

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL & VICE PRINCIPAL

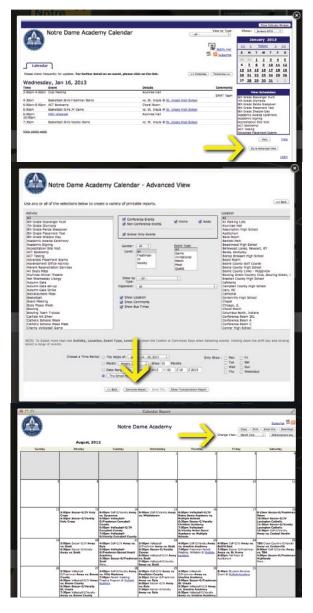
Greetings Parents,

We hope your summer has gotten off to a great start and that you are enjoying the sunny weather. As June is moving along, we are busy making plans for the new school year. Here are some updates to aid your planning for 2013-14 at NDA.

▶ The 2013-2014 school calendar is updated and available for viewing on the website. You can view it at http://www.ndapandas.org and click on calendar. Scroll to the bottom of the calendar page and click on the icon entitled "Go to Advanced View" which is at the bottom right hand corner of the screen.

Scroll to the bottom of this screen and click on "Generate Report" for the next school year.

From here, you are able to view and/or print a list form of NDA activities or you are able to change it to a monthly view in the upper right hand corner of the screen and through the use of a drop down menu. Updates are sometimes made to the calendar, so check back often! Visit NDA's website and click on Quick Links to view a list of NDA's vacation days for the 2013-2014 school year.



Please note that for the 2013-14 school year we will have a late start every Wednesday. Classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. on those days. This will allow for faculty meetings and other opportunities for collaboration to discuss and share ideas on student learning and classroom activities. Furthermore, the late start days provide additional opportunities for NDA's various clubs and student organizations to gather, plan and facilitate.

August parent meetings will be held on August 6 (junior and senior parents) and August 7 (freshman and sophomore parents). These meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last approximately one hour. Please plan to attend these meetings for important general and grade level information for the new school year.

All members of NDA's Class of 2017 were invited to a Meet and Greet on June 11. The event was a huge success, and we hope even more freshmen can join us for the next Panda Newbie event on Wednesday, July 24 at Super Bowl in Erlanger. Look for the email invitation and don't forget to RSVP to Mrs. Heiert at heiertl@ndapandas.org!

Orientation for incoming freshmen is scheduled for August 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All incoming freshmen should plan to attend this day-long program and must bring their iPads with them.

Please remember to review the uniform policy (below) and update as needed to make sure your daughter is in compliance with this policy. Additional/replacement items can be ordered from Schoolbelles by visiting their website.

UPDATED UNIFORM POLICY

Changes from last year have been bolded.

Notre Dame Academy has a school uniform that consists of:

- a gray uniform skirt (the skirt must fit properly, be zipped and buttoned, hemmed appropriately and free of stains, rips, and/or holes). Students are encouraged to purchase a new skirt if it no longer zips, has tears, holes, or stains.
- a white NDA banded shirt for Freshmen through Juniors
- a navy blue or white NDA banded shirt for Seniors
- solid white, gray, black or navy blue socks
- · appropriate shoes that have a back to them

Optional items that may be purchased and worn with the uniform include:

- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy pullover sweater
- · a navy blue Notre Dame Academy sweatshirt
- a navy blue blazer with NDA's emblem for special occasions such as Mass, award ceremonies, etc.
- gray, black, or navy blue leggings

No colored undergarments or undergarments with visible writing that detracts from the uniform may be worn under the uniform blouse. If a student chooses to wear a T-shirt under the uniform shirt, it must be a plain white V-neck and may not be visible. No slacks may be worn under the uniform during the school day. Students may wear the uniform sweater or sweatshirt during the school day. No other sweaters or sweatshirts are acceptable.

NDA is very excited to introduce two additions to the uniform policy – a navy blue blazer with NDA's emblem. This item will be optional for the 2013-2014 school year and can be worn for special occasions (Mass, community events, award ceremonies). Black slacks are often required for NDA events and are also available for purchase through Schoolbelles. Click on the Schoolbelles website to get more information on pricing and NDA apparel.

May you know God's goodness each day,