



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings Parents,

I am pleased to report that our accreditation visit went very well last week and the external review team has recommended NDA for a 5-year renewal of our accreditation by AdvancED/SACS. The final report will be received in the next 30 days. This process was very affirming and constructive. The visiting team of educators was most complimentary of our students, faculty, staff, administration, board and parents. In particular, they noted the following strengths at NDA;

- Notre Dame is clearly, deliberately and intentionally guided by its Catholic mission in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame.
- There is a strong sense of community within the school and among its stakeholders.
- The rigor of the curriculum is recognized and appreciated.
- The school is guided by a strong Board and school administration.

The report cited one required action related to using data to promote student learning and institutional effectiveness. This is already included in our five-year strategic plan. I believe this will support the ongoing continuous improvement for our school and be vital to accomplishing our vision to be “a premier Catholic high school, providing excellent academic and co-curricular programs that prepare graduates to be outstanding female leaders serving our world.”

Congratulations to Sr. Mary Ethel Parrott and the science research students for their outstanding performance at the recent Science and Engineering Fair of Northern Kentucky. Each student who participated was recognized at some level for her research, some with multiple awards. Seniors Monica McFadden and Laura Irons achieved the top honors at the fair that includes some 30 counties in our region. See more information about our outstanding science research students on our website: [NDA NEWS](#).

Next week will be a special week at Notre Dame Academy as we will celebrate Women Making a Difference week. Each day will focus on a different theme around what it means to make a difference in our world by serving our community. This will culminate in a special program on Thursday, March 7 when students will attend a presentation highlighting our NDA school in Uganda and what it means to serve girls in other parts of our world. Students will also attend a career fair featuring many of our alumnae who will share information about their vocations and professions. Please note that there will be no school on 3/8 and 3/11 allowing the students to have a four-day weekend. March 8 was on our calendar as an in-service day and March 11 is the free day requested by the Bishop during Catholic Schools Week.

Good luck to our basketball pandas as they compete in the regional tournament this week at the NKU Bank of Kentucky Center. The schedule for this tournament can be found on our website: [NDA BASKETBALL](#). The regional final will be on Monday, March 4 at 7 p.m. We hope you can come out and support our basketball team.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



iPad UPDATE ◀

1. iPad Parent Session:

February 27 and March 19 Mrs. Mullee is conducting an “Parent iPad Session”. Both nights are identical in nature, so no need to attend both. Topics covered include:

- Setting parent restrictions
- Checking iMessages
- Checking Internet browsing history
- Checking photos and videos
- Social media awareness

Faculty members will give short demonstrations of how they implement and manage the iPad in the classroom. SWAT team members will be set up in stations in Alumnae Hall after the theater session to demonstrate their daily uses of academic apps. Please check for an RSVP email sent out earlier this week, or feel free to contact Mrs. Mullee: mulleem@ndapandas.org.

2. iPad/iPhone App of the Week:

[1 Second Everyday](#)

3. SWAT is gearing up for KySTE

4. iPad Repair Link

5. NDA Parent iPad Page

NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE ◀

Tuesday, April 23 is NDA's Night at the Reds with our very own Panda Tones singing the National Anthem! Order your \$10 tickets today! Only a limited number of discounted tickets are available to purchase, and only those tickets purchased as a group are guaranteed seats together. [Click here](#) to access the reservation form which is also available on our website. We hope you can join us at the Great American Ballpark!



PEP RALLY!

Thank you to our Student Council and Girls Athletic Association (GAA) for organizing this Friday's Pep Rally. All winter athletes are invited to wear their spirit wear on Friday. Go Pandas!

NDA CURRICULUM GUIDE ◀

A pdf version of the 2013-2014 NDA Curriculum Guide is now available on the website. You can access it at <http://www.ndapandas.org/academics/curriculum-guide.aspx>.



WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE WEEK ◀

Next week, we will be celebrating the 2013 Women Making A Difference Honorees in several different ways as a school community. We will be holding fundraisers/collections Monday - Wednesday to be donated to causes/agencies where this year's honorees have made a difference.

On **Monday** we will be collecting money for the DPAA which helps to fund many charitable organizations in our area as well as Diocesan Offices that support vital ministries in Covington such as Pro-Life, Youth and Young Adults, Catechesis and Education.

On **Tuesday** we will be collecting new containers of multi-vitamins (no gummy vitamins) for Timmy Global Health which is an organization that provides preventative health care and education to developing countries.

On **Wednesday** we will hold a snack drive for the Notre Dame Urban Education Center in Covington.

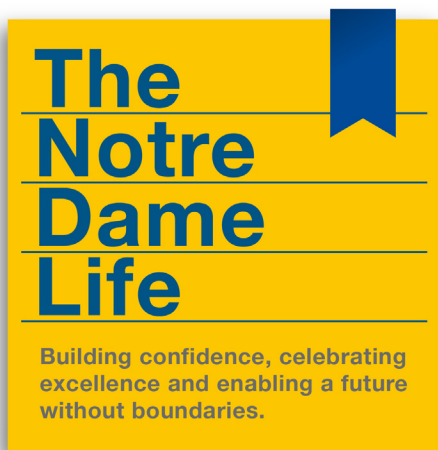
Throughout the week, displays will be available for viewing about the above agencies and causes as well as many more causes and areas where we are called to make a difference. These displays were put together by the Senior Religion Classes as part of their Senior Service Project.

The final challenge of the week is to Go Out And Make A Difference. We are challenging all our students to go out between March 7-11 and take part in a 2 hour service project in our area.

Help us to celebrate this year's Women Making A Difference Honorees by encouraging your daughter(s) to take part in these collections and activities.

On Thursday, March 7, the **2013 Women Making a Difference luncheon** will take place at Receptions in Erlanger. If you are interested in attending, you can still purchase tickets (\$55) through the Advancement Office at (859) 292-1850.

NDA OPENS ITS DOORS TO POTENTIAL PANDAS ◀



Notre Dame Academy welcomes all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to our Spring Open House Wednesday, March 13, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The evening will begin with a presentation in the theater at 6:30 p.m. Potential Pandas and their families will be given personal tours by our NDA Ambassadors following the presentation.

If you know a young woman interested in attending NDA, please encourage her to come to our Spring Open House where she will be able to meet members of our dedicated faculty and see our beautiful campus and state of the art facilities. She and her family can learn about our curriculum, activities, student life, financial aid, admissions procedures and get a first hand look at 21st century learning and our 1:1 iPad Initiative. Most importantly, our visitors will see what The Notre Dame Life is about and all that it has to offer!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

College Visits:

Brescia University will be visiting NDA on March 5 at 3 p.m. Katie Duff is the Brescia Admissions Counselor that will be here to meet with any students interested in learning more about Brescia. Location: Ms. Burgei's office. Time: Anytime between 3:00-3:45 p.m.

College Fair This Sunday!

This Sunday, March 3, there will be a National College Fair in Louisville at The Kentucky International Convention Center on Sunday. This is a great opportunity for students of all grade levels to explore colleges from our area and from around the country. There will be approximately 100 schools represented and the event is FREE. Visit the NACAC website for more information about this event. [Learn more.](#)

NDA SCIENCE RESEARCH STUDENTS DOMINATE AT SEFNK ◀



This past weekend, Sr. Ethel's Science Research students continued their tradition of success at the Science and Engineering Fair of Northern Kentucky. Senior, Monica McFadden won the "best of fair" award. Monica and Sr. Mary Ethel will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Phoenix from May 12-17. Senior, Laura Irons was second in the fair and is the first alternate to the international competition that will include winners from approximately 60 countries. Notre Dame science research students had an outstanding performance winning many category and special awards. [CLICK HERE](#) to see their impressive list of awards.

YEARBOOK ORDER INFORMATION ◀

The Notre Dame Academy Publications class is now accepting orders for the 2013 yearbook! *Tapestry*, the formal name of the yearbook, will be distributed in September 2013. Graduating seniors will receive their books during their Thanksgiving Eve class reunion. The yearbook is \$50. After March 28, the price increases to \$60 so buy early!

Here are the options to purchase:

1. Order online – [click here to order directly from Jostens](#). This website is secure. It will record your payment, and provide NDA with purchase information.
2. Print the [order form](#), complete and send into the office with payment.
3. Stop by the main office for an order form.

If you have questions, please notify Mrs. Gronotte at gronottek@ndapandas.org

FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE ◀

Broadway in Cincinnati

The Advancement and Alumnae Office have partnered with Broadway in Cincinnati to offer DISCOUNTED tickets to the upcoming performances of Million Dollar Quartet running February 19 - March 3 to our students, parents, alumnae, and friends!! Go to www.eventusher.com and enter the password "notredame" to get your discounted tickets...Plus Notre Dame gets a cut of the profits!



We Can Do It!

Join us...
In the cafeteria

10:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
1 day per month
Pay: Free lunch, Good Friendship, Fun Conversation
No Applicant Denied!



Help Wanted

DISH ROOM NEWS ◀

Hello Dish Room Volunteers! We need volunteers for the following dates: Mar. 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27. 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](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Attention College Bound Seniors!

Education at Work's goal is to give the students an opportunity to minimize college debt and learn professional skills that will give them the edge in an ultra-competitive post-college world. Students can earn cash, learn how to interact with customers, meet mentors and make new friends – and they can even qualify for tuition assistance to help pay for school. Please visit the website for more information: www.education-at-work.org.

Last chance to purchase discounted tickets through Notre Dame Academy:

Want to be inspired? MASTER Provisions is pleased to announce a special event, Audible Compassion, featuring guest speaker Tim Tebow, on Friday, April 19, 2013, at U.S. Bank Arena in Cincinnati. MASTER Provisions is a Florence, KY, based Christian ministry that assists 500,000 needy people around the world each year with clothing, food, orphan and medical care and various community assistance projects.

Tim Tebow, currently playing for the NFL, is widely recognized as one of the greatest college football players of all time. But even more than his impressive athletic skills, Tim's integrity and character have won him legions of fans. Tim lives a life that consistently reflects his values, and he is dedicated to helping people and communities in need.

Seabird, a Christian music band from Northern Kentucky, will open the evening with a concert at 7:00 p.m. followed by Tim addressing the audience. Visit MASTER Provisions for more information about the event, and if you would like to order tickets at a discounted group rate (\$37 each), you can do so in the NDA office. Fill out the reservation form in the main office and provide cash or check made payable to Master Provisions. All orders are due by Friday, March 1.

St. Charles Care Center Spring Rummage Sale

With the opening of their Personal Care Facility, The Homestead, and the closing of the Care Center, we have been left with countless items for sale to the public; household items (misc. kitchen items, microwaves, fans,) shelving, cabinets, pictures, washer/dryer sets, home and office furniture (bookcases, desks & desk chairs, computers, tables and chairs,) recliners, lift chairs, hospital beds, over the bed and bed side tables, medical assistance items such as walkers and wheelchairs and much more. Everything must go before the building is demolished. CASH ONLY.

“Get the Scoop”

Come and learn all that St. Charles Homestead, Village, Lodge and Adult Day Health Program has to offer.

Following your personal tour, stop by the Café at the Lodge for a complimentary ice cream cone and cookies & punch! St. Charles Open House, Sunday, March 10 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at The Homestead, Village & Lodge, 600 Farrell Drive, Covington, KY 41011 (located just off Kyles Lane) 859-331-3224 www.stcharlescare.org.

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. If interested in working in this loving home environment please contact the HR Department: Sisters of Notre Dame, 1601 Dixie Highway, Covington, KY 41011, 859-291-2040, humanresources@sndky.org.

St. Agnes Big Blue Bash

Mark your calendars and join us for an exciting night at the Marquise Banquet Center in Wilder on Friday, March 8, 2013. We are excited about this new location and know it will be a great night for all of us to support St. Agnes. Raffle has a grand prize of \$5,000. If you would like to receive a reservation card, please email Janna Collins at janna.collins@insightbb.com and she will get one right out to you. The deadline for RSVPs for this event is March 1, 2013 and there won't be tickets sold at the door so don't delay. We hope you can join us!

St. Therese Mother's Club Ladies' Spring Social

St. Therese Mother's Club is hosting their annual Ladies' Spring Social on Saturday, March 9 from 6:30-10:30 p.m. The evening will include a delicious pasta buffet dinner, drinks, bingo, live music, fun photo booth, manicures and massage... and many raffles. First prize in the major raffle this year is \$1000! Other fantastic prizes include a KitchenAid Professional Series Mixer, Disney World passes, diamond earrings and more. Tickets are \$20 each. All profits will be used to further the education of our children. Please contact Janet or Tracy for reservations. Janet Venneman- jvenn@fuse.net/ 630-5662 Tracy Egan- tkegan@insightbb.com/ 442-0267.