



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents!

As indicated in an email sent earlier this week, Sr. Mary Ethel Parrott has been named the new Provincial of the Sisters of Notre Dame Covington Province. Sr. Marla Monahan has been the Provincial for the last nine years and her term will be complete at the end of this year. We held an assembly for the student body on Monday to share this wonderful news with them. As one of the six ministries of the SND's in Covington we are very honored that our accomplished science teacher of 42 years will be taking on this new leadership role.

Our students gave Sr. Mary Ethel an enthusiastic round of applause at the announcement. Even though so many will be sorry to see her move on from her role as their dedicated teacher, they showed their love and appreciation of all Sr. Mary Ethel does and their generosity of spirit in sharing her happy news.

In my remarks, I reminded our student that the Sisters of Notre Dame invite us to be partners in mission with them. As one of the six sponsored ministers (www.sndky.org), we are each in a unique and special position to carry the SND mission of service to others in our community and world. It is a special blessing to have our teacher who has been an integral part of the academy for over 42 years, take on the role of leading all these ministries as we move forward into the future.

As to our science program, Sr. Mary Ethel, will be here to assist in the selection of her replacement for our Physics and Science Research Programs, as well as assist in the transition process. As Sr. Mary Ethel will attest, we have an excellent science faculty with advanced degrees, years of experience and a proven record of preparing our students for careers in science. While our students will surely miss our much loved "SME" in the NDA science labs, they can be assured that our science program will continue to thrive in the tradition of Sr. Mary Ethel.

Speaking of science, our science research team did very well in the Science and Engineering Fair of Northern Kentucky this past weekend. Please see the long list of names and their multiple awards in the section below. Congratulations to Sr. Mary Ethel and her excellent team of researchers!

Finally, please remember that students should be registering for their 2014-15 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.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

NDA will use the following dates to make up the days missed due to the weather:

- February 28 (School dismisses at 11 a.m.)
- March 21

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF HOPE! ◀



Notre Dame Academy will host *Homeless to Hopeful*, Friday, February 28 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the NDA Theatre.

Join us at this special event to raise awareness about homelessness in our community and raise funds to benefit two organizations dedicated to providing shelter to hundreds of individuals and families in Northern Kentucky.

Jessica Noll, multi-media journalist at WCPO, will emcee this educational and entertaining evening that features a documentary, as well as first-hand reflections from shelter guests, volunteers, donors and staff. Silent Auction and raffles included!

Tickets are \$15.00/Adults \$5.00/Students and students can get their ticket validated for 3 hours of community service. For tickets please call 859-431-6840 or email janet@familypromisenky.org. Cash, checks, MasterCard, Visa and Discover are accepted. Be a part of a great evening to support - Family Promise of NKY and the Emergency Shelter of NKY!



TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

This week in the SWAT Tech Course, we sent 8 first generation iPads to our sister school in Uganda. As mentioned in an earlier PPW, senior Kelsey Michaels prepared these iPads specifically for an environment that would not need network connection to access apps and books. She preloaded educational Apps that do not require internet access and free versions of copyright free classic novels into iBooks for students to read.

As soon as our funds are collected, we will supply NDA Uganda with a solar charger for each iPad, as the school's main source of energy is from a generator and the sun.



STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Please take the time to review critical components of our Student/Parent Handbook.

Absences (p. 14)

Our absence policy allows a student to miss up to 20 class periods for a full credit course and up to 10 class periods for a half credit course before credit is lost due to missed class time.

If a student exceeds the allotted number of days, she will lose credit in that course. This will be recorded on the report card and transcript as a Withdraw Passing (WP), unless she is failing the course, which will result in a Withdraw Failing (WF).

Late Arrival (p. 15)

The first bell rings at 7:55 AM, and students are expected to be in their first class by 8:00 AM, ready to begin instruction. If a student is not in class at 8:00 AM, she reports to the school office for an admission slip. Students who are tardy to school will receive a tardy violation and be charged with missed time for that class. Tardies are noted on the report card. Students tardy to any class, including homeroom and study halls, will be issued a Tardy Slip by the teacher or study hall moderator. For every three tardies accumulated, a detention will be issued.

PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE ◀

We want to ensure that students begin and end their school day on a safe and positive note so this is a friendly reminder to PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY in the school parking lot. Continuous caution and concern for the welfare of others makes our parking lot safer for everyone. Thank you!



CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

Lent begins next Wednesday, March 5, 2014. The Season of Lent is a reflective time set aside for prepare ourselves for Holy Week and more importantly for Easter morning. The three most common themes during lent are Pray, Fast and Give Alms. Campus Ministry will offer a variety of ways for our students to incorporate these three themes into their everyday lives. These activities will be presented to the student body at the Ash Wednesday Mass on March 5 at 1:30 p.m.

Prayer opportunities: morning prayers encouraging students to “Take Up Your Cross,” Stations of the Cross, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Daily Decade of the Rosary before school, Holy Week Prayer Service.

Fast opportunities: Students will be asked to share one thing they are planning to ‘fast from’ or work on during lent - these anonymous notes will be displayed throughout the school as a reminder, students will be challenged to “give up” something and give to the rice bowl throughout Lent.

Give Alms Opportunities: This year we will again take part in the Operation Rice Bowl Project. Students will receive a rice bowl at Mass next week, be encouraged to collect monies in it throughout the Lenten season and then return the Rice Bowl contents at our Holy Week Prayer Service.

This year we will also be offering an **Evening of Reflection** on Thursday, April 17 from 5-11:30 p.m. The evening will include a shared meal, reflection, discussion, Mass and end by “Praying the Steps” in Mt. Adams. We will need Virtus Trained chaperones to help with this event. This event is open to students of NDA (and their parents are welcome to join us as well). Registration is required, there is no cost for this event. More information will be sent in March.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



Scheduling Update for Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors:

Students are registering for electives this week through PowerSchool. Information has been sent to students by Mrs. Monohan and Ms. Burgei to remind them. Here is the [Powerschool Login](#).

All students must register for electives by this Friday, Feb. 28th. For more information and a list of Frequently Asked Questions about scheduling, go to: [NDA Counseling Homepage](#).



National College Fair - Louisville, KY - Sunday, March 2nd :

The National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC) will be hosting one of the annual national college fairs in Louisville on Sunday, March 2, 2014. This is a great opportunity for students in grades 9th, 10th, or 11th to explore colleges from all over the nation.

There will be over 100 colleges and universities in attendance, families can talk with admissions representatives, and attend a variety of workshops before the fair and during fair. This is a FREE event!

Students are encouraged to pre-register for the fair using their smart phones or go online, register, and printout the sheet with the barcode to be scanned by the colleges they visit at the fair.

Link to College Fair Website: <http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/students-parents/resources/Pages/studentreg.aspx>

To view the Workshops/Break-Out Session Schedule click [HERE](#).

Looking for student summer opportunities?

Please visit our NDA website to link to many different opportunities this summer. It is being updated as materials arrive at school. Some things include a Commonwealth Academy at Murray State for juniors interested in getting some free college credits, a Xavier Jump Start Program, and many other activities. [Click here for the website link](#).

CONGRATULATIONS ACADEMIC TEAM ◀

Congratulations to the academic team members who placed at the regional tournament and will be going on to state. Abigail Martin placed first in arts and humanities and Rachel Peavler placed fifth in arts and humanities and language arts.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀



SEFNK Awards 2014

Saturday Feb. 22, the 19th Science and Engineering Fair of Northern Kentucky was held at Northern KY University. NDA students won the school award for most points amassed. The overall awards are the highlight of the fair. Notre Dame freshman Julia James was second overall in the Physical Sciences Division, and senior Szofia Komaromy-Hiller was first. In Life Sciences, sophomore Emily Walter was second and freshman Paige Montfort first. Szofia Komaromy-Hiller was second overall and is the alternate to the International Science and Engineering Fair. Paige Montfort placed first and receives an all-expenses-paid trip to compete in the International Science and Engineering Fair to be held in Los Angeles in mid-May.

The awards of each participant are listed below. Several won the right to apply for other national or international events.

Emily Bautista

First place, Environmental Management
Stockholm Junior Water Prize
Toxicology Research Excellence Award
Ricoh Americas Sustainable Development Award

Andrea Davis

First place Animal Sciences
American Psychological Association Award

Emma Finn

Second place, Energy and Transportation

Carly Gross

Second place, Physics and Astronomy
ASM Materials Science Award

Josie Hammon

First place, Earth and Planetary Science

Emma Hughes

Second place, Plant Sciences

Julia James

Second place overall, Physical Sciences
First place, Chemistry
NKU Chemistry Award

Ellen Kendall

Second place, Environmental Management
Yale Science Award
Stockholm Junior Water Prize
U.S. Navy Award
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Award
CINSAM Integrative Science Award
International Genius Olympiad Award

Katie Kloska

First place, Biochemistry
NKU Chemistry Award

Szofia Komaromy-Hiller

Second place overall and alternate to
International Science & Engineering Fair
First place overall, Physical Sciences
First place, Physics and Astronomy
U.S. Air Force Award
Thomas More Scholarship Award
Mu Alpha Theta Award
NKU Physics and Geology Award

Josephine Meyer-Hogan

Second place, Biochemistry

Paige Montfort

First place overall and representative to
International Science & Engineering Fair
First place overall, Life Sciences
First place, Microbiology
U.S. Public Health Service Award
U.S. Air Force Award
Thomas More Scholarship Award
NKU Biological Sciences Award

Lauren Reinersman

First place, Medicine and Health
Tri-Beta Biology Honors Society Award

Cassidy Ryan

First place, Environmental Sciences
Stockholm Junior Water Prize
International Genius Olympiad Award

Marisa Smith

Second place, Microbiology

Kelsey Sucher

First place, Materials Engineering
U.S. Navy Award
U.S. Air Force Award
Association of Women Geoscientists Award
NKU Physics and Geology Award

Emily Walter

Second place overall, Life Sciences
First place, Plant Sciences
NKU Biological Sciences Award

Hannah Ziegelmeyer

First place, Energy and Transportation
National Association of Professional Engineers Award

Congratulations!



LEARN A BAND INSTRUMENT THIS SUMMER ◀

All students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join the NDA/CCH Vacation Band School this summer to learn a band instrument for **FREE!** No prior experience needed! The band will reshearse for 1 hour each Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer. For more information on the band or if you would like to inquire about Summer Guitar Class, contact the NDA/CCH Band Director, Mr. Greg Cerimele, at cerimeleg@ndapandas.org. If you already play a band or string instrument be sure to contact Mr. Cerimele so that you will receive updates regarding Summer Rehearsals.

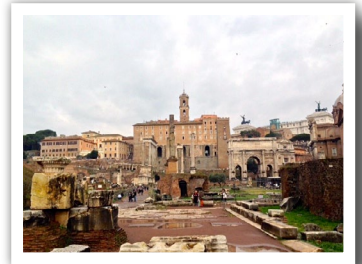
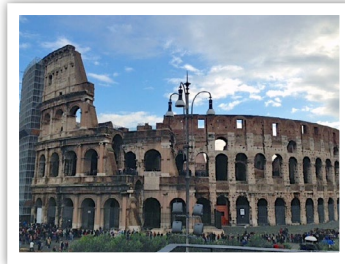
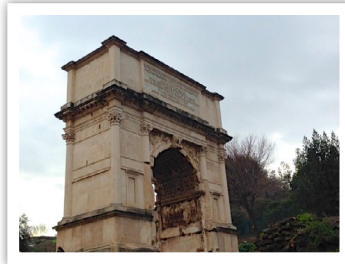
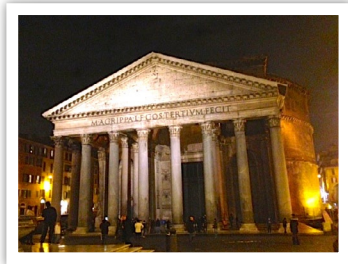
2014 NDA YEARBOOK ORDER INFORMATION ◀

The Notre Dame Academy Publications class is now accepting orders for the 2014 yearbook. Capture high school memories by purchasing your yearbook today! Tapestry, the formal name of the yearbook, will be distributed in October 2014. Graduating seniors receive their books during the Thanksgiving Eve class reunion. The yearbook is \$60. Don't delay. Price increases April 15. Please refer to the following link for order information: [NDA Website Yearbook Information](#). Order forms are also available in the office. If you have any questions, please notify Mrs. Gronotte at gronottek@ndapandas.org.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TRAVELING TO ITALY? ◀

Travel with us to Italy! The Religion Department will be hosting a trip to Rome, Florence, Assisi, and Venice during the summer of 2015. We will be traveling with Proximo Travel and will be seeing many amazing religious and cultural sites throughout the country. We will also be attending a Wednesday Audience with Pope Francis! For more information you can check out the itinerary for our trip at http://www.proximotravel.com/trip-store/?action=view_trip&triptemplateid=1. There will be a meeting for interested students on Thursday, March 13 and a meeting for parents of interested students on Wednesday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.



FUN WAY TO HELP ◀

Be Concerned is seeking school organizations and/or young people interested in joining our team for the Hunger Walk on Memorial Day. The Walk is a 5K that starts at 9:00 a.m. at Sawyer Point Park on the Cincinnati riverfront and takes about an hour to complete. Walkers will raise money for Be Concerned with a \$15-\$20 entry fee and/or by securing sponsors from among their friends and family. The event is a great opportunity to have fun with your friends and help Be Concerned serve the 800+ families currently relying on us to put food on the table. For more information, contact: Paul Gottbrath at beconcernedinc@yahoo.com (859) 291-1340 or Andy Brunsman at (859) 291-6789 or beconcernedandy@yahoo.com.



AFTER PROM ◀

Great Advertising Opportunity!

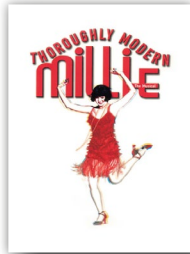
The After Prom committee is looking for corporate and individual t-shirt sponsors. Every girl who attends After Prom receives a t-shirt. For more sponsorship information contact kirnl@ndapandas.org.

Please consider donating it to this year's After Prom. The After Prom committee is collecting items for the April 25, 2014 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.

▶ Important Dates

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| February 28 | SNOW MAKE-UP DAY - Dismissal at 11:00 a.m. Women Making A Difference Luncheon |
| March 4 | Blood Drive |
| March 5 | Ash Wednesday Mass |
| March 5-6 | KYSTE |
| March 11 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Spring Open House 7:00 p.m. PTO Meeting |
| March 12 | End of 3rd Quarter |
| March 18 | ACT for Juniors (During school day) |
| March 19 | Chastity Speaker |
| March 21 | SNOW MAKE-UP DAY |
| March 26 | Winter Sports Awards |
| March 27 | Jesuit College Fair |

ALUMNAE NEWS ◀



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.

Alumnae Spiritwear!

If your an NDA alumna who would like to show your Panda pride, NDA Alumna sweatshirts are now available though the Alumnae Office. Full zip and quarter-zip sweatshirts are available in navy blue or gray. For more information contact Emily Berling at 859-292-1852 or berlinge@ndapandas.org.



SUMMER ART OPPORTUNITIES ◀

If you are interested in the Junior High or High School Summer Stuido 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**.

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: March 6, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 25, 26, 27, and 31. 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!



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).

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀



St. Agnes Fish Fry:

Be sure to "Catch" the St. Agnes Fish Fry this Lent. We will be hosting three Fish Fries, Friday, March 7, 21 and 28 from 5-11p.m. (Food service stops at 9 p.m) in the church undercroft. Come for a night of fellowship, fun and FISH! All proceeds from the Fish Fry will go to the Faith for Generations Fund. Fish dinners, beer/soft drinks and baked goods will be available. Carry-out will also be available. See you at the St. Agnes Fish Fry!

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.

Family in Need

The husband of Jenny Harkins, cross country coach, was injured in November after slipping and falling 60 feet at Red River Gorge. He is currently in a wheelchair and continues to need very expensive medical interventions. Jenny and her husband are modern day missionaries in Lower Price Hill, working with BLOC ministries with children's programs, those in prostitution and those addicted to illegal drugs. As a result of their chosen path and Rhett Harkins' injuries, the family is financially destitute.



Several local coffee houses in Cincinnati are working together to raise money to help the family with mounting medical bills, as well as paying day to day expenses. Donations are greatly appreciated. In addition, during February these coffee houses are selling a special blend of Sumatran coffee to benefit the family. The cost of a 12 ounce bag (standard supermarket size) is \$13, with \$5 going to the family. Ground and whole bean are available (no decaf). Information is available at: <http://daily-coffeeneeds.com/2014/02/07/near-death-in-nky-why-people-should-buy-coffee-for-this-man/>

Please consider helping. Checks for donation or to buy coffee may be mailed to Debbi Borchers, 139 Louise Drive, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017. Please make the check out to Justin Carabello (from Carabello coffee). For coffee orders, it will be assumed that you want ground coffee unless you indicate otherwise. For donations, please write Harkins Family donation on the check. Debbi will deliver the coffee to you.

Coffee is only being sold in the month of February, but donations will be forwarded at any time. Thanks for helping this family who is in such need, a family who spends their lives helping others in need. For more information on how you can help contact Debbi Borchers at dborchers@gmail.com or 859-380-4365.

Streetsmartz

Streetsmartz, sponsored by KOI Auto Parts and Crux Roadboardz, is a comprehensive vehicle familiarization program that is held in Hebron, KY every Monday night from 7-9 p.m. If you have a new driver in the family or, you simply want to know more about your car and safe driving tips, you need this class!! The class covers what do do in emergency situations, how to properly change a tire, check tire pressure, what's under the hood, proper brake and tire wear, how to change your oil, and much much more. Get a group together and come on out!! The cost of the class is \$25/student and it's a one time class. It is real hands on training on a 2001 Toyota Camry designed specifically for this program. Please contact Dan Bosch at bosch@

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