



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings Parents,

This is the final week of classes for our seniors - the class of 2013! You can feel the excitement in the air as they prepare for the completion of their high school years and look forward to the many opportunities that lie ahead. On Friday we will hold the traditional Senior Send Off when our students and faculty celebrate the seniors in an all school assembly. Congratulations to our 53 seniors getting half tuition or more scholarships to universities and colleges. These students were celebrated at our academic signing ceremony today.

NDA students have truly excelled in the Kentucky Governor's programs. This year we have a record total of 15 students in both programs - nine in the Governor Scholar Program and six in the Governor School for the Arts. Please see the update below for the final list of students accepted into these prestigious programs.

The NKU Annual Area High School Creative Writing Contest presented 18 awards to students from Northern Kentucky high schools. Our students are once again excelled in creative writing - nine of these are from NDA! Please see the list of excellent writers in our English Department news below.

Congratulations to our tennis and track teams for winning their regional titles. Good luck to our student athletes and their coaches as they head to the state tournament this weekend. This makes seven athletic programs with regional titles this year!

Last night we held our final PTO meeting for the year. I would like to thank the many parents who have helped and supported our school this year in so many ways. More parents are needed and we invite you to consider signing up for one of the many volunteer opportunities sponsored by our PTO. Please see the volunteer form located on our website [HERE](#). Also please note on the form that we are seeking parents to serve as grade level representatives for the coming school year.

Please keep our students, faculty and staff in your prayers as we complete the 2012-13 school year.

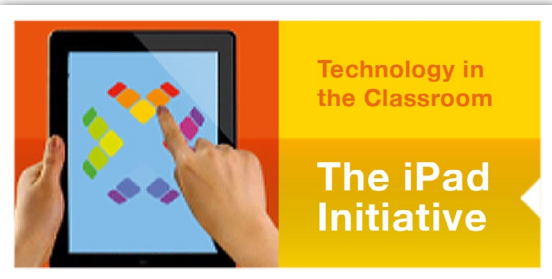
May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

### Prayer to St. Julie Billiart

*Saint Julie, just as the sunflower keeps its face turned toward the sun, you always kept your heart and mind turned toward God. You showed your deep love for God in the greatest sufferings and "How good God is!" And give me strong faith, Saint goodness in my life. I want spread the news of God's us wherever and however meeting you in heaven, where we'll enjoy this love and God's presence forever. Pray for me, Saint Julie. Amen.*





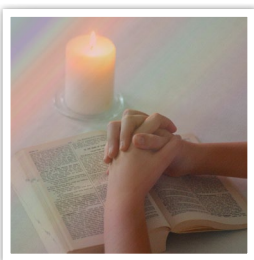
## iPad UPDATE ◀

### Congratulations Mrs. Mullee!

NDA's Director of Instructional Technology, Mrs. Molly Mullee, has been nominated in the category of *Innovator of The Year* at the 2013 Annual Bammy Awards. Presented by the Academy of Education Arts and Sciences International, the Bammy award is a cross-discipline award recognizing the contributions of educators from across the education field.

In her nomination, NDA student Cassidy Ryan wrote, "I have not always been technologically savvy, but now that I have joined the SWAT (Students Working to Advance Technology) team that Mrs. Mullee heads, I have truly been inspired to problem solve, find solutions, try new apps, and I constantly share what I learn with the students around me. Not only has she totally enhanced my learning, but she is constantly inspiring me not to give up and look at problems that arise as an opportunity to find new solutions. She has genuinely inspired me to pursue a career in technology, and I know that I will now be able to do so because of the iPad initiative and useful skills that I now have mastered."

**CLICK HERE to vote for Mrs. Mullee - today is the last to vote!**



## WEEKLY MASS READING REFLECTION ◀

For the remainder of the school year we will feature a personal/academic reflection on the weekly Mass readings. The reflections will be from students in Mrs. Wagner's sophomore Scriptures class.

This week's Weekly Mass Reading Reflection was written by Hannah Good and can be found [HERE](#).

## NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE ◀

**This Friday is a late start**, and NDA's school community will take part in several activities throughout the day. The day will begin with the Panda Prowl on NDA's campus followed by the Ann Buenger Sports Complex Dedication at 11:00. After lunch, the entire student body will celebrate the Class of 2013 at the Senior Send-off. A huge thank you to both the current and newly elected Student Council members for preparing for Friday's activities!



## IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

**FACTS Management Company** will again help us manage our tuition payment program. If you are a current parent, already using FACTS, and your account and payment plan information will remain the same you will not need to re-register. FACTS sign in is located at <https://online.factsmgt.com/SignIn.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f> or it can be accessed from the NDA Tuition webpage.

If you are a new parent, currently not enrolled in FACTS, you will be receiving an invitation from FACTS to enroll in the tuition payment plan sometime in mid June. The invitation will contain your Unique Code and Postal code for setup to the system and will contain detailed information about access to the FACTS system from our webpage. You will assign your own unique Username and Password. You will indicate your preferred tuition payment plan. If you are having difficulty accessing the system or do not receive an invitation please contact FACTS customer support at [866-441-4637](tel:866-441-4637). You will be directed to go to FACTS webpage to create a FACTS account at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3WGJM> or you can access from the NDA Tuition webpage.

If you intend to pay your 2013-2014 tuition in full before August 1, 2013 you will receive a credit of \$100 and you will not need to enroll in the FACTS program. If you have questions concerning your account, contact Finance Director, Mike Meadows, at [meadowsm@ndapandas.org](mailto:meadowsm@ndapandas.org). Please indicate student name in the subject of the email.

## NEWS FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ◀

The results are in and NDA's student writers prevailed in Northern Kentucky University's 2013 Area High School Creative Writing Contest. NDA took 9 of 18 awards. Congratulations to the following winners:



### Poetry:

2nd Prize: Elizabeth Kauza  
Honorable Mention: Jessica Nicole Colvin

### Fiction:

1st Prize (tie): Hannah Regan  
Honorable Mention: Emily Koors  
Honorable Mention: Amy Foertsch

### Essay:

1st Prize: Kathleen Gatti  
3rd Prize (tie): Megan Alicia Heuker  
3rd Prize (tie): Katherine Anne Kloska  
Honorable Mention: Molly Hinken

Northern Kentucky University's annual Area High School Creative Writing Contest seeks to foster a greater interest in literary arts and to recognize area student achievements. All of this year's winners will be honored on Thursday, May 16, at N.K.U. in a special awards celebration for students, parents, teachers, families, and friends. Author Nicci Mechler will be the featured guest speaker at the ceremony where winners will receive their cash awards and certificates of achievement.



Check out all of the

Summer Enrichment Opportunities At NDA

HERE

## NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

The **Spring Sports Award Program** is Monday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the theatre.

### Athletic Participation Forms

The 2013-14 athletic participation forms were given to your daughter on Wednesday. All athletes must complete the forms in order to participate. Fall athletes must return these forms to the Athletic Office by July 10 and September 10 for all other athletes. Please make sure to schedule your daughter's physical examination now.

**Congratulations to the NDA Tennis and Track and Field Pandas on their regional titles! Good luck at State!**



**Congratulations to Coach Rob Hardin** who was recognized at the Athletic Director's

Conference Award Banquet on April 25 as the Garnis Martin Outstanding Coach of the Year. This award recognizes an individual whose career has demonstrated knowledge of the game, rapport with his/her teams, positive conduct both on and off the field, community involvement, positive rapport with officials and other coaches and a demonstrated commitment to the high school student's experience in interscholastic athletics.



As NDA's most tenured coach, Rob's 17 years have netted some outstanding teams while playing one of the toughest schedules in the state. Under his leadership, his teams have recorded 174 wins and 33 losses, winning three State Championship Titles (1997, 1998, 2010), three State Runner-up Titles (2002, 2009, 2012) and finishing consistently in the top four at the state level! Rob's dedication and expertise in the field have earned him numerous Coach of the

Year Awards. More importantly, Rob's passion for the game along with his role of helping players develop into young women ready to make a difference in the world are the true reasons he coaches tennis.



## NDA STUDENT ACCEPTED INTO PAEMS THIS SUMMER ◀



Amanda Macke has been accepted into the 23rd Pre-college Academic Experience in Math and Science (PAEMS). The Georgetown College Natural and Life Sciences Division will host the residential event for two weeks in June. Each year, 22 to 24 highly motivated students showing exceptional interest and aptitude for math and science are chosen for the program. The experience is designed to foster creativity and promote team problem-solving within a context that encourages a global perspective. Areas studied include mathematics, biology, chemistry, astronomy, and environmental science.

## Congratulations to all of our NDA Students Participating in the GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM and GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS



### GSP Participants:

Emma Jacobs, Emily Bautista, Katie Mauer, Maggie McLeod, Clara Wood Szofia Komaromy-Hiller, Abigail Martin, Jessica Vogt, Stephanie Hacker

### GSA Students:

Katie Mauer, Katie Kloska, Abigail Martin, Rachel Birrer, Hope Pauley, Meredith Ziegelmeier



## Counseling and Student Services News ◀

**Student Exam schedules:** Students were all emailed a copy of the schedule for exams. Please ask your daughter to help you fill in the blanks of the schedule. Here is the link for the schedules: [Exam schedules](#)

**ACT Boot Camp** will be hosting 2 sessions before the June 8 test:

**Option One: WEEKEND WARRIOR** – Newport, KY

Four Total Sessions:

Saturday, 5/18: 9AM – 4:30PM

Sunday, 5/19: 9AM – 4:30PM

Saturday, 6/1: 9AM – 4:30PM

Sunday, 6/2: 9AM – 4:30PM

For either option register here: [www.torchprep.com](http://www.torchprep.com)

**Option Two: 5-DAY INTENSIVE** – Florence, KY or Newport, KY

Five Total Sessions:

Monday, 6/3: 9AM – 3:30PM

Tuesday, 6/4: 9AM – 3:30PM

Wednesday, 6/5: 9AM – 3:30PM

Thursday, 6/6: 9AM – 3:30PM

Friday, 6/7: 9AM – 3:30PM

## FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE ◀

**Attention SENIOR Parents:** Commemorate your daughter's NDA graduation with a brick on the NDA Marian Circle in the front of the building! You can purchase a brick at the special graduation rate of \$150. All orders due by June 21. Contact the Advancement Office at 859-292-7729 or email Alumnae Coordinator Emily Berling at [berlinge@ndapandas.org](mailto:berlinge@ndapandas.org).

### Senior Luncheon Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers, in particular senior parents, for this year's Senior Luncheon on May 22 at 11:30 a.m. If you can help please contact Alumnae Coordinator, [Emily Berling](mailto:Emily.Berling@ndapandas.org), at 859.292.1852.

## TREASURED NDA HISTORY ◀

Sr. Mary Dolores features one of NDA's many treasures from the Notre Dame Academy Archives in her latest blog. Check it out [HERE](#).

## 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:



## A FELLOW PANDA NEEDS YOUR HELP! ◀

Alexandra Deaton is a sophomore at NDA. Alexandra’s mother, Cathie Deaton, was diagnosed in the fall with Stage 4 metastatic melanoma. There are multiple tumors throughout her body, including her brain. She has recently begun to lose her vision in one eye. Cathie has been through radiation and oral chemo and now must add intravenous chemo. Cathie and her husband Tim have three children: Alexandra, Killian (will be at CCH next year), and Zachary (at St. Agnes).

The link below is for a care page which has been set up to provide meals to the family (they have a cooler on their front porch for easy drop-off). If you would like to help, but don’t have time to prepare a meal, they are very appreciative of Kroger Gift Cards. If you would like to send extra snacks or fresh fruit, they would welcome those also. Feel free to drop off these non-perishable extra items in the school office and we will forward them. Many thanks in advance for your love, support, and prayers for the Deaton family!

Go to: [Carecalendar.org](http://Carecalendar.org)

1. Near the top, right-hand side, you’ll see “Logon to a calendar”.
2. Under that, enter the following: Calendar ID: 148339 and Security Code: 6097.
3. Anything in a green font on the calendar is already taken; red means that help is still needed.
4. Click on a date with a red font. A new screen appears. Just fill in the information and hit “Sign Up”.
5. For more details, click on the icons above and to the left of the calendar. For instance, “Recipient”, “More Details” provides more information on the meals and other ways you can help.



If you have any questions about the website, please contact Sherri Feinauer at [asf410@fuse.net](mailto:asf410@fuse.net) or 859-578-9144. If you have other questions or would like to help in any other way, please contact Ann Rospert at [annpaul@insightbb.com](mailto:annpaul@insightbb.com) or 859-344-1162.

God Bless You!

## DISH ROOM NEWS ◀

Hello Dish Room Volunteers! We need volunteers for the following dates: May 16, 20, 21, 22, and 23. 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)

Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers!



## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS ◀

If you registered your Kroger Community Rewards prior to April 1, 2013, you must re-enroll online to continue supporting NDA. Re-enrolling only takes a few minutes and is completed in a few simple steps. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn how to re-enroll.

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

### Explore Your Faith

On Saturday, September 7, the Department of Catechesis and Formation will hold a conference on Vatican Council II and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The conference, to be held at Receptions Conference Center, is open to all parishioners in the Diocese of Covington. By hosting this conference, Bishop Foys hopes the faithful of the diocese will take advantage of this opportunity to explore and understand their faith in a greater way. Admission is free, but space is limited and pre-registration is required. Registration forms are available on the [diocesan website](#).