



An e-Newsletter for

the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings Parents,

I am sure everyone is looking forward to our Easter break next week. On Wednesday we will hold a special prayer service to celebrate the Easter season as a community. Fourth-quarter is well underway and report cards for the third quarter will be given to students next Wednesday.

On Tuesday of this week our seniors participated in their senior mission retreat. The theme of the retreat was focused on the special charism and ministries of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Several of the sisters joined us for presentations, witness talks and a special blessing that occurred at the closing of the retreat. It was a very special day and I believe our seniors left knowing that the sisters' charism will be with them always as NDA alumnae.

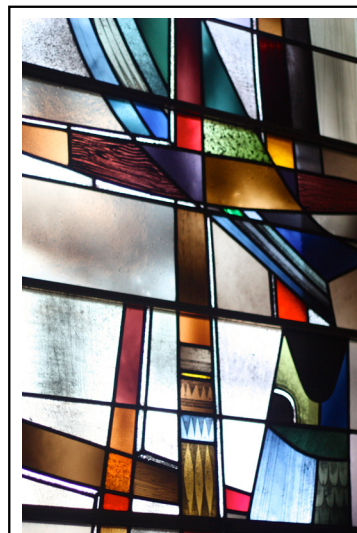
This past weekend was quite eventful for NDA. For the first time in our school's history, the basketball team made it to the state finals. After competing in three challenging tournament games in 48 hours, the basketball Pandas made it to the championship game and earned the state runner-up title. The girls played with confidence and skill and there were many fans cheering them on from Notre Dame and beyond! We all celebrated our team on Monday at a school pep rally.

Our NDA students are certainly representing our school well in many ways. Please see information below about significant accomplishments that occurred this past weekend in science, world languages, math, technology, social studies and English. Our students and their teachers are to be congratulated for a job well done!

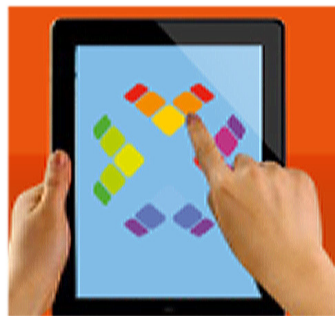
Mrs. Sampson is now on maternity leave and Ms. Elizabeth Ehrman will be teaching Mrs. Sampson's junior and senior English classes. Ms. Ehrman is a graduate of Thomas More College and the University of Cincinnati with bachelors degrees in biology and English and Masters degrees in English and teaching. Mrs. Sampson has been working with her to ensure a smooth transition. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Ehrman to our NDA community.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



*Lord, during this
Lenten Season
nourish me with
Your word of life
and make me one
with You in love
and prayer.*



Technology in
the Classroom

The iPad Initiative

iPad UPDATE ◀

Have you seen NDA's iTunes U Public site?

As promised, the "[NDA Parent iPad Resource](#)" course can be found here. With the publishing of the NDA iTunes U site, users no longer need a code to subscribe to the course.

Keep in mind, courses in iTunes U can only be accessed from

the iTunes U App

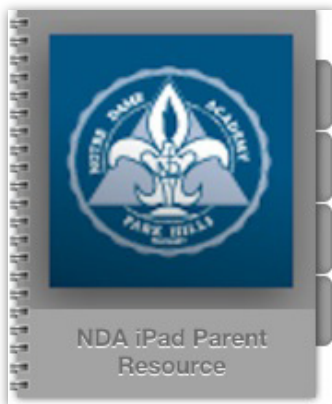


which can be downloaded from the

App Store



. For more information, please subscribe to the course from an iPad.



Congratulations to the following SWAT Team members on a successful presentation at this year's annual KYSTE convention: Savannah Tucker, Mia Shelton, Hannah Ziegelmeyer, Kesley Michael, Hannah Hatch, Giannina Rokvic, Cassidy Ryan, and Ellen Kendall. A huge thank you to Mrs. Mullee for helping these young ladies prepare. They represented Notre Dame Academy well!

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NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE ◀

Notre Dame's prom is scheduled for Friday, April 26. This Friday, all juniors and seniors will attend a prom fashion show during long homeroom where NDA's Respect Club will define acceptable and not acceptable prom attire. All students will be expected to dress appropriately at the prom and the school's special occasion dress policy will apply. Permission slips and reservation forms will go home on Friday and will also be available on the website under the Student Life section. See the forms for more information.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/WORK STUDY

In order to be eligible for the work/study program at Notre Dame Academy one must follow a two step process:

1. The family must first apply for the **Private School Aid Service (PSAS)** by sending in the 2013-2014 PSAS Student Aid Form. The cost is \$25.00. All forms should be postmarked no later than **April 5, 2013**.
2. Families who are eligible for PSAS money must also apply for a school job. This should be done by **May 1, 2013**. A job application form can be downloaded from the NDA 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.

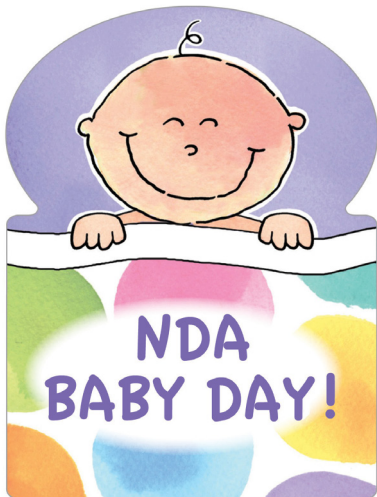
Both the PSAS Form and the Job Application can be found on the NDA website at:

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

MASS FOR OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS ◀

On Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. at our Cathedral Basilica, Bishop Foy will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving for the beginning Pontificate of our newly elected Holy Father Pope Francis. All are invited!

YOU'RE INVITED! ◀



Greetings Faculty, Staff, Parents & Alums!

You are invited to the Psychology classes annual "Baby Day" activities on Tuesday, March 26. There are three 1-hour sessions available. The sessions are 9:45-10:45, 11:15-12:15, and 12:15-1:15. Please contact Michele Johnson at johnsonm@ndapandas.org, or co-coordinators, Rachel Bolin (bolinr@ndapandas.org), or Alex Lonneman (lonnemann@ndapandas.org) if you wish to participate.

Newborn through kindergarten age, are welcome. This opportunity allows students who have studied child development to see first hand whether theories/concepts hold true in the "real world." The activities are loads of fun for the children and very educational for the psychology students. All sessions are held in the Library. If you are interested in showcasing your child or grandchild, please use the email addresses above for more details. It is necessary that you remain with your child or grandchild unless you are a faculty or staff member at NDA.

Thank you,
NDA Psychology Classes

ATTENTION "DRUG FREE CLUB" MEMBERS ◀



It's time for your biggest reward this year! You can enter the Scholarship Essay contest right now by filling out an application and writing a 2 page essay. This is open to all members in any grade and you could win \$500! Applications and essays need to be postmarked by Monday, April 1, 2013 which is over Spring Break so get it done soon. Thanks for making good decisions and good luck on your essays! You can find the application on our website at [DRUG FREE ESSAY APPLICATION](#).

CONGRATULATIONS!

MATH FAX TEST ◀

Thank you to all the students who took the fourth and final Math Fax test.

Congratulations to Kelsey Sucher, Emily Walter and Bridget Neltner for their very high scores on the algebra II part of the test. Good job girls!

SECRETARY OF STATE ESSAY WINNER ◀

Congratulations to NDA senior, Megan Beischel on her First Place win in the Secretary of State's 24th Annual Essay Contest. For the competition Megan had to write a 600 word essay on the question of whether or not there should be a mandatory voting law for American voters. Megan wrote the essay as a requirement for her Honors Government class last semester taught by Mr. Greife. She then submitted her essay to the contest as many other NDA students did for extra credit.

The Essay Contest was an excellent opportunity for students to engage in our democratic process and expand the civic awareness of students who are about to be eligible to vote and to highlight the importance of this essential element of our democratic society. As the First Place winner for the senior grade level, Megan won a \$2000 savings bond.



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

Congratulations to NDA sophomore, Sydney Stallman, who was recently named a National Silver Medalist in the Scholastic Art and Writing competition

KY JUNIOR SCIENCE & HUMANITIES SYMPOSIUM ◀

Szofia Komaromy-Hiller, Monica McFadden, and Cassidy Ryan were among the 21 students invited to present their original research at the Kentucky Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. The event was held at the University of Louisville March 15 and 16. Cassidy Ryan placed second with her project on biological effects of sugar substitutes on aquatic organisms. Cassidy will next present her work at the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium May 1 to 4. Besides the expenses-paid trip, Cassidy was offered a trustees scholarship to the University of Louisville and a \$1500 scholarship to the college of her choice.



TRACK AND FIELD NEWS ◀

BIG CONGRATULATIONS to the NDA Track/Field Team who won their first track meet at the Conner Invitational Track Meet this past Saturday, March 16, 2013. Great job!

¡Felicidades por tu éxito! ◀



NDA junior, Maggie Hackman, was recently awarded the National Spanish Exams Junior Travel Award. As one of twelve students in the country selected, Maggie won a full expense scholarship, including air fare, for two weeks to Costa Rica this summer. This highly selective scholarship was through the National Spanish Exam, and it was based on her score last year (2012), two recommendation letters, an essay and a five minute interview in Spanish. What a wonderful representation of NDA and our mission!

FOLLOW US ◀

“Like” us on Facebook and 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:



CAFETERIA NEWS ◀

Due to the rising cost of food prices this year, we need to increase the cost of the current Plate Lunch to \$3.00. The cafeteria will continue to follow the guidelines set by the government this year which includes larger portions of fruits and vegetables.

DISH ROOM NEWS ◀

Hello Dish Room Volunteers! We need volunteers for the following dates: Mar. 21, 22, 26, 27, April 4, & 5. If you are able to donate just about an hour and 45 minutes on any of these dates, we would greatly appreciate it!

Here are three easy ways to sign up...

1. Using Volunteer Spot at [CAFETERIA SIGN-UP](#)
2. Calling 331-8140
3. Emailing sharib@zoomtown.com

Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers!



COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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.

The first annual Purses 4 A Purpose Event will raise funds for nonprofit “In Style”.

Purses 4 A Purpose has a mission to raise awareness and funds for those charities who are a model for all nonprofits. The First Annual Purses 4 A Purpose will take place at The Marquise located off the Wilder exit near I-275 and Town and Country Sports Complex on Tuesday April 23. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the event ends at 10:00 p.m. Designer and Designer Inspired Handbags will range from \$10-\$75 at the event. There will be raffle chances as well. The Charity that will benefit from Purses 4 A Purpose is The Point Arc of NKY. Tickets for Purses 4 A Purpose are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. You can order your tickets by contacting Linda Grome at The Point Arc office at 859.491.9191 or you can visit their website at <http://www.thepointarc.org/>. The Point Arc will provide appetizers, wine, and soft drinks for their guests which is included in the ticket price. Tickets will be limited to the first 250 guests due to the size of The Marquise. You will not want to miss this super fun event for a great cause!

New Beginnings

A new session of New Beginnings, a support group for divorced and separated persons, sponsored by the Diocese of Covington and hosted by the Dept. of Catechesis and Formation, will begin April 11, 2013. Meetings will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. through May 30, and will provide the opportunity for healing and growth. In this faith-based group, participants will find new understanding of themselves and their relationships and gain courage to discover new life. Registration is required. Call 859-392-1527.