



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents!

Our Lenten journey is coming to a close as we look forward to the coming Easter week and the celebration of the promise of new life. I hope you are enjoying the spring weather and the refreshing change that comes with it. This promise for new life resides not only in our hearts but also in the physical world around us. May the season provide you with a chance to reflect on God's goodness and provident care.

This week we hosted Ms. Kate Blaine and Sr. Mary Frances Taymans, SND who came to learn more about the NDA educational experience. Ms. Blaine is the Principal of Georgetown Visitation Preparatory Academy in Washington, D.C. Sr. Mary Frances is the Director of the Notre Dame National Education Office. Our visitors learned about our academic programs, service program and iPad initiative. They were very complimentary of our school community and the many opportunities we have available to our students. It was nice to exchange ideas with educators from another school and other parts of our country.

Congratulations to our NDA/CCH Theater students and faculty! The play *Thoroughly Modern Millie* was a huge success. The students were outstanding in their singing, dancing and acting. Congratulations to Director Maggie Perrino and Assistant Director Christina Baulch for leading our student through the preparation and performance of this enjoyable musical theater experience at NDA.

Next Wednesday marks the middle of the fourth quarter. We are planning for many end of the year events including prom, AP tests, final exams and graduation. Senior parents will receive important graduation information electronically and in the mail this week. Information is also posted on our website at [HERE](#). Also, as prom plans are underway, please support our After Prom Committee by dining at Chipotle this evening between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. – 50% of the money spent by NDA will be donated to help pay for After Prom expenses.

Finally, as we begin our plans for the coming school year, I write with the sad news that our Athletic Director, Ms. Kim Gunning will not be returning. After 25 years as our AD, Ms. Gunning has decided to move on from her position and pursue other dreams. During her tenure at NDA, there has been tremendous growth in the athletic program including four new sports programs along with the addition of a new gym and three outdoor sports facilities. Additionally, NDA has had multiple successes in regional and state competitions, including several state championships, while maintaining the academic priorities of our students. Ms. Gunning will be available to assist in the transition over the summer. We will begin a search process this week for a new Athletic Director.

May you know God's goodness each day

Dr. Laura Koehl

“Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey.”

Pope Francis



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, 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.



TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

This week, Sr. Mary Frances Thaman, from the Notre Dame National Education Office, and Ms. Katie Blaine, from Georgetown Visitation School in Washington DC, visited our campus to see how the iPad Initiative is going here at NDA. Last year, 10 members of their faculty visited here and since then, they have implemented a 1:1 iPad program with the Georgetown Visitation juniors. Senior Hannah Hatch, gave a very informative

question and answer session to our visitors. She gave the perspective from watching our technology evolution over the past four years; her freshman through senior years. Look in the next PPW for a spotlight on our graduating two graduating seniors, Hannah Hatch and Kelsey Michael.



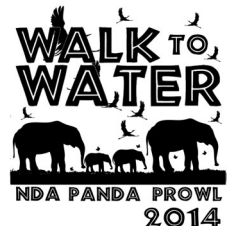
STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Prom

Prom and After Prom tickets are on sale! [Click this link](#) to access Prom and After Prom registration forms.

Panda Prowl

Student Council and the Uganda Pandas groups are seeking parent volunteers for the upcoming Panda Prowl. Scheduled for Friday, April 25, the Panda Prowl will take place between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and requires the help of many. Please email Mrs. Witt (wittm@ndapandas.org) if you are interested in volunteering at this event. Please include your name, daughter's name, email and phone number.



Student Council

Good luck to our juniors who are running for 2014-2015 School Officers. The election for School Co-President, School Secretary and School Treasurer will take place during Friday's long homeroom.

Vacation Form

The completion of a Vacation Form is required when a student will be missing school for travel purposes. The forms are available here or in the school office. In addition to the Vacation Form, the school office must be notified of the student's absence. The day before and after Easter Break are required school days, and students absent on these days will be considered unexcused and schoolwork, tests, etc. given on these days are only made up at the teacher's discretion.

INTERACT NEWS ◀

In a little over three years NDA's Interact Club has collected and distributed \$624.10 in Box Tops for Education for diocesan K-8 schools in the city of Covington. Here are the exact numbers:

Box Tops for Education
2010-11 Total – \$67.60
2011-12 Total \$236.20
2012-13 Total \$179.20
2013-14 Running Total \$141.10
Running Grand Total \$624.10

Labels for Education (Campbell's Soup Labels)
2010-11 58 Points
2011-12 424 Points
2012-13 Total 525 Points
2013-14 Running Total - 1695 Points
Running Grand Total 2702 Points

If you have Box Tops for Education or Labels for Education that you would like to donate, send them to Mr. Martin. To keep up with Interact's progress [CLICK HERE](#).



FROM THE CAMPUS MINISTER ◀

This Sunday is Palm Sunday and begins Holy Week. During Holy Week we are called to a more active reflection on the Passion of Jesus Christ. We hear the Passion proclaimed on Sunday which draws us to reflection of the last week of Christ's life.

To prepare ourselves for Holy Week and more importantly for Easter morning, we will be having 6 Reconciliation Services in our chapel this week. Students are most welcome if they are free during the following periods:

- Thursday- April 10 3rd 4th (11:15-12:15) 5th
- Friday - April 11 3rd 4th (10:45-11:45) 5th

Also on Thursday, April 10, several students will be saying the stations of the cross in the chapel right after school (about 2:50 p.m.). All are welcome to remember Christ in His Passion.

Next Wednesday, we will have a special prayer service here at NDA during the school day to reflect on the ways we have washed the feet of others as Jesus modeled.

On Holy Thursday evening, NDA students are invited to an Evening of Reflection at NDA. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Alumnae Hall with reflection and discussion activities. At 8:30 we will depart for the Church of the Immaculata in Mt. Adams to Pray the Steps, a tradition in Cincinnati. We will arrive back at NDA at 11:30 p.m. To attend this evening of reflection, students must sign up in their religion classrooms or email Bridget Price at priceb@ndapandas.org by 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 15. Students will need a permission form turned in by Wednesday of next week. The forms are in Mrs. Price's office. This event is open to NDA students only.



AFTER PROM ◀

It's a great time to purchase gift cards for After Prom!

Kroger is offering 4X Gas Points for Gift Card Purchases! Please consider donating 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.

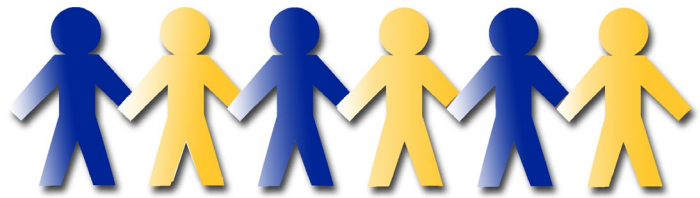
Chipotle

Also **TODAY from 3 to 8 p.m.** we are having an After prom fundraiser at Chipotle at the Buttermilk location. Coupons are in the front office or just mention NDA After Prom and we get **50%** of the proceeds! These fundraisers are the only way we make money to put on after prom so we really need your support.



If you have any questions regarding prizes for after prom please contact Tricia Kennedy at kennedyt@ndapandas.org.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



College Fair at Covington Latin

Covington Latin
Wednesday, April 23, 2014
7:00 p.m.

The 33rd Annual Covington Latin College Fair will be held at Covington Latin School at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday April 23rd. 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. This is open to students from all grade levels and there is no RSVP needed.

Cincinnati Area Spring College Fair

Xavier University
Cintas Center
Monday, May 5, 2014
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

All high school students and parents are invited to explore college options with over 100 nationally recognized colleges and universities. There is no charge for students and parents to attend the College Fair. There is no need to RSVP. Parking will be available near and around the Cintas Center. For more information please contact us at 513-745-3301.

You can also read more about this event at Xavier's website (including past colleges that have attended this fair).
Website Link: <http://www.xavier.edu/undergraduate-admission/collegefair/>

"Tips On Making the Most of a College Fair"

To find a short hand-out with tips and advice for making the most of College Fairs, [click here](#)

Link to NDA's College Counseling page on our Website: For all grade levels!

There is a College Counseling page on NDA's website. This page has information about the College Planning Process, Researching Colleges and College Match Tools, Taking the ACT and SAT, Financial Aid, Scholarships, KEES, etc.
Link: <http://www.ndapandas.org/academics/counseling-and-student-services/college-counseling.aspx>

Summer Opportunities

Anyone who is interested in participating in a variety of summer camps and opportunities, please visit our Summer Enrichment page on our NDA website. There are some deadlines that are fast approaching! Some opportunities include a UK Entomology camp, a Transy pre-college experience or an ECU Music Camp. There are research opportunities at Thomas More or Engineering Camps at UofL and Dayton. There are so many to choose from so please take a look! Click below to link: [Summer Enrichment](#)



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).

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.

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!

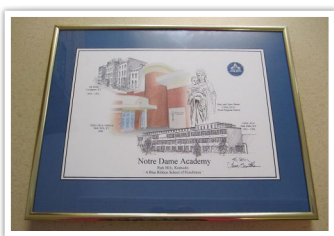
Check out all of the amazing opportunities this summer for current and future Pandas [HERE](#).

FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE ◀

Three Great Graduation Gift Ideas!

Commemorative NDA Bricks

Purchase a brick on Notre Dame Academy's Marian Circle to commemorate your daughter's time at NDA! Bricks are specially priced for senior parents at just \$150. To reserve your daughter's brick on the Marian Circle, simply fill out the form found [HERE](#) online and return to the Advancement Office by June 15, 2014. For questions, contact Advancement Director Anna Hehman at 292-1851 or at hehmana@ndapandas.org.



Special Limited Edition NDA Gaither Print

This beautiful print of Notre Dame Academy by local artist Tom Gaither depicts the original location on 5th Street in Covington, the building in its new location on Hilton Drive, and the new addition. The prints are matted and framed, and are a wonderful gift for a graduate of Notre Dame Academy. The cost is \$80.00. Purchase your print by emailing Anna Hehman at hehmana@ndapandas.org or by calling (859) 292-1851.

Alumnae Spirit Wear!

NDA Alumna sweatshirts are now available through the Alumnae Office. Full zip, hooded and quarter-zip sweatshirts are available in navy or gray and long sleeve t-shirts are available in white or navy. You can download an order form [HERE](#). For more information contact Alumnae Coordinator Emily Berling at 859-292-1852 or berlinge@ndapandas.org.



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 or 859-292-1851.

BAMBOOTIQUE

SALE

20% off Everything

and up to 50% off on Clearance Items

▶ Important Dates

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| April 11 | Student Council Officer Elections 7th Grade Olympics |
| April 12 | Algebra and Language Placement Tests for Incoming Freshmen |
| April 16 | Mid-Quarter Holy Week Prayer Service |
| April 17 | No School - Easter Break Begins Evening Retreat |
| April 22 | School Resumes Earth Day |
| April 25 | Panda Prowl - NDA Walk to Water Prom |
| April 29 | Diocesan Track Meet at NDA |
| April 30 | Middle School Track Meet at NDA |
| May 1 | Mass - May Crowning - Ring Ceremony Information Meeting for Parents of Incoming Freshmen |
| May 9 | Choral Concert |
| May 5-16 | AP Exams |
| May 14 | Academic Signing |
| May 15 | Awards Ceremony |
| May 16 | Senior Send-off |
| May 19-21 | Senior Exams |
| May 22 | Baccalaureate Mass |
| May 23 | Senior Awards Breakfast Graduation |
| May 27-29 | Exams |
| May 30 | Cleaning Day |

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!

Show times 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 and clicking on “Forms” or by contacting Beth Wilson at 859-653-1557 or beth@wilsoncpallc.com. We hope to see you at the show!



Strides for Stars

Join STARS on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. for a 5K Walk/Run to benefit STARS - our community's free grief support program for children who have experienced the death of a loved one. The course will begin and end at Dixie Heights High School, located at 3010 Dixie Highway, Crestview Hills, KY. You can pre-register online at www.stridesforstars.com. Mailed registration forms

and fees may be sent to the St. Elizabeth Foundation by April 21, 2014. You can also register on race day. Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. Registration includes: Entry fee, race t-shirt, promotional items, eligibility to win prizes and awards, and the opportunity to honor the memory of someone who was special to you and your family. Pre-registration fees are \$25 for Adults and \$15 for 17 and younger. Event day fees are \$30 for Adults and \$20 for 17 and younger. T-Shirts included while supplies last. For more information, please contact James Ellis at 859.301.4611 or James.Ellis@stelizabeth.com.

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, or call 859-291-2040.



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.purefashion.com, click on Find a City, Northern Kentucky, and Become a Model. Space is limited to 30 models. Apply online today!

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 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).

Fun Way to Help

Be Concerned is seeking school organizations and/or young people interested in joining our team for the Hunger Walk on Memorial Day. The Walk is a 5K that starts at 9:00 a.m. at Sawyer Point Park on the Cincinnati riverfront and takes about an hour to complete. Walkers will raise money for Be Concerned with a \$15-\$20 entry fee and/or by securing sponsors from among their friends and family. The event is a great opportunity to have fun with your friends and help Be Concerned serve the 800+ families currently relying on us to put food on the table. For more information, contact: Paul Gottbrath at beconcernedinc@yahoo.com (859) 291-1340 or Andy Brunsman at (859) 291-6789 or beconcernedandy@yahoo.com.