



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents!

By now you have likely heard the news of my appointment as the next President of Notre Dame Academy. I am deeply grateful to the Sisters of Notre Dame and our Board of Directors for giving me this opportunity. As I told our faculty and staff this morning, I love my job as the Principal at NDA, and I am deeply honored and very excited to be moving into this new leadership role to carry on the SND tradition of excellence in education.

We have begun the search for our new Principal and will continue this process until the right person is found. Our Strategic Plan and recent initiatives will be significant factors in finding the next person to serve as the instructional leader for our school. The commitment and dedication of our faculty and staff is outstanding and will ensure a smooth transition.

This is a significant moment for the Academy as the physical presence of the Sisters decreases. It is critical for the school's leadership to ensure that the charism and heritage of the Sisters of Notre Dame continues to permeate the daily lives of our students, parents, faculty and staff and is clearly evident to all of our stakeholders. Through meaningful communication and the effective implementation of our Strategic Plan, we will ensure that the SND mission, vision and principles of Catholic education and academic excellence will continue to educate young women to make a difference in our world.

I appreciate all you do to support our NDA mission and tradition. Through God's goodness and provident care, our journey will continue with hope - as a school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame and committed to excellence in education and service to others.

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



TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

After many months and a lot of research, we are excited to announce our decision to adopt **Canvas** as our new LMS learning management system.



The decision was heavily influenced by:

- **Integration:** it compliments Powerschool and Google Apps beautifully
- **Ease of use:** manages all NDA courses in one portal
- **Multimedia:** almost all file types can be uploaded, integrated, and delivered
World Language workflow robustly supported
- **iPad Friendly:** Canvas works very well with mobile devices especially in a 1:1 iPad environment
- **Course Building:** It provides instructors the opportunity to build any kind of course
Keeps all files and uploaded data in a repository
- **Collaboration:** Provides an excellent format to build sharing, collaborative communities online with your faculty peers and also outside our domain with educators around the world

Professional Development will be provided for faculty and staff along with 24/7 support. Students will also receive training during the first week of school. If students and parents are interested in getting a head start on previewing Canvas, please follow the link to [Canvas Student Training](#).



STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

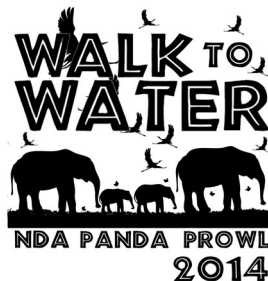
Notre Damian Day

On Friday, April 25, we held the Panda Prowl (Walk to Water) event that engaged our entire student body and focused on the limited access to clean water that is the reality for many people throughout our world, including people connected with our sister school in Uganda. Although a rainy morning prohibited our students from walking throughout Park Hills to experience the distance and great lengths that many people have to go through to get clean water, the Pandas spent a good portion of the morning reflecting on their own gifts and the blessings they have been given including the uniqueness of being a Notre Damien women.

On the same day and across the globe in Buseesa, Uganda, the students at our sister school spent time reflecting on their own blessings and in celebration created a video that will be shared with us in Park Hills. According to Sr. Anita Marie in Buseesa, "all the girls were excited to be able to share part of their culture." A huge thank you to the Uganda Pandas clubs in both Park Hills and Buseesa for it is only through their efforts that our Notre Damian Day was possible.



*Sr. Rita Goepfing, SND
former NDA (Park Hills) and NDA (Uganda) Principal*



Ellie Fathman & Molly Talkers

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

May Student of the Month - Kelsey Michael

Senior Kelsey Michael has had her hand in many undertakings here at Notre Dame Academy. It is her enthusiasm, positive attitude, commitment and spirited approach in all of it that has earned her the recognition of May Student of the Month. Since she was a freshman, Kelsey has played on the varsity softball team alongside 6 others from the class of 2014. One of the highlights of her high school career was winning regions last year after a difficult and trying regular season.

Kelsey has been a very active member of the SWAT Team since its inception two years ago, and recently she has prepared iPads for several groups of people including the Sisters of Notre Dame, the Urban Education Center, our sister school in Uganda and

St. Augustine's School in Covington. Kelsey and other members of the SWAT Team participated in the KYSTE conference two years in a row where they shared information about NDA's 1-1 iPad Program with educators from throughout the state of Kentucky.

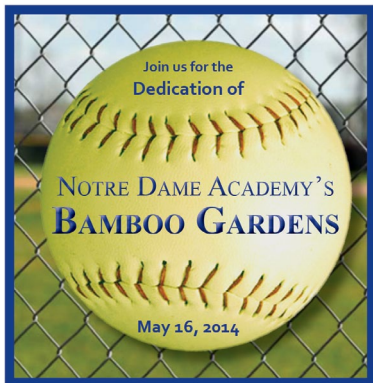
Kelsey, demonstrating academic excellence by achieving 1st or 2nd honors every quarter of her high school career, has served as an ambassador for Notre Dame Academy since she joined the community four years ago. As Jane Kleier, NDA's Marketing Director states, "Kelsey's enthusiastic attitude and dedication to NDA have made her a tremendous asset to our recruitment efforts." Mrs. Kleier states further that "Kelsey's spirited approach to sharing the Notre Dame Life with prospective Pandas is a testament to her strong leadership abilities." Most notably, Kelsey worked closely with Mrs. Gronotte this year to coordinate the annual Panda Sleepover for current eighth graders – a great example of how Kelsey used her talents to contribute to the success of the event.

Additional volunteer experience includes coaching little league softball at St. Agnes, assisting during softball clinics, coaching volleyball at Immaculate Heart of Mary and spending time at the Urban Education Center during its summer program. Kelsey has also been a member of NDA's Drug Free Club, Life Club and Interact Club for the past 4 years. Congratulations, Kelsey on earning this recognition, and may you continue your success at the University of Kentucky and beyond!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

Spring Sport Awards Program

The Spring Sport Awards Program for bass fishing, lacrosse, tennis, track & field and softball will be held on Monday, June 2, 2014.



Dedication of the Bamboo Gardens

Please join us on the softball field Friday, May 16, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. to celebrate the Dedication of the Bamboo Gardens. Following the dedication, the NDA vs Conner varsity game will begin at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

COME TO THE ADVANCED THEATRE EXAM SHOW! ◀

See some of the best songs, scenes, and dances Broadway has to offer Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the NDA Theatre. Admission is \$3.00 and all proceeds will be donated to charity.

The show is featuring: Abigail Martin, Hope Pauly, Brianna Vollman, Moriah Frommeyer, Natalie Bellamy, Alexandra Deaton, Abbey Marciano, Sam Darpel, Lizzie Buring, Abby Sauer, Mykel Northcutt, Sarah Winter, Maryann Meadows, Kylie Kanter, Megan Kathman, Alisha Grosser, and Jamie Henn

CONGRATULATIONS!

STOCKHOLM JUNIOR WATER PRIZE ◀

On May 1, the Kentucky/Tennessee Water Environment Association announced that it had selected Ellen Kendall as the state winner in the Stockholm Junior Water Prize competition. The Association will sponsor Ellen's travel to and participation in the national competition with a representative from each state. The national event is to be held in Herndon, Virginia June 13-14, 2014.

NDA SENIORS WIN ESSAY CONTEST ◀

Congratulations to NDA seniors Stephanie Hacker and Emily Bautista! Both students recently won prizes in an essay contest for seniors sponsored by the Covington Art Club. Stephanie came in 1st Place winning \$500.00 and Emily came in 2nd Place winning \$400.00. The prompt was "Describe what you consider the most challenging thing about being a senior." The girls, their parents and their teacher, Ms. Lynn Dickman, are invited to receive the awards on May 15, 2014 at Summit Hills Country Club.



WCPO STUDENT OF THE WEEK ◀

Ana Calvopina has been recognized as **WCPO Channel 9's Student of the Week**. Look for coverage on Ana's story next Tuesday, May 13 around 6:20 a.m. and Wednesday, May 14 around 5:20 p.m. Great job Ana!

GOVERNOR'S SCHOLAR ◀

Congratulations to Hillary Hellmann who has been named a GSP participant rather than an alternate! We now have a total of 11 NDA students participating in this year's Governor's Scholar Program, Governor's School for the Arts, and Governor's School for Entrepreneurs and 7 alternates.



PROM 2014 ◀

NDA senior Sandra Steiber was crowned Prom Princess and NDA junior Shannon Wilson was crowned Prom Duchess at this year's prom. Both girls were honored with their title by their grade level. Congratulations Sandra and Shannon!

STU-CO ELECTION RESULTS ◀

Congratulations to all of our students who ran for Student Council Grade Level Co-President. Each of these students demonstrated poise, courage, strong leadership and creativity in her campaigning. The students, faculty and staff have voted and the following students have been elected for next year's co-presidents:

Sophomore Co-Presidents:

Current freshmen - Katie Hellmann and Jay Mullaguru

Junior Co-Presidents:

Current sophomores - Abby Schuh and Kirsten Richards

Senior Co-Presidents:

Current juniors - Hannah Good and Katie Kloska



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. 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.



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES ◀

Art, Music, Theatre, Athletics and More!

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

PTO UPDATE ◀

Do you want to know what's going on with NDA's Parent Teacher Organization? Visit the NDA PTO web page [HERE](#) to get a PTO update.



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).



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.

ALUMNAE NEWS ◀

Alumnae Father/Daughter tickets are now on sale!

Come for a night of desserts, drinks (open bar) and dancing on May 31, 2014 from 7:30-11 p.m. at NDA. Tickets are \$20 general admission and \$30 general admission + open bar. You can buy your tickets online at www.biddingforgood.com/nda/fatherdaughter, send a check to Emily Berling, or with a credit card over the phone at 859-292-1852. You do not want to miss this! Get your dad's and come back to NDA for a great time!

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.

► Important Dates

May 5-16	AP Exams
May 9	7:00 p.m. NDA/CCH Choral Concert in NDA Theatre
May 11	2:30 p.m. NDA/CCH Band Concert at CCH
May 13	PTO Meeting
May 14	Academic Signing
May 15	Academic Awards Ceremony
May 16	Senior Send-off
May 19-21	Senior Exams
May 22	Baccalaureate Mass
May 23	No School
	8:30 a.m. Senior Awards Breakfast - Receptions
	4:00 p.m. Graduation - NKY Convention Center
May 26	Memorial Day - No School
May 27-29	Exams
May 30	Cleaning Day



COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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