



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings parents,

Today we celebrated an Easter Week Prayer Service as a school community. It was a great opportunity to reflect on the value of service in a community of faith and to prepare for the Easter Season of hope. Several of our students gave beautiful and moving testimonials of the service they have provided to our wider community. The students' reflections focused not only on the idea of serving others, but mostly on the positive impact that service has had for them personally. Most importantly, they offered stories of hope for all of us.

Please mark your calendar for our Spring Musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*. The performances will be held on April 17, 18 and 19. Please find more information including online ticket orders at <http://www.ndapandas.org/arts/current-season.aspx>. A special performance will be held on April 19 at 7:00 p.m. to benefit the Notre Dame Urban Education Center. Please see more information about this event at <http://www.nduec.org/>.

Last Friday we held our Panda Go Red event to raise awareness about making lifestyle choices that affect heart health. The event included speakers and a Health Fair. The girls were very engaged and our guests were complimentary of their interest and good questions. In addition to several local health professionals, it was an honor to welcome NDA Alumna Dr. Monica Hunter. Dr. Hunter gave an inspirational presentation on the importance of taking care of yourself - physically emotionally and spiritually. She was a great example of using her NDA education to make a difference!

If you are interested in applying for Scholarships for the 2015-16 school year please check our website for application information. The application deadline is April 15.

Everyone seemed very ready for their Easter break as they left today. It is nice to go out into the sunshine and warm air, knowing that the Easter weekend lies ahead. School will resume on Thursday, April 9.

In closing, on behalf of our faculty and staff, may this Easter Season bring an abundance of joy and hope to you and your family.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl





INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

Last week, the SWAT team had a visitor, Mr. Ty Walbrink, of Interalliance, Cincinnati. Ty's mother happens to be an NDA alum, Jeana Burke '77. He spoke to students about summer internships and summer technology camps. NDA is an official chapter of Interalliance Cincinnati.



STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Prom and After Prom

Tickets sales for both Prom and After Prom will continue after we return from Easter break. The last day to purchase Prom tickets will be Wednesday, April 15. After Prom registrations are due April 10 in order to receive a t-shirt; After Prom reservations will be accepted through Friday, April 24. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the Prom information sheet and After Prom registration form.

T-Shirt Sales

On the day of Prom, classes will be in session for just half of the day. Student Council, with the help of other students and faculty, are planning fun activities for this half-day that celebrate our theme for the year – Sisterhood. Students are encouraged to wear special t-shirts on this day, which will be sold during homeroom beginning next week and through April 10.

Attendance Policy

Attendance at school is necessary to an NDA education and the whole learning process. When a student is absent from class, lectures, discussions and demonstrations are missed that cannot be repeated. For this reason, families are encouraged to take vacations when school is not in session - this allows students to stay current and engaged in the learning process.

If an absence due to travel cannot be avoided, students are expected to complete a Vacation Form. The form requires teachers' signatures and is a means in which students can gather information on missing classwork, etc. In order to earn credit for the missing work, it must be completed by the due date as indicated by the teacher. The completed Vacation Form is due to Mrs. Grayson upon the student's return to school. Parents are still expected to notify the school office in the event of a student's absence.

Relational Aggression Assembly

Lisa Hinkelman and Lauren Hancock will be here from the Ruling Our eXperiences (ROX) program to present to our students on the concept of Relational Aggression, which is very evident amongst teenage girls.



AFTER PROM ◀

Junior and Senior Parents,

After Prom is right around the corner. Myself, Joelle Michels, and Tammy Ziegelmeyer are on the prize committee for the After Prom. We are asking for your help by donating prizes to make the evening even more fun and exciting for the girls. Last year some of the prizes we had were TV's, \$100 cash, Reds tickets, mini refrigerator, and a lot of gift cards to places all over the area. All donations can be dropped off in the school office or you can contact me and I will pick it up. The more we get, the more prizes we will have available for the girls to win!

Thank you,
Tricia Kennedy

After Prom is a fun part of the prom experience for our Juniors and Seniors. We need many parent volunteers to make the event a success! Please consider signing up to volunteer or chaperone on Friday, April 24th! We're using VolunteerSpot (the leading online Sign-up and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming Sign-ups.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our Sign-Up on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/NH9QuS>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on VolunteerSpot.

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone.

ANNUAL BABY DAY INVITATION TO FACULTY, STAFF, PARENTS, FRIENDS, & ALUMS ◀

Greetings from the NDA Psychology Classes!

The Psychology classes are once again hosting the annual "Baby Day" activities on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. There are two 40 minute sessions available. The sessions are 10:30-11:10 am and 11:15am-11:55 am. Please contact Michele Johnson at johnsonm@ndapandas.org, if you wish to participate. Please include the name(s) of your child/children and their ages. 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 address 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



PROJECT 38 ◀

Over the course of this school year, teaching artists from Cincinnati Shakespeare Company have collaborated with the students and faculty of 38+ school's bringing Shakespeare's 38 play canon to life in various and creative ways. NDA senior Megan Kathman wrote a farcical, modern adaptation of Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale*, and has cast, produced and directed it under the guidance of Mrs. Linda Bricking and Ms. Maggie Perrino. It will be performed for the public at Memorial Hall in Cincinnati on April 21 at 2:00 p.m. Congratulations on this notable accomplishment for Megan and the 11 girls involved.

2015 NDA GOLF OUTING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ◀

If you are interested in serving on the committee or volunteering for the Notre Dame Boosters 17th annual Golf outing please contact the AD, Myanna Webster, at websterm@ndapandas.org. The outing will take place at Twin Oaks golf course on July 31, 2015.

NDA SCIENCE RESEARCH NEWS ◀

Congratulations to our Science Research students! They competed at KYSEF last weekend and did very well. Cassidy Ryan received First Place in Environmental Science, Emily Walter received the U.S. Office of Naval Research Award and Teaghan Brauer received the The United States Army Certificate of Achievement for an outstanding science project.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT? ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2015 enrollment. We are working with our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta) to arrange for 2 German exchange students. We are also working with the Cambridge Institute to recruit students from China, Korea and/or Viet Nam. We are hoping to enroll 3-4 students through this program. At this time we are seeking families who would consider hosting any of these students. Please email Mrs. Katie Caccavari at caccavarik@ndapandas.org, if you would be interested in more information about this opportunity. Your reply is not a commitment, but would help us to know which families would consider supporting our international student enrollment by serving as a host family. Thank you for your interest.



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS RE-ENROLLMENT ◀

Parents, thank you for being a part of Kroger's Community Rewards program. This is just friendly reminder that the new cycle for Kroger Community Rewards begins May 1 and you will be able to re-enroll beginning today, April 1, and running through April 30. If you need assistance with your online account, please call our tech team at: 1-866-221-4141.

NDA & CCH PRESENT *Little Shop of Horrors* ◀

Don't miss this year's spring play, *Little Shop of Horrors* by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman. Showtimes are Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m., as well as Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#).



BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

Have you had a chance to stop in and check out the latest items in the Bambootique? We've got a few new things as well as LOTS of items that have been marked down in the hopes of clearing out the inventory in preparation for next school year. Come check us out! If anyone is interested in working in the shop, please email Aimee Dickhaus at ddickhaus@yahoo.com with your availability - we can always use more help!



MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH INTERACT ◀

The Interact Club crossed a threshold of having collected over \$750 in Box Tops for Education since our founding 4 years ago. This \$750+ has been distributed to parochial schools in the city of Covington. If you are not already collecting Box Tops for Education for a K-8 school, please consider giving them to the Interact Club.

Please also consider giving your bottle caps from Coke products (including Minute Maid juice and flavored Dasani) to the Interact Club as well. Every bottle cap from 20 oz and 2 liter bottles is worth \$.05 for a school. Every code found on a 12 pack is worth 15.34 cents for a school.

2015 YEARBOOK ◀

Attention parents: Time is running out to buy yearbooks at the low price of \$60. The price rises to \$70 after April 15. Also, senior parents, you can congratulate your daughters with a yearbook recognition ad, on sale now through April 17. Space is limited, so buy yours now. Both yearbooks and ads can be purchased through this link:

<http://www.ndapandas.org/students/yearbook-order-information.aspx>



BASS FISHING NEWS ◀

The Bass Fishing team is looking for people who own boats to be boat volunteers for tournaments. If you can help them out, please contact Pete Salkowski, Bass Fishing Team Coach, at salkowski@ndapandas.org.

POSITION AVAILABLE ◀

Notre Dame Academy is seeking a substitute teacher in our music program for the period of May 4 - May 29, 2015. This position includes teaching 2 courses per day and serving as the Chorus Director. Please submit resume and letter of interest to ndahr@ndapandas.org.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/WORK STUDY

In order to be eligible for Financial Assistance and the NDA Work/Study Program one must follow a 2-step process:

1. The family must apply online for the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by **April 1, 2015**. 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, 2015**. 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 **April 15, 2015**.

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, 2015.



at NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Whether you are **Artistic** **ATHLETIC** **Musical** **Dramatic**
or you are just looking for **Something Fun**
to do this summer, NOTRE DAME ACADEMY has all
sorts of opportunities for you! Check them out at:

www.ndapandas.org

► Important dates:

April 2-8	Easter Break
April 9	School Resumes
April 16	Alumnae Dinner Theatre
April 17-19	Spring Play
April 18	Language and Math Placement Tests for Incoming Freshmen
April 22	Chastity Speaker at NDA Spring Athletic Signing Sophomore Ring Ceremony
April 23	Junior Parent Meeting
April 24	Early Dismissal - Prom
April 26	Orange and White Game at St. Ursula
April 30	Diocesan Teacher Recognition Luncheon
May 1	Mass and May Crowning
May 4	AP Testing begins
May 5	Incoming Freshmen Parent Meeting
May 8	7th Grade Olympics Choral Concert
May 10	Band Concert
May 13	Academic Signing
May 14	Academic Awards

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Check out the Community News section of NDA's website for news about...

- Part-time Position for Students
- Stem Camps now open
- Sisters of Notre Dame Women's Weekend Retreat

For a complete list of community news [CLICK HERE](#).

