



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents!

Welcome to the month of May! Tomorrow we celebrate the May Crowning Mass and the Sophomore Ring Ceremony. This is a special day to honor our patroness Mary and to reflect on our educational mission as a school dedicated to Mary. It also marks a special moment for our sophomores as they receive their class rings - a constant reminder of their years at NDA. Sophomore parents are welcome to the Mass held at 1:15 p.m. in the gym.

Today we held an assembly with the freshmen, sophomores and juniors. The purpose of the assembly was to introduce a new initiative for the coming year - The Common Reader program at NDA. This program is found at many high schools and colleges. It engages the school community in reading a book and following that with classroom and community based activities related to this common reading experience. The goal of the NDA Common Reader Initiative is to advance the importance of reading as an integral and vital part of an excellent education and an enriched life. In reading together as a community, we model the value of reading and build community through this shared experience. The book we will be reading for the 2014-15 school year is *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai. Please watch for further details at our website in the coming weeks.

The NDA campus has been busier than usual over the last couple of days with the Diocesan track meet yesterday and middle school track meet today. Many thanks to Ms. Gunning and Mrs. McFadden and all the coaches, parents and students who made these exciting events possible. It was so nice to see hundreds of people in our community enjoying athletic competition at the NDA Track and Field complex.

On Monday evening our State Champion Soccer team was recognized by the Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky Women's Sports Association at their Annual Banquet. Congratulations also to Seniors Erin Nurre and Maddie Tierney who were named High School Sportswomen of the Year. They represented the NDA student athletes very well in being recognized for their accomplishments.

The Junior/Senior prom was a wonderful evening enjoyed by many. We are grateful to our Senior Co-Presidents, Maggie Hackman and Molly Mayer for planning our Prom this year. Much gratitude to Mrs. Grayson and prom faculty moderators Mrs. Heiert and Mr. Greife for all of their hard work leading up to this event. Our After Prom would not be possible without the support of our PTO, and a special thanks goes out to the many parents who made this fun and safe evening possible.

I hope you will take a few minutes to read through the many announcements below. We have much to celebrate at NDA in the talents and dedication of so many students and faculty. You will read about success at the State History Day Competition, the National Latin Exam, the Science Research competitions and student art exhibits. We are truly blessed and grateful to all those students who work hard, the teachers who mentor them and the parents who support them.

May you know God's goodness each day

Dr. Laura Koehl



SCHOLARSHIP/TUITION GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE - MAY 1, 2014

Limited need-based scholarships/tuition grants 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 tomorrow, Thursday, May 1, 2014.



TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

Greetings from the iPad Program! We are busy preparing information for seniors that will include directions and options for their ndapandas.org Google Apps account. We became a [Google Apps for EDU](#) school in the Fall of 2011 which opened up a new world of opportunities for all students. In the Fall of 2012, we began our 1:1 iPad Initiative, providing even more opportunities for our students to be prepared to make a difference.

They have been afforded the opportunity to not only change their workflow strategies, but to change the way they think and analyze.

The iPad order form for the 2014-15 school year is located here:

<http://www.ndapandas.org/academics/departments/business-technology/ipad-11-initiative.aspx>



STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Elections

Good luck to all freshmen, sophomores and juniors running for Grade Level Co-Presidents! Elections will take place on Monday during a long homeroom schedule.

DRESS DOWN DAY FOR SND JULY 4th FESTIVAL ◀

On May 7, NDA students will have a Dress Down Day to support the Sisters of Notre Dame July 4th Festival. As the students pay the \$3.00 to dress down, they will receive 3 raffle tickets to fill out. The prizes are \$2500.00, \$1,000.00 and \$500.00. For every additional \$1.00, an additional raffle ticket can be filled out. Your financial support for this cause is greatly appreciated. Our goal is \$1500. Please help us reach this goal.



After Prom

AFTER PROM ◀

Thank You!

A special thank you to all of the parents who spend many hours planning, organizing, and volunteering at our After Prom. Thanks also to all of those who sent in donations and food. Over 400 students attended After Prom 2014 and fun was had by all!

CONGRATULATIONS!

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY WINNERS MOVE ON TO NATIONAL COMPETITION! ◀

On Saturday, April 26, several Notre Dame Academy students competed at the state level of National History Day. The competition was held at the University of Louisville. Four of our entries won second place at the senior level, qualifying for the national competition to be held at the University of Maryland in June. Congratulations to:

- Lauren Darpel, Rylee Stephenson, Kirsten Richards, Kate Abeln, Mackenzie Sullivan for their group exhibit on the Rwanda genocide entitled “A Cry Unheard”
- Maddie Krallman, Audrey Field, Haley Muth, Amber Powell for their group performance entitled “Monica Roa: Women’s Rights in Columbia”



*(back) Amber Powell, Audrey Field, Maddie Krallman
(front) Haley Muth*

- Anna Stutler for her paper entitled “Sincerely, Me”
- Emily Bautista, Caroline Krumme, Emma Jacobs for their group documentary entitled “Clashing of the Home and Civil Spheres: The Women’s Movement During the Russian Revolution.” This group also won a special award for Best Women’s History Project.

LATIN STUDENTS EXCEL ON NATIONAL EXAM ◀

Shortly before the ominous Ides of March, Notre Dame Academy’s Latin students convened to take the National Latin Exam. This Herculean multiple choice test of Classical literature and antiquity is the prime assessment of the Latin student’s mastery of the language and culture of Greece and Rome. Serendipitously, we received the results on the 2,768th anniversary of Rome’s founding. Congratulations to Stephanie Hacker who earned the “Cum Laude” award for Latin IV poetry, Bridget Plunkett who earned “Magna Cum Laude” for the Latin I test, and Mariah Bezold, Lily Thaman, and Emily Walter who all received “Magna Cum Laude” for the Latin II test. Optime, discipulae!

SCIENCE RESEARCH NEWS ◀

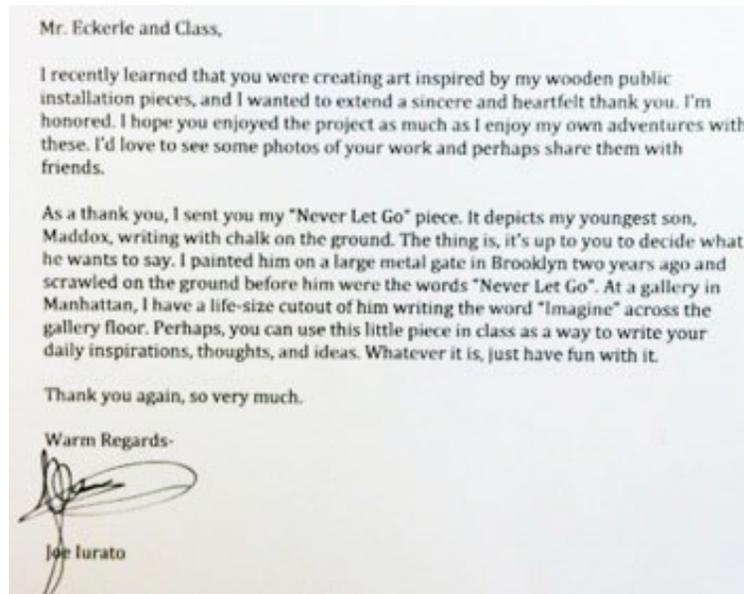
From April 23 to 26, Szofia Komaromy-Hiller, Ellen Kendall and three young women from Louisville represented Kentucky at the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium in Washington, DC. Szofia was among nearly 100 students presenting her research in an oral format, and Ellen among over 100 presenting from their posters. Ellen was one of seven students honored for their poster presentations and received her award from a Navy admiral.

NDA VISUAL ARTS STUDENTS CONNECT WITH CONTEMPORARY ARTIST ◀

The Juniors and Seniors in Art 2 are working on a project based off of the work of Contemporary Artist Joe Iurato (samples of his work can be found below).



Students were asked to create small figure drawings or paintings as he does, and then take them into public areas and take photographs of their drawing or painting in different environments. The Art class was able to make contact with Joe Iurato to let him know that we were inspired to study his work and also to create work in his style. After hearing this, he was kind enough to send along words of gratitude and encouragement as shown in this letter:



as well as one of his original figures that he's used in his actual artwork.



- image on left is the piece that he sent us, on right is the painting being used in a piece of his work

Joe Iurato is an incredibly talented artist and obviously an incredibly kind and thoughtful individual for thinking enough of our students to personally offer his words as well as an original piece of his work.

HAPPY 450th WILL! ◀

Shakespeare's 450th birthday did not go unremarked by NDA. On Wednesday, April 23, 2014, the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company hosted a Revel and Feast Gala to celebrate their 20th Anniversary Season on the occasion of the Bard's birthday. Junior Megan Kathman along with theater teacher, Maggie Perrino, and English teacher, Linda Bricking, attended the festive evening held at Memorial Hall in Cincinnati.

CSC is one of only five companies in the United States to have completed performances of the complete Shakespeare canon. The gala also was the kick-off for Project 38, an innovative arts education initiative, designed to involve 38 high schools in co-creating the entire canon of 38 plays, culminating in a weekend long festival in the spring of 2015. Megan Kathman was chosen as the NDA representative and performed with 37 other students last Wednesday. The English and Fine Arts Departments hope to work together to involve many more students in contributing to the CSC Project 38 program during the 2014-15 school year.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



Cincinnati Area Spring College Fair

Xavier University - Cintas Center

Monday, May 5, 2014, from 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/>



CELEBRATE YOUR MOTHER! ◀

During May, celebrate your mother with an online gift to NDA! Simply visit www.ndapandas.org and click Giving to make a donation. (Be sure to include your mother's name in the comments section when making your gift.) There will be a special listing of all the mother's names in the Summer Notre Damian.

Please note: You can also send in a gift with your mother's name to the Advancement office for inclusion in the Summer Notre Damian.



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES ◀

Art, Music, Theatre, Athletics and More!

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



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).

► Important Dates

April 30	Middle School Track Meet at NDA
May 1	1:15 p.m. Mass - May Crowning - Ring Ceremony 7:00 p.m. Information Meeting for Parents of Incoming Freshmen
May 3	6:00 p.m. Drama Banquet
May 9	NDA/CCH Choral Concert
May 5-16	AP Exams
May 13	PTO Meeting
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 ◀

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