

An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings Parents,

I hope you and your family enjoyed a blessed and joyous Easter holiday. It is nice to have everyone back and the fourth-quarter is moving along with the midpoint quickly approaching on April 23.

Congratulations to our April Student of the Month - Senior Sarah Buckley. Please see the announcement below to read about Sarah's many accomplishments. Once again our science research team has done very well. Congratulations to Sr. Mary Ethel Parrott and several of those students who participated in the Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair over spring break. Please read below about the several students who received awards from many prestigious organizations.

Junior/Senior Prom is just around the corner and I would like to remind everyone of the dress code for our formal dances. Dresses should be of an appropriate length and provide adequate coverage of legs, stomach, chest, and back areas. Extremely tight dresses like tube dresses are not permitted. On March 22, our Respect Club presented a fashion show to demonstrate appropriate dress for prom. If you and your daughter are not sure about the choice of attire, feel free to email a picture to Assistant Principal Mrs. Grayson ([graysona@ndapandas.org](mailto:graysona@ndapandas.org)) and she will provide her feedback. Our dress code reinforces what is appropriate for a social function at a Catholic school and demonstrates respect for self and others. We appreciate your support of this policy. Mr. Rowe, principal of Covington Catholic, also asked me to remind the girls that they must abide by the same dress code if they attend the CCH prom this Saturday. Any student wearing inappropriate attire will not be admitted to either dance.

Finally, please take note of some important information listed in the department news below. This includes:

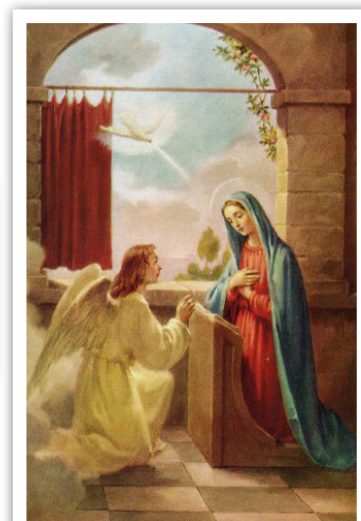
- The NDA/CCH spring musical Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat will be performed on April 19, 20 and 21.
- Student council elections will be held on April 19, May 3, of May 23.
- NDA night at the Reds will be held on April 23.
- Students wishing to apply for scholarships need to do so by May 1.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

Monday, April 8, was the Church commemoration of the Feast of the Annunciation.

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





## iPad UPDATE ◀

### iStudiez Pro App

This is an online planner app that will replace the paper planners that have been purchased for students in the past. We will no longer purchase paper planners but will provide the online planner instead. This Friday, any interested freshmen through junior is invited to attend a brief demonstration on

how to use the iStudiez Pro app. The demonstration will be led by a SWAT Team member and held during Friday's long homeroom session.

### NDA S.W.A.T. Team Goes on the Road and Then Some!



Recently, Notre Dame Academy's S.W.A.T. (Students Working to Advance Technology) Team went along with NDA's Dean of Instructional Technology, Molly Mullee, to present with her at the Kentucky Society for Technology in Education Conference (KYTE) in Louisville, Kentucky. The topic of the presentation was "Going 1:1 iPad; a Student's Perspective" for which eight students each gave their perspective of how the implementation of the iPad has changed the way they learn, their teachers teach, and how the NDA community as a whole has changed.

During this initial year of the 1:1 iPad at NDA, Mrs. Mullee and the S.W.A.T. Team have built a support system that has enabled school wide community members to seamlessly operate with this new technology. Mrs. Mullee was so pleased

with the outcome, that she could not envision presenting at KYSTE without these critical stakeholders.

These young ladies were so impressive that they were asked to repeat their performance when faculty members from Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School in Washington DC visited NDA to see how our 1:1 iPad Initiative implementation process was integrated. In a recent follow up email, one GV faculty member commented:

*"Dear Mrs. Mullee: Christine McGovern has asked me to present to the GV faculty about our trip to NDA, so I wanted to follow up with you as a resource. Of the 10 of us who visited, we unanimously agreed that the student presentations and interactions were the highlight of our trip. They were engaging, dynamic and absolutely sold of the validity of the 1:1 program."*

"This is a true testament to the validity of the two-year-old program at NDA," says Mrs. Mullee. "In February of 2011, the iPad itself being less than a year on the market, we began an iPad pilot program at NDA with just 22 iPads. This school year we implemented full 1:1 iPad integration and this initiative is already supporting our mission at NDA to educate young women to make a difference in the world."



## APPLY TODAY FOR AN NDA SCHOLARSHIP ◀

**The application deadline for scholarships at NDA is MAY 1, 2013.**

Through the generosity of many, Notre Dame Academy is fortunate to be able to offer numerous academic, endowed, and tuition assistance scholarships to its students. Each school year, Notre Dame provides a significant amount of financial assistance to NDA families. Last year the total amount of financial assistance given through scholarships, PSAS, and NDA's Work/Study Program was \$709,000.

There is a complete listing of available scholarships on the NDA website at [NDA Scholarships](#). Scholarships are listed in three categories; Academic, Endowed, and Tuition Assistance. Each category includes available scholarships with eligibility criteria and a downloadable application.

The application process is quick and easy. Simply complete an application for each scholarship you wish to apply for and drop it off or mail it to the school office.

**ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2013**

## NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE ◀

### NDA Prom and After Prom

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

### Student Elections



Student Council elections are rapidly approaching! If any current juniors are interested in running for the school officer positions (Co-President or Secretary), they should complete the application [available here](#). Candidates will campaign the week of Monday, April 15 with the elections taking place on Friday, April 19.

Current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who would like to run for Grade Level Co-President can find the application and pertinent due dates [here](#). Grade Level elections will take place on Friday, May 3. Homeroom representatives will be elected on May 23, and the application can be found [here](#) on our school's website. Good luck to all Pandas running for office this year!

### Night at the Reds

Tuesday, April 23 is NDA's Night at the Reds with our very own Panda Tones singing the National Anthem! Order your \$10 tickets today! Only a limited number of discounted tickets are available to purchase, and only those tickets purchased as a group are guaranteed seats together. [Click here](#) to access the reservation form which is available on our website. We hope you can join us at the Great American Ballpark!



### News from the Cafeteria

Students are reminded to pay their outstanding lunch balances. A payment dropbox is available in the school office. For any senior who ends the year with unpaid charges, your transcript will be held until payment is received. Contact Mrs. Brungs with information about your lunch account.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀



Notre Dame's April Student of the Month is a St. Pius X alum, hopes to attend the University of Dayton in the fall, and may tell you she "heard it on NPR" or National Public Radio. Senior Sarah Buckley will conclude her high school career giving us many reasons to be proud she is a panda. Three years in the band, three years on the Lacrosse team, and four years in Theater, Speech and Drama are just a few of Sarah's many accomplishments here at NDA.

Sarah "is a wonderful role model to other students in her willingness to give of her time," says NDA alum and former Director of Alumnae, Megan Schneeman. In support of school development efforts, Sarah volunteered to help at several events this school year. As she is with all of her endeavors, Sarah was thorough and hardworking.

Sarah's actions and kindness toward others are a testimony to Matthew's Gospel -- "the last will be first, and the first will be last" (20:16). Sarah is known to put others before herself. She tutored students at St. Augustine's School on a weekly basis and also volunteered to give up her study hall two days a week to help out a student at NDA. Academic Counselor Mrs. Burgei says Sarah was "always on time and a tremendous help to this student." It is her continual compassion, kindness, commitment, and respect to all people that contribute to her being recognized as Student of the Month. Way to go, Sarah!

## DISH ROOM NEWS ◀

Hello Dish Room Volunteers! We need volunteers for the following dates: April 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...

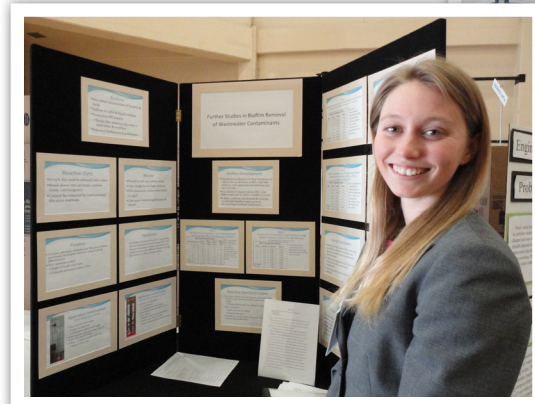
1. Using Volunteer Spot at [CAFETERIA SIGN-UP](#)
2. Calling 331-8140
3. Emailing [sharib@zoomtown.com](mailto:sharib@zoomtown.com)

## SCIENCE RESEARCH STUDENTS EXCEL AT STATE COMPETITION ◀

Over the spring break, NDA science research students competed in the Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair in Richmond, Kentucky. Monica McFadden placed third overall and earned one of the spots to the International Science and Engineering Fair. Since she had already qualified through the regional fair, Emily Walter was awarded the regional slot and will also compete at the international event in Phoenix in May.

Emily Walter won a special award from the Navy; Josie Hammon's project was rated the best in geology by the Association of Women Geoscientists and the Kentucky Society of Professional Geologists; and Monica McFadden won special awards from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Stockholm Junior Water Prize, and Ricoh Americas Sustainable Development Awards.

In category awards, Giannina Rokvic was second in Energy and Transportation. First place awards were won by Cassidy Ryan in Environmental Sciences, Ellen Kendall in Microbiology, Emily Bautista in Earth and Space Science, and Monica McFadden in Environmental Management.



## 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](mailto:tixs4pandas@aol.com). Please call 859-292-1863 with questions.

**\*PLEASE NOTE: All 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Students are welcome to preview the show at our Dress Rehearsal for FREE on Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.**

## 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 Damian 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 tomorrow, Thursday, April 11, 2013.

## FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE ◀

The Advancement and Alumnae Office has partnered with Broadway in Cincinnati to offer DISCOUNTED tickets to the upcoming performances of Sister Act to our students, parents, alumnae, and friends. This is a must see! Sister Act will be playing at the Aronoff Center April 30 - May 12 as a part of Broadway Across America. Get your friends together and get your tickets now! Remember to purchase your tickets online at <http://www.eventusher.com/> and enter the password **notredame** so \$10 of the ticket sales will go to NDA!



## Counseling and Student Services News ◀



### **Making the Most of Your Summer Vacation:**

We have updated the list of Summer Enrichment opportunities on our website! Opportunities include: academic, fine arts, technology, leadership, career, volunteer experiences, and much more! For information on summer programs, camps, volunteering, and job shadowing opportunities, [click here](#).

### **JET Tour Coming to NDA on Tuesday, April 16!**

On Tuesday, April 16, 13 Jesuit Universities will be at NDA to hold a college fair for students. Universities in attendance include: St. Louis University, Marquette, John Carroll University, Loyola University - Chicago, Loyola University - Maryland, Xavier University, Regis University, Wheeling Jesuit University, Spring Hill College, Rockhurst University, and Loyola University - New Orleans.

### **NDA's Teen Leadership Club and Interact are teaming up to benefit Scarf it Up!**

During the week of April 15-19, NDA's Teen Leadership Club and Interact Club will be sponsoring a Purse Drive. Please bring your new or gently used purses to NDA and drop them in the collection boxes in the foyer. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause!

## 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:



## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

### **Swing Into Spring**

Sister Jean Marie Hoffman, S.N.D. invites you to join us for a casual evening with friends and fun as we “Swing into Spring” and support DCCH Center for Children and Families. Come on Saturday, April 20, 2013 from 7:00 – 11:30 p.m. at The Gardens of Park Hills for Dinner by the Bite and Open Bar. Auctions, dancing and music, Dash For Cash split the pot now over \$18,000. (You don’t need to be present to win) Call 859-331-2040 ext. 8534 or go to [www.dcccenter.org](http://www.dcccenter.org) for more information.

### **Care for Carolyn**

NDA graduate, Carolyn “Jeannie” Wolnitzek Stein of Edgewood, 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 Schreiber, 538 Yatz Dr., Edgewood, KY 41017. Please come support Carolyn and her fight against Alzheimer’s. For additional information, please contact Jeff Schreiber: [jeffschreiber@gmail.com](mailto:jeffschreiber@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 to benefit The Point Arc of NKY 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. 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.

### **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.