



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings parents,

I am sure we are all wondering if the snow will ever melt, but surely spring is right around the corner! As you know we had to take 2 snow days last week which means we have one day to make up. For that reason March 13, will now be a school day. Students will have classes that day and follow a regular schedule.

I am happy to announce that NDA will offer weekly Mass on Friday mornings in the chapel at 7:15 a.m. This begins next Friday. You are welcome to join us for Mass. For the month of March, Fr. Enzweiler will be the celebrant. We hope this will be a meaningful part of the Lenten experience for many.

We are in our third year of our 1 to 1 program with the iPads and are in the process of evaluating the program. Please see information below about how you can participate in this. Input from our parents is very important and we hope you will take the time to complete the survey that will be sent to you in a separate email.

Please remember that students are registering for their 2015-16 courses this week. They have been given instructions on completing this process. Our Academic counselors, Mrs. Monohan and Ms. Burgei, are available to assist them with the process as needed.

Good luck to our NDA Aqua Pandas as they compete in the state meet next weekend. We wish all our swimmers well in this competition. Please see other news about our sports teams in the Athletic Section below.

This weekend we will hold the first set of 8th grade conferences. We look forward to welcoming members of the class of 2019 and their parents as they prepare for their high school years of NDA. If you are a current parent enrolling a new daughter, we are very grateful to have one more member of your family in our community. If you know any of our new families, please join me in welcoming them to our community.

Finally, we are close to wrapping up our raffle. Please make sure your daughter has sold the five tickets she was given. Students who have sold their tickets by tomorrow morning will be permitted to be out of uniform for the day. This is a very important way our families help to keep our tuition costs down. As you will see in the section below, we all appreciate your help, especially Sr. Paul Ann!

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

Notre Dame Academy  
is built on the  
Four Educational Principles  
of the Sisters of Notre Dame:



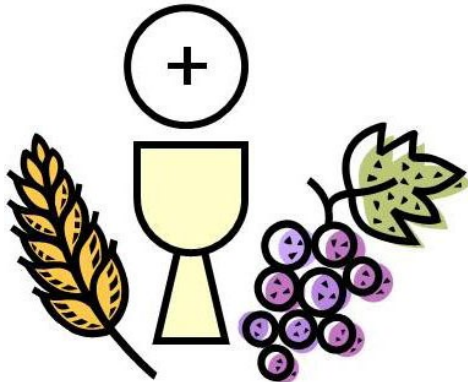
- The centrality of a good and provident God
- The human dignity of each person as an image of God
- The Notre Dame educator as a Gospel witness
- An integrated education for transformation



## INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

### Your Turn!

The past few weeks many of our SWAT students have shared reflections on their experiences with the 1-1 iPad initiative that was implemented three years ago. Now it's your turn! In order to ensure that we provide the best learning experiences for our students, we need to periodically evaluate our technology program. Parent, student and faculty input are all vital to this process. Please help us out by responding to the 2015 Parent iPad Survey. You will receive a link to this survey in a separate email on Friday. All parents and guardians are encouraged to complete this form. Students and faculty will receive their own surveys in the upcoming weeks.



## WEEKLY MASS AT NDA ◀

We are pleased to announce that we will be offering an opportunity for our NDA community to celebrate the Mass together on Friday mornings in our Chapel beginning on March 6. Our Friday morning Mass will be held each week at 7:15 a.m. We welcome students, faculty, staff and visitors from our community!



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/WORK STUDY

**In order to be eligible for Financial Assistance and the NDA Work/Study Program one must follow a 2-step process:**

1. The family must apply online for the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by **April 1, 2015**. The application cost is \$30 per family and can be paid online after completing the application.
2. Families who are eligible for FACTS money must also apply for a school job by **April 15, 2015**. A job application form can be downloaded from NDA's website or a copy can be found at the school office. Jobs are assigned during the summer and families will be notified about their acceptance in the program toward the end of the vacation period.

**Both the FACTS Application and the Work/Study Job Application can be found on the NDA website at:**

<http://www.ndapandas.org/admissions/prospective-students/financial-assistance.aspx>

Limited need-based scholarships are available to students through the generosity of several benefactors. An application for these Tuition Assistance Scholarships can be found on the website [HERE](#). The deadline for all scholarship applications is **April 15, 2015**.

**PLEASE NOTE:** FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment is required on file in the school office before a student is considered for eligibility of a Tuition Assistance Scholarship. Families must apply online for the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment.

# Sr. Paul Ann Needs Your Help!



Sr. Paul Ann has gone into the display case in the school foyer to drum up raffle sales!

**ALL NDA CASH RAFFLE TICKETS MUST BE  
TURNED IN BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015**

Our annual raffle is wrapping up so if your daughter hasn't sold her 5 raffle tickets yet, **PLEASE** have her do so before Friday.

Proceeds from the raffle help bridge the gap between tuition and actual cost of education and provide tuition assistance to deserving students.

Sr. Paul Ann & Sr. Rachel will be in the foyer each morning this week to collect tickets from students. Each student was given 5 raffle tickets during Catholic Schools Week. All NDA Cash Raffle tickets **MUST** be returned by Friday - sold or unsold.

**Tickets are only \$10 for a chance at  
First Prize: \$5000  
Second Prize: \$2500  
Third Prize: \$500**

The drawing will be held on February 27 at noon.

Call 859.292.7729 with questions.

**Your support  
is greatly  
appreciated!**



## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Track & Field

Guess what? There may be a foot of snow on the ground but the 2015 NDA track and field team is up and running! The week of February 23 we will be conditioning inside due to the weather. We hope to be out on the track next week from 4:00-5:00 Monday - Thursday. Meet the team night will be held on Wednesday March 4 at 5:00 p.m. at NDA.



### A Note From Wyatt Foust, Head Coach - NDA Basketball

Thank you to the players for a hard fought season and thanks to all the fans and parents that supported us all year long. We will be back next year stronger than ever. Go pandas!

Good luck to our Aqua Pandas at State this weekend!



**FACING THE FACTS—the RISK of DRUG and ALCOHOL USE AMONG ADOLESCENTS**

**Save the date...**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015**  
**7:00 -8:30 p.m.**  
**NDA Theatre**

Did you know that in 2013, 18% of 10th graders and 23% of 12th graders had used marijuana in the past month? Or that 15% of high school seniors used a prescription drug for non-medical reasons or that was not prescribed to them in the past year? Were you aware that over 6% of 16 and 17-year-olds drove under the influence last year?\* (\*National Institute on Drug Abuse)

Notre Dame Academy invites all parents and concerned adults in our community to attend the Sunday, March 8 evening program: **FACING THE FACTS—the RISK of DRUG and ALCOHOL USE AMONG ADOLESCENTS.**

Ashelle Kruetzkamp, Substance Abuse Nurse Educator with the Emergency Department, St. Elizabeth Healthcare, and Sergeant Michael Knight, with the Fort Wright Police Department, will share information about the current state of adolescent usage in our area.

We hope to have at least one parent of each student join us in this educational effort with the goal of providing the healthiest learning environment for your daughters, our students.

The students will attend a similar program in school on the following Monday, March 9.

**We hope to see you there!**

**Career Fair**

Student Services will be hosting a Career Fair for the students on Thursday, March 19 from 8-11 a.m. This is the same day as the *Women Making a Difference* luncheon and the students are being dismissed at 11:00 a.m. We are in need of parents to come and share careers with the students. If you are interested in being a participant, please contact Chrissy Monohan at [monohanc@ndapandas.org](mailto:monohanc@ndapandas.org). Participants will have a table to sit at and students will come to ask questions about the participant's career.

**Scheduling**

The students were able to go onto Powerschool and choose elective courses starting this past Monday. The scheduling window will last this entire school week, ending on Friday, February 27. Ms. Burgei and Mrs. Monohan will start to meet with students to review course choices after registration is complete.

Students should use the Class Registration tab in PowerSchool to place course requests for next year. Course recommendations based on the discussions with the teachers will already be listed as requests. Students should use the Class Registration tab to add only their elective requests for next year. Students wishing to change a request for one of the required or department approved course requests already listed need to consult with their respective academic counselor and submit the required course request change form.

**Cinderella's Closet**

Prom season is approaching quickly! Sometimes this can be a troubling time as a family tries to cover all the expenses associated with the dance. Cinderella's Closet is an organization that can help. They have thousands of dresses, accessories, and shoes that can be provided at no cost. If this is something that could benefit your junior or senior daughter, please contact the Personal Counselor, Tessa Taylor at [taylor@ndapandas.org](mailto:taylor@ndapandas.org). She can work with your daughter to set up an appointment on March 20 or 21 to pick out her dress. Learn more about the program here: Cinderella's Closet.

## NEW NDA FLEECE SWEATSHIRT ◀

The last day to order the new NDA Fleece sweatshirts will be February 28th. Order forms can be found in the school office or in the Bambootique. If you have any questions, please email Aimee Dickhaus at [ddickhaus@yahoo.com](mailto:ddickhaus@yahoo.com).



## SUMMER ART INFORMATION ◀

If you are interested in taking the entire Summer Studio Art course for credit, or just parts of the course for enrichment, the information including the registration date, dates of the class, and registration fee, can all be found at this website:

<https://www.ndapandas.org/admissions/summer-enrichment-programs.aspx>

### Summer Junior High Art Camp

This year for the Summer Junior High Art Camp we will be learning the art of Screen Printing. All of the steps from design to surface. There will be 2 sessions:

**Session A: June 29th - July 2nd, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

**Session B: July 27th - July 30th, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

Information for that course can be found at: [Junior High Summer Art Camp](#)

and of course, if you have ANY questions about either course, please feel free to email me at: [eckerlem@ndapandas.org](mailto:eckerlem@ndapandas.org)

## POSITION AVAILABLE ◀

Notre Dame Academy is seeking a substitute teacher in our music program for the period of May 4 - May 29, 2015. This position includes teaching 2 courses per day and serving as the Chorus Director. Please submit resume and letter of interest to [ndahr@ndapandas.org](mailto:ndahr@ndapandas.org).



THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL

## *Women Making A Difference*

AWARD LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015

RECEPTIONS, 1379 DONALDSON RD., ERLANGER, KY

11:30 A.M. REGISTRATION & NETWORKING

12:00 P.M. LUNCH & AWARDS CEREMONY

HONORING NOTRE DAME ACADEMY ALUMNAE FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS THEY  
HAVE MADE TO THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND BEYOND.



Meghan Scherder Olson '91



Julia B. Meister '87



Wendy Vonderhaar '86

PLEASE JOIN US IN HONORING THESE DESERVING WOMEN.

TICKETS ARE \$55 AND CAN BE PURCHASED BY CALLING 859.292.7729.

## ► Important dates:

February 23-27	Students register on PowerSchool
February 27 - March 1	Senior Retreat
February 28	8th Grade Conferences
March 3	Blood Drive
March 4	Seniors attend Little Women
March 6	Sophomore Retreat
March 8	Drug Education Program (Parent Assembly)
March 9	Drug Education Program (Student Assembly)
March 13	SNOW MAKE UP DAY
March 15	Student Council Volleyball Tournament
March 16	Third Quarter Ends
March 17	Senior Mission Retreat Junior ACT Testing
March 18	Winter Sports Award Program
March 19	Career Fair Women Making A Difference Luncheon
March 21	8th Grade Conferences
March 24	Panda Preveiw Night

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Check out the **Community News** section of **NDA's** website for news about...

Tickets on Sale for St. Joseph School Spring Play  
St. Therese Mother's Club Annual Ladies Spring Social  
Sisters of Notre Dame Women's Weekend Retreat  
2015 Hillenmeyer Lecture  
Northern Kentucky Trap Program

For a complete list of community news [CLICK HERE](#).

