



An e-Newsletter for

the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings Parents,

We are in the middle of Women Making a Difference Week, reflecting on and celebrating the mission of NDA. Activities have focused on examples of service in our community as exhibited by students, faculty, staff, and alumnae. A special display features many organizations serving our local and regional communities. Students have brought in items to benefit various agencies including our Diocesan Annual Appeal. They have also heard about the impressive recipients of this year's Women Making a Difference Awards (Website link). Tomorrow students will attend a career fair featuring many of our alumnae. Students are encouraged to dress in professional attire - something suitable for a job interview. They will also attend a presentation on the service experience of one of our graduates, Maria Chal, who spent a year at Notre Dame in Uganda.

Congratulations to our basketball Pandas for winning the ninth region title on Monday. This is the fourth regional title for our basketball team, the last one was in 2007. The basketball team advances to the Sweet Sixteen state tournament Thursday, May 14 at 8:00 p.m. (CST) at Western Kentucky University. We are looking into bus transportation for students to attend the second game on Friday, March 15 at 8:00 p.m. Watch for additional details. Best of luck to our basketball players and their coaches!

Our Speech and Drama Team has also qualified for their state tournament to be held at the University of Kentucky on March 15 and 16. Congratulations to team moderators Ms. Sampson and Dr. Jackson as well as all the students who will compete in this important event. Fifteen students will compete in over 10 different categories.

Please consider attending our PTO meeting next Tuesday (3/12) at 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Room. This is a great way for parents to get involved! All are welcome, the meeting usually lasts about an hour.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



Private School Aid Service

**FORM
DEADLINE:
APRIL 5, 2013**

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

In order to be eligible for the work/study program at Notre Dame Academy you must first apply for the Private School Aid Service (PSAS) by sending in the PSAS form on our website. This form must be sent in by **April 05, 2013** and the cost is \$25.00. All forms should be postmarked no later than **April 5, 2013**. The form can be found at:

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



iPad UPDATE ◀

App of the Week: AppsGone Free

This amazing app alerts you to the day's best free apps that normally sell on iTunes for a price. These apps are hand-selected by app experts and will not cost you a dime...if you purchase (for free) on the day the specials run. Each day

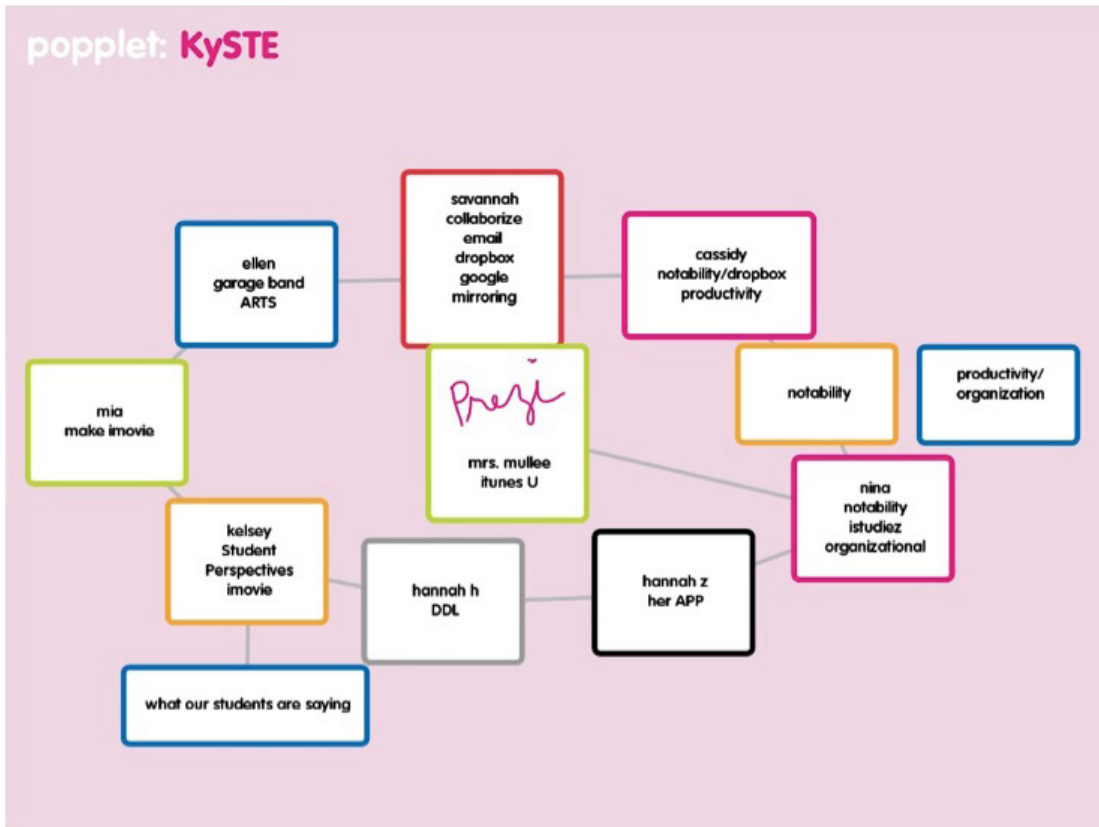


brings a group of 4-5 apps with descriptions. If you want to try costly apps out for free, this app is for you!

NDA SWAT Team uses the "Popplet" app to prepare for their upcoming presentation at the



Thursday, March 14 in Louisville:



Please use this link to access important iPad information:



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!



UGANDA PROJECT UPDATE ◀

From Alexa Schulte:

About 30 Notre Dame Academy students, ranging from freshman to seniors, are making journals/scrapbooks about their lives here to send to our sister school in Buseesa, Uganda. The purpose of the project is to strengthen the bond between these two schools simply by sharing information with each other. Sister Rita, the principal at Notre Dame Uganda, shares in the enthusiasm for the project. She said, "I totally agree that the best place for us to begin forming this lasting relationship between our sister schools is to get to know one another. The idea of a journal/scrapbook is excellent!"

The journals will have 5 sections (family, friends, faith, school, and hobbies) in which the students are free to write about anything they think will interest our counterparts in Uganda. The journals will be finished and delivered to Uganda by May. We hope to receive an installment of journals from the students in Uganda by the fall of next year.



From the School Office

PARENTS:

Please note NDA's Unexcused Absence Policy as noted in the Student Handbook...

If a student must be absent from school for a reason other than illness, she should bring a note indicating the reason for the absence and the dates she will be absent to the school office before the absence occurs.

Please send a note or call the office when you book an appointment for which your daughter will need to leave school.

Thank you!

BODY PEACE WEEK

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Body Peace Week

This week, the Teen Leadership Club is sponsoring Body Peace Week. This is our time to focus on building a positive self image among all NDA students. Our theme is "Support Others - Inspire Yourself" and we are highlighting how acts of service towards others can make you feel good about yourself.

TRACK AND FIELD MEET THE TEAM NIGHT ◀

Please remember to join us Tuesday, March 12, in the gym for "NDA Track and Field Meet the Team Night." Gym doors will be open at 5:30 p.m. Be sure to bring your check book. We will have different stations to pay team fees, order and purchase uniform shorts, and pick up track singlets. Coach Jim Parsons will address the families at 6:00 p.m. about all the exciting things happening this year.

FOLLOW US ◀

Get all of the latest on what's happening at NDA by following us on Facebook and Twitter. Here are the links to our official Facebook and Twitter pages:



CABIN FEVER NIGHT ◀

The NDA Golf Team is sponsoring a Cabin Fever Night at NDA on Friday, March 8, from 7:00 p.m. - midnight. They are offering a night of childcare for boys and girls ages 6-13, that will include crafts, games, food, and movies. The price is \$25 for your first child and \$20 for each additional child in your family.

This is the same night as the St. Agnes Big Blue Bash so your babysitter could not be any closer if you are attending this event or if you just need a night out, these girls will be the perfect babysitters! So spread the word - this is open to anyone who is in need of a babysitter on the evening of Friday, March 8. For further information or reserve your child's spot email Karen Henderson at hendersonk@ndapandas.org.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER ◀

The PTO is looking for a chairperson or co-chairpersons for next year's Mother-Daughter event. NDA's 2014 Mother-Daughter Night will take place in November. If you are interested in planning and running this fun event for NDA mothers and daughters, please contact Dee Reinert dreinert@wgmlpa.com or LeAnn Kirn mimmkirn@gmail.com.



DISH ROOM NEWS ◀

Hello Dish Room Volunteers! We need volunteers for the following dates: Mar. 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](#).

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



COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

ArtWorks

ArtWorks is currently looking for talented artists ages 14-21 to work in its annual summer jobs program in the visual arts. Working for ArtWorks means you get to gain visual art skills, build your portfolio and resume, work with great local arts professionals, and meet teens from all over the city . . . and you get paid to do it! Jobs at ArtWorks range from 4-10 weeks and, if hired, you'll earn \$7.85/hour. To learn more and to get an application, go to ArtWorks' website at ArtWorksCincinnati.org.

Care for Carolyn

Carolyn "Jeannie" Wolnitzek Stein of Edgewood, wife of Fred, mother of Kyle, Mallory and Connor, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2011 at the age of 49. An event will be held on May 3, 2013, from 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. at The Edgewood Senior Center to raise money to assist with Carolyn's ongoing medical bills and care. Tickets are \$30/person and \$60/couple and can be purchased at the door or in advance. Send check payable to: Knights of St. John Care for Carolyn c/o Kitten Schreiver, 538 Yatz Dr, Edgewood, KY 41017.

The night will be packed full of great food, drinks music, raffles and best of all great friends! Donations and sponsors are graciously accepted. The disease continues to progress and unfortunately she will not be able to attend. Please come support Carolyn and her fight against Alzheimer's. For additional information, please contact Jeff Schreiver: jeffschreiver@gmail.com or 859.331.6816.

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.

From Top Model to Role Model

Come and hear the amazing journey of faith from Leah Darrow, a former America's Top Model contestant. She will speak Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 6:45-9:00 p.m. at The Underground, 1140 Smiley Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio. This is a free event. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and entertainment is provided by P-Lite and Manny Fresh. For more information contact: courtneybrown@ruahwoods.org or call 513.407.8672.

"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.stcharlescure.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!