the information you need as well as registration forms [HERE](#). All forms and payment must be returned to Notre Dame Academy by **Friday, May 30, 2014**.

WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

Notre Dame Academy will honor four graduates who are living the mission of NDA and making a difference in the world on Friday, February 28, 2014. This year's honorees are: Mary Ann Blewett Robinson '55, Marcia Klaene '61, Joan Kluemper, DMD '69, Gabrielle Summe '84.

The 2014 Women Making A Difference Luncheon will be held on February 28, 2014, at Receptions in Erlanger, Kentucky. The event will begin with

registration at 11:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon and program at noon. Tickets for the Women Making A Difference luncheon are \$55 and can be purchased by calling 859.292-7729.

*Women Making
A Difference*

February 28, 2014



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH? ◀

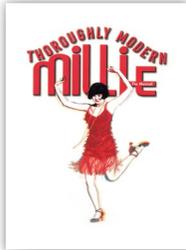
Did you know that the lunch menu is on website? You can find it by going to [Quicklinks](#) or directly to the [Cafeteria page](#) (Students>>Policies and Procedures>>Cafeteria).

WE NEED YOUR HELP ◀

Parents, we would LOVE to have you join us in the cafeteria - even for just one day!

Volunteers are needed in the cafeteria on the following dates: **February 13, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26.**

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!



ALUMNAE DINNER THEATRE ◀

The presentation of Thoroughly Modern Millie and the Alumnae Dinner Theatre will be held on Thursday April 3, 2014. Dinner will be at 5:30 in Alumnae Hall and the performance will start at 7 p.m. For more information, or to make reservations contact Emily Berling at 859-292-1852 or berlinge@ndapandas.org. Tickets are \$25. There is a registration form on the last page of the Notre Damian for this as well.

▶ Important Dates

February 14	NASC LEAD Conference
February 17	NO SCHOOL
February 19	Sophomore Ring Parent Night
February 21	NCAA Freshman and Sophomore Athlete Meeting
	Junior ACT Registration
	Senior Breakfast
February 24	Students Register for Classes for 2014-15
February 28	SNOW MAKE UP DAY
	Women Making A Difference Luncheon

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Evening to Treasure

Blessed Sacrament School cordially invites you to the 21st Annual *An Evening to Treasure* - Mardi Gras Style, Saturday, February 22, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at Cincinnati Airport Marriott. Cost is \$65/ticket. For more information visit www.eveningtotreasure.com. This year one of the raffles offered is a grand prize winner of a 2004 Ford Ranger truck. Tickets for this truck are only \$10 and can be purchased through Blessed Sacrament School or contacting Steve Midendorf at 859.322.4650.

Enjoy a night out with friends and support a great school!

St Therese Mother's Club is hosting our annual Ladies Spring Social on Friday, March 21st from 6:00-10:30pm. The evening will include a delicious pasta dinner catered by Pompillios, drinks, bingo, music by DJ Rockin' Ron and many raffles. First prize in the major raffle this year is \$1000!! Other fantastic prizes include a Margaritaville frozen drink maker, Kindle Fire HD, 2 hour house cleaning package, Disney World passes, a freshwater pearl necklace and more... Tickets are \$20 each in advance. All profits will be used to further the education of our children. Please contact Janet or Tracy for reservations. Janet - jvonn@fuse.net 630-5662 Tracy - tkegan@twc.com 652-2075

Part time dish room

The Sisters of Notre Dame are currently seeking a NDA parent to work part time as a dishwasher operator on Monday, Tuesday and every other Friday from 12:30 p.m. to approximately 2:30 p.m. in their Provincial House located in Park Hills, Kentucky. Although this position is run through the work study program, all families are eligible. Experience is not necessary. If interested in working in this loving, home environment please email us at humanresources@sndky.org, or call 859-291-2040.