



March 27, 2013



An e-Newsletter for

the Families of Notre Dame Academy



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings Parents,

Today we celebrated a prayer service as a community of learners to reflect on and remember the Easter story. This story of transformation from suffering to new life is a source of hope for us all. An education at Notre Dame is also a story of transformation. The fourth educational principle is an integrated education for transformation. Through learning, exploring, sharing, being challenged and sometimes even suffering - we can become the whole person God made each of us to be - we are transforming. I hope, like Easter, this is a message of hope and promise for each of our students.

Our student council leaders presented Sr. Mary Ethel with a special recognition in honor of her [NCEA Educator Excellence award](#) this morning after the prayer service. They gave her flowers, a special gift and a binder filled with notes of congratulations from our students. I know Sr. Mary Ethel was moved by their thoughtfulness and generosity. As she said to the girls in her remarks: "It is an honor to teach such a wonderful and bright group of young ladies." It was nice for the students to recognize Sr. Ethel as a woman making a difference! Sr. Ethel and I will travel to the NCEA Convention in Houston next week where she will receive her award.

This past week we hosted a visit for 11 faculty members from Georgetown Visitation Preparatory Academy in Washington, D.C. Our visitors observed classes and met with faculty and staff to learn about our iPad program. One of the most impressive parts of the visit was the presentation by the students on our S.W.A.T. team on the various ways they are using the iPads in their classes.

Next Friday, April 5, students will learn about opportunities to be a part of Student Council for next year. Information sessions will be held during the Long Homeroom period for each of the grade levels. I hope you will encourage your daughter to become a part of the Student Council organization and contribute her time and talent to student leadership and school spirit at NDA.

I am sure our students and faculty are looking forward to the coming break and hope it allows time for relaxation with family and friends. On behalf of the faculty and staff at Notre Dame Academy, I wish you and your family a very joyous and blessed Easter season.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

Notre Dame Academy
is built on the
Four Educational Principles
of the Sisters of Notre Dame:



- The centrality of a good and provident God
- The human dignity of each person as an image of God
- The Notre Dame educator as a Gospel witness
- An integrated education for transformation



iPad UPDATE ◀

App of the Week:
Visualize Free

Try Free version to experience
the power of Visualize !!!



NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE ◀

NDA Prom and After Prom registration forms are available on the school's website. [Click here](#) to print the forms!



Student Council elections are rapidly approaching!

On Friday, April 5, all freshmen through juniors will attend a general information session about Student Council office and the election process. If interested in running for the elected positions, students should complete the application, which will be made available to students on the day of the information session. Mark your calendars! Elections are scheduled for Friday, April 19.

Policy Reminder!

As explained in [NDA's Student/Parent Handbook](#) (p. 11), a parent/guardian should call the school office by 8:00 a.m. if a student must be absent from school. If a student is missing from 1st period and a phone call explaining the absence has not been received, a call will be placed to the student's home verifying her absence. Our office staff thanks you in advance for following school policy!

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:



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>

Counseling and Student Services News

Career Exploration: High School Programs at Children's Hospital:



Interested in the medical field or a in doing research to assist advancements in the medical profession? Children's Hospital in Cincinnati has numerous opportunities for high school students interested in medical/science careers. Children's Hospital Summer Internship program for graduation Seniors: <http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/education/research/high-school/summer-internship/>

Other High School Programs offered by Children's Hospital:

<http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/education/research/high-school/default/>

Job Shadowing at Children's (it's easy and free to sign up to shadow a professional at Children's):

<http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/education/community/job-shadow/default/>

New Scholarship Bulletin for Seniors:

There is a NEW Scholarship Bulletin, Scholarship Bulletin: March 26, 2013, on our website. Be sure to look at the new opportunities! Here is a link to Scholarship Bulletin Page: <http://www.ndapandas.org/academics/counseling-and-student-services/college-counseling/scholarship-information/scholarship-bulletins.aspx>



Junior In-School ACT

Juniors participated in the Diocesan-wide ACT Testing on Tuesday, March 19. The ACT the juniors took is an official test and their scores can be sent to any colleges they will apply to. Parents and students will be billed for the \$35 cost of this test. Thanks to all the juniors for your cooperation on test day!

Post-ACT Presentation on College Planning

The juniors met with Ms. Burgei in the Theatre after the ACT regarding the College Planning process. Students were given information on the various aspects of college planning and heard from current seniors about their journey. The seniors offered terrific tips and recommendations to the juniors. Juniors received a magazine publication called Getting In. This is a resource with a lot of information on Financial Aid, Scholarships and paying for college. Last, the juniors will receive a follow-up email from Ms. Burgei which will include links, information from the presentation, and several documents to assist them in the coming months. If any student and/or parent would like to set up a time to meet with Ms. Burgei to discuss the college planning process, feel free to email her at burgeik@ndapandas.org.

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 post-marked 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](#).



VOTE AMY HANSEN FOR LAROSA'S NEXT MVP!

NAME: Amy Hansen

SCHOOL: Notre Dame Academy

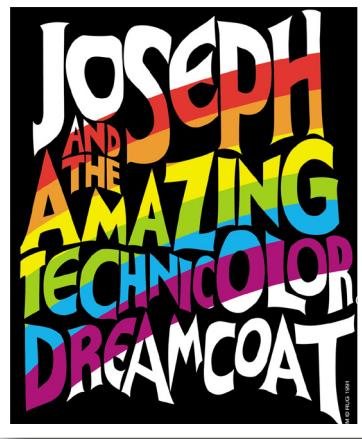
SPORT(S): Track-Cross Country

GRADUATING YEAR: 2013

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: In track, Amy is the defending regional champion in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs and was named 1st team all-Northern Kentucky (Enquirer). In cross country, she was the NKAC champ and regional runner-up and was NKY Co-Runner of the Year.

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NDA & CCH PRESENT ◀

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Our spring musical production brings the biblical tale of Joseph and his brothers to life in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." As a boy blessed with prophetic dreams, Joseph endures a series of adventures in which his spirit and humanity are continually challenged. Don't miss our last show of the season!

Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. - Alumnae Dinner Theatre

Friday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Students \$5 Adults \$10, Box Office Opens 30 minutes prior to show.

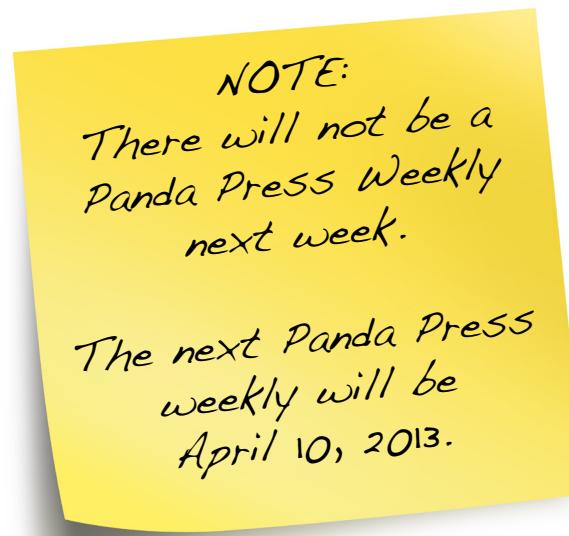
Tickets can be reserved online at tixs4pandas@aol.com.

Please call 859-292-1863 with questions.

ALUMNAE DINNER THEATRE ◀

Please join us for the annual NDA Alumnae Dinner Theatre on Thursday, April 18, 2013 for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Our evening of entertainment will begin with drinks and dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Alumnae Hall. The musical will start at 7:00 p.m. in Frances Kathryn Carlisle Performing Arts Center. Tickets for Alumnae Dinner Theatre are \$25 and include dinner, drinks, dessert and admission to the performance.

Reply cards can be found in the most recent Notre Dameian or reservations may be made by contacting our new Alumnae Coordinator, Emily Berling, at 859.292.7729 to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, April 11, 2013.



DISH ROOM NEWS ◀

Hello Dish Room Volunteers! We need volunteers for the following dates: April 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, & 30. 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!

CONGRATULATIONS! ▶

Three NDA seniors were recently accepted into the Carl H. Lindner Honors-PLUS program. After an application and interview process, Marisa Lorch, Molly Hinken and Megan Beischel were among the 25 students chosen to be part of this prestigious and selective business program this year.

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.



NDA senior, Kassandra Neltner, has been honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award. In recognition for her dedication to the service of others, Kassandra received a letter from President Barack Obama congratulating her on the award and thanking Kassandra for her service to the community. The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was presented by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program on behalf of President Barack Obama. Kassandra earned this award for the substantial amount of service she has completed over the course of her high school career. Kassandra has served as a Challenge Club Leader, and NDA Retreat Leader, a Youth 2000 Core Team Leader and has volunteered at many local agencies in many capacities. Kassandra truly embodies the spirit of Notre Dame Academy by using her God given talents in serving others to make a difference in the world!

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".

The First Annual Purses 4 A Purpose will take place at The Marquise on Tuesday April 23 at 6:30 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 is The Point Arc of NKY. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. You can order your tickets by contacting Linda Grome at 859.491.9191 or 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.