



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents!

This week's letter is packed with exciting news about student and teacher accomplishments and school related events. I hope you take a few minutes out of your busy schedules to review all the news below. It is such a blessing to share this news about our community of many dedicated and talented teachers and students.

Let us thank our good God for the following accomplishments;

- Several of our outstanding history students competed in the Regional History Day Competition and advance to the state competition in April. In addition, two of our students were recognized by the Sons of the American Revolution in the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest.
- This Friday we have the special honor of welcoming 18 new inductees to the NDA Athletic Hall of Fame, including three of our beloved fans. The program is free and open to any who would like to attend.
- Seniors Ellie Fathman and Molly Talkers were accepted to the prestigious and highly selective Carl H. Linder Honors PLUS program.
- Mr. Joe Gray was presented the Sigma Xi Award for outstanding high school science teacher at the University of Cincinnati Science and Engineering EXPO on March 15.
- Senior Emily Bautista placed 1st in Client Services and Senior Mackenzie Scaringi placed 3rd in Accounting at the Kentucky FBLA State Leadership Conference in April.

Please plan to attend the NDA/CCH Spring Musical *Thoroughly Modern Millie* on April 4-6. Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#). I am sure you will enjoy the many talents of our NDA and CCH students.

Finally, please take note of the information below regarding financial aid. There are some important deadlines approaching in the next few weeks.

May you know God's goodness each day

Dr. Laura Koehl

Yesterday we celebrated the  
Annunciation of the Lord.  
This feast of Mary is the  
patronal feast for the  
Sisters of Notre Dame.

Let us pray that we can all  
be open and ready to say  
"yes" to whatever God  
asks of us!





## IMPORTANT INFORMATION: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/WORK STUDY

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

1. The family must apply online for the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by **April 1, 2014**. 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, 2014**. 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 **May 1, 2014**.

**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 by April 1, 2014.

## EXCITING NEWS FROM THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT



### NDA HISTORY STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT ◀

NDA's Madelyn Vinson won first place in the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution. Madelyn will represent the Simon Kenton Chapter in the state competition phase. NDA's Sandra Steiber came in second place. Both students received a Sons of the American Revolution certificate and medallion as well as a cash prize.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO NDA'S NATIONAL HISTORY DAY STATE QUALIFIERS ◀

On Saturday, March 8, students from the area presented their projects at the regional competition for Kentucky History Day. The event was held at NKU, and the following Notre Dame students qualified for the state competition to be held at the University of Louisville on April 26. Congratulations to these girls for all of their hard work and dedication to the study of history!

Kate Abeln  
 Sophie Arnold  
 Emily Bautista  
 Jia Berling  
 Mariah Bezold  
 Courtney Blank  
 Lily Bradley  
 Lauren Darpel  
 Leah Darpel  
 Andreas Davis

Claire Dunlevy  
 Carissa Dyer  
 Audrey Field  
 Julia Gerwe  
 Julia Goins  
 Carly Gross  
 Isabella Hansen  
 Emma Jacobs  
 Ashley Justice  
 Madison Krallman

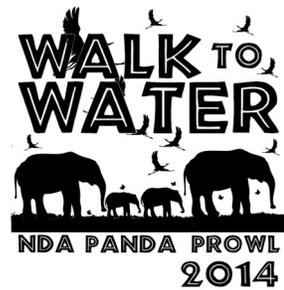
Caroline Krumme  
 Caleigh Lyons  
 Riley Meyerratken  
 Haley Muth  
 Amber Powell  
 Kirsten Richards  
 Malea Rolfsen  
 Rachel Rosenthal  
 Kelly Schmahl  
 Lauren Schmitt

Riley Stephenson  
 Katie Stratman  
 Anna Stutler  
 Mackenzie Sullivan  
 Kara Tranter  
 Madelyn Vinson  
 Taylor Watts  
 Tess Witt

### Panda Prowl

NDA's Student Council and UgaNDA PaNDAs groups are busy planning for the upcoming Panda Prowl scheduled for Friday, April 25. This year's theme focuses on the limited accessibility of clean water in underdeveloped countries, and that is why the walk has been named

"Walk to Water." T-shirts are being sold in homeroom for \$10 each and sales will end this Friday, March 28.



## NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀



### Notre Dame Academy Announces 2014 Hall of Fame Inductees

Notre Dame Academy in Park Hills, KY will induct thirteen former athletes and five honorary members to their Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, March 28, 2014. The ceremony will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Frances Kathryn Carlisle Performing Arts Center at the high school, followed by a reception in the Ann Buenger Alumnae Center.

The honorees are: Jessica Birkenhauer Rawe '99, Emily Brunemann '05, Meghan Crowe Williams '02, Nicole Dickman '07, Emily Dorning Henry '83, Emily Farrell Jansinski '00, Andrea Foltz '80, Amy Frisch Benge '98, Gina Geraci Grout '97, Melissa Hukle Marsh '94, Suzanne Kuhlman Olson '79, Kerri Shields Kuebler '97, Nancy Stoeckle Shibuya '78, and honorary members; Dave and Cindy Brake, Sister Paul Ann Hanneken, Sister Rachel Nerone, and Sister Mary Ethel Parrott.

The ceremony is free and open to the public.

### Bass Fishing

Congratulations to the Bass Fishing team who placed third in their first tournament of the season. Sophomore Kayla Rankin caught the first bass of the day, and of her career. Freshmen Kim Birrer caught NDA's second bass of the day and also the biggest catch of the tournament weighing in at 3.57 pounds.

The bass fishing team is looking for boats and their volunteer owner to assist in helping in tournaments scheduled on MARCH 29TH at HERRINGTON LAKE, APRIL 5TH - KHSAA REGION 2 CHAMPIONSHIP at HERRINGTON LAKE, and APRIL 25-26 - KHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP - KENTUCKY LAKE (IF QUALIFIED). IF interested please contact Coach Pete Salkowski at [ndabassfishing@yahoo.com](mailto:ndabassfishing@yahoo.com).

### Summer Sports Camp Opportunities

Notre Dame Academy is offering sport camps in basketball, lacrosse, soccer, tennis and volleyball. Please visit us at <http://www.ndapandas.org/athletics/summer-camps.aspx> for more information.

## DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S SPRING MUSICAL ◀

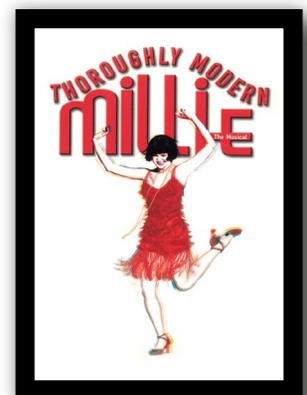
Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic High School

proudly present

***Thoroughly Modern Millie***

April 4-6

The spring musical production brings the tale of Millie Dumont, a newcomer to the big city of New York during the Flapper rage of the 1920s. She has big plans for life, but Jimmy Smith throws her plans into disarray, forcing her to re-examine what she really wants out of life.



Production dates are Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 6 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#).

## NDA STUDENTS ACCEPTED INTO CHALLENGING HONORS BUSINESS PROGRAM ◀

Two NDA seniors were recently accepted into the Carl H. Lindner Honors PLUS program. After an application and interview process involving thousands of applicants, Ellie Fathman and Molly Talkers were among the 25 students chosen to be part of this highly regarded and selective business program this year.

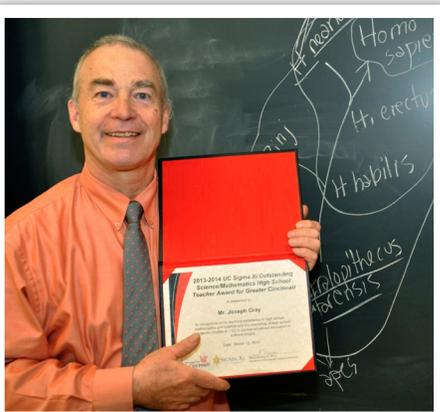
Both Fathman and Talkers are elated to have the opportunity to participate in such a highly acclaimed program. "To be put into the Lindner Honors PLUS Program is such an honor and humbling to me," says Talkers. "However, if it wasn't for God, my family, NDA, and the people I have met, I wouldn't have been able to have the opportunities I have and I am forever grateful to them for that."



The Carl H. Lindner Honors-PLUS program is a challenging honors program integrated within the Carl H. Lindner College of Business at the University of Cincinnati. The program is designed for highly motivated individuals with superior academic ability and demonstrated leadership skills. The Lindner Honors-PLUS program incorporates a demanding business honors curriculum, participation in a co-operative education program, an intensive international study-abroad trip and extensive business leadership exposure and training. All three of NDA's Lindner Honors-PLUS scholars will receive a scholarship that covers full (in-state) tuition and fees.

## MR. GRAY RECEIVES OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD ◀

NDA biology teacher Joe Gray was recently honored at UC's Science and Engineering Expo and he was awarded the 2014 University of Cincinnati Sigma Xi outstanding high school teacher award in science/math. This award honors an outstanding high school science or math teacher who is responsible for instilling in students an excitement about the sciences and technology.



## NDA'S FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA ◀

On March 11, 2014, nine Notre Dame Academy students participated in the Region 4 Leadership Conference for Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). The conference was held at Northern Kentucky University and included over 500 students representing 25 high schools from the northern and central areas of Kentucky. These students competed in many categories including Accounting, Business Calculations, Business Procedures, Client Services, Economics, and Entrepreneurship. Congratulations to Mackenzie Scaringi – 3rd in Accounting and Emily Bautista 1st in Client Services. Both qualify to compete at the Kentucky FBLA State Leadership Conference in April. FBLA adviser Mrs. Gronotte says that she is impressed with the professionalism and leadership of these young women. "They are motivated and enthusiastic, and are looking forward to future opportunities."



FBLA is a co-curricular student organization open to students enrolled in business and technology classes at NDA. Pictured: Ashley Barnett, Molly Talkers, Jessica Colvin, Mackenzie Scaringi, Emily Bautista, Rachel Rosenthal, Taylor Berling, Sarah Frisch, Nica Berling.

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



### **KHEAA College Connection**

*Your KHEAA College Connection* is a monthly electronic newsletter with information for students of all ages. Topics include financial aid, college planning and financial literacy. If you would like to be notified when each *Your KHEAA College Connection* is published, please email [publications@kheaa.com](mailto:publications@kheaa.com). You'll find stories about planning, preparing and paying for college for students of all ages, as well as general education news that you can use. Check out the [latest edition](#) to see what it's like.

### **Attention Juniors:**

Ms Burgei will be hosting a Junior College Planning Meeting on Monday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the NDA Auditorium. Parents and students are encouraged to attend to get started on the planning process for college.

### **Spring 2014 College Fair for High School Students**

The 33rd Annual Covington Latin College Fair will be held at Covington Latin School at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday April 23, 2014. This is a free event and everyone is welcome! It's a great chance for students and college admission counselor to have more personalized contact as opposed to the larger, national fairs. They plan to have 25-30 representatives in attendance. For some tips on how on making the most of a college fair you can go to our website at <http://www.ndapandas.org/academics/counseling-and-student-services.aspx>.



## **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](mailto: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.

If you have any questions regarding prizes for after prom please contact Tricia Kennedy at [kennedyt@ndapandas.org](mailto:kennedyt@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](http://www.proximotravel.com/trip-store/?action=view_trip&triptemplateid=1). There will be a meeting for parents of interested students on Wednesday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

## **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](mailto:gronottek@ndapandas.org).



## 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).

## 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 MANY upcoming dates. 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!



## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES ◀

**Art, Music, Theatre, Athletics and More!**

Check out all of the amazing opportunities this summer for current and future Pandas [HERE](#).

## FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE ◀

### 2014 GALA

We are revamping the Autumn Gala! Would you like to be part of planning a new, fun event that benefits NDA? To join the committee, contact NDA Advancement Director Anna Hehman at [hehmana@ndapandas.org](mailto:hehmana@ndapandas.org) or 859-292-1851.

## 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 p.m. in Alumnae Hall and the performance will start at 7:00 p.m. For more information, or to make reservations contact Emily Berling at 859-292-1852 or [berlinge@ndapandas.org](mailto:berlinge@ndapandas.org). Tickets are \$25. There is a registration form on the last page of the Notre Damian for this as well.

## ▶ Important Dates

March 26	7:00 p.m. Winter Sports Awards
March 27	Jesuit College Fair
March 28	7:00 p.m. NDA Athletic Hall of Fame Induction
April 3	Alumnae Dinner Theatre Freshmen see Pride and Prejudice Psychology Baby Day
April 4	Sophomore Class Retreat
April 4-6	Spring Play - Thoroughly Modern Millie
April 16	Holy Week Prayer Service
April 17	No School - Easter Break Begins Evening Retreat
April 22	School Resumes
April 25	Panda Prowl - NDA Walk to Water Prom

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

### St. Joseph School Crescent Springs Presents "MULAN JR"

St. Joseph School Crescent Springs Curtain Call Cavaliers will be presenting their spring play, Disney's *MULAN JR* at the NDA Performing Arts Center on April 10-12. Travel back to the legendary, storytelling days of ancient China with Disney's *MULAN JR*, the action-packed stage adaptation of Disney's film. Disney's *MULAN JR* is a heartwarming celebration of culture, honor and the fighting spirit!

Showtimes and prices are as follows: Thursday, April 10th is "Meet the Cast" night. There will be appetizers at 6:15 p.m. followed by the performance at 7:00 p.m. (tickets \$6 for students, \$8 for adults). Friday, April 11th and Saturday, April 12th the performance is at 8:00 p.m. (both nights tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults). Tickets are available by visiting the St. Joseph School website, [www.sjscrescent.com](http://www.sjscrescent.com) and clicking on "Forms" or by contacting Beth Wilson at 859-653-1557 or [beth@wilsoncpallc.com](mailto:beth@wilsoncpallc.com). We hope to see you at the show!

### Two great conferences on one very important day.

Join us for this special day! Immaculate Heart of Mary is pleased to host a Divine Mercy Conference on April 26, featuring a young adult/teen conference (ages 14-21) in the gym and an adult conference in the Church. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for teens/young adults. Lunch is included. Family and group rates are available. The day will consist of inspiring talks, praise and worship music with the emphasis on bringing hearts together to receive the love and mercy of God. We invite you and your loved ones to take advantage of the special Plenary Indulgence the Church offers us on the Feast of Divine Mercy with Mass at 5:00 p.m. and Confessions during the Conference. Register today and learn more about the Conference, featured speakers and schedule on the Conference website: [www.April26Conference.com](http://www.April26Conference.com) or call 859-689-5010.

Our Lord gave this beautiful message to St. Faustina: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon these souls that approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sin and punishment. On that day all the divine flood gates through which grace flow are opened.... (Diary #699).

### How to Stay Catholic on Campus

A seminar for high school juniors and seniors to prepare for college will be held Saturday April 5, 2014, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Holy Spirit Center, 5440 Moeller Ave., Norwood, Ohio. The cost is \$40 pre-registered and \$50 at the door and includes 1 meal, snacks, workshop materials, and a college survival kit. The day includes guest speakers: Matt Swaim, Fr. John Bullock LC, and Kathleen Murphy. There will also be discussions led by college students, testimonies, Mass, Adoration, and opportunity for Confession as well as great food and fun. You can find more information and a permission slip for this event [HERE](#). To register: Mail permission slip (and payment if pre-registering with checks payable to Tri State Horizons) to: Machell Kroner, 5789 Day Road, Cincinnati, OH 45252. \*You must be at least 16 years of age. If under 18 send or bring the provided permission slip. Questions? Contact Machell Kroner [mparkskroner@yahoo.com](mailto:mparkskroner@yahoo.com) 513-218-2459.

### Pure Fashion

Pure Fashion is an international faith based program designed for girls 14-18 to help young women re-discover and re-affirm their innate value and authentic femininity. Through the monthly training sessions, Pure Fashion Models are taught the foundational skills of becoming confident, competent leaders in their schools and communities. With training sessions focusing on topics such as table manners, social etiquette and public speaking skills, Pure Fashion Models will learn the basics of growing into distinguished, capable and respectful young women. Pure Fashion models will also be taught the art of makeup and hairstyling, all the while remembering that grace, decency and dignity are our greatest adornments. To apply, go to [www.pure-fashion.com](http://www.pure-fashion.com), click on Find a City, Northern Kentucky, and Become a Model. Space is limited to 30 models. Apply online today!



### 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](mailto:humanresources@sndky.org), or call 859-291-2040.