



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings Parents,

I hope you enjoyed a relaxing Labor Day weekend. As we head into the third week of the school year, the enthusiasm of our students, faculty and staff is an inspiration each day. Students should all have a good idea of what will be expected of them in each of their classes and be fully engaged in the learning process.

Please remember that next week (9/10 at 7:00 p.m.) we will have our Parent Mini Night and you are encouraged to attend this special evening to learn more about your daughter's classes and teachers. This evening is not for individual parent-teacher conferences. Those can be scheduled at a later time. Due to the late night, there will be a late start on Thursday (9/11) of next week. School will begin at 9:00 a.m. that day.

Each student should have access to her Canvas account at this time. This provides information about each of her classes including syllabi, assignments and course content. Teachers are in the process of completing the set-up for their classes and adding assignments as they are being given. Additionally, Power School is accessible if you wish to check on your daughter's progress. It is still early in the quarter so there will not be many grades yet in each class. Also, please remember that with only a few grades to date, the overall grade average at this time should be viewed in that context. Of course, it is not too early to talk with your daughter about how her classes are going and where she is finding particular challenges and successes. Encourage her to take ownership of her work and be engaged by asking questions and participating in class.

Please note some additional important dates coming in the next couple of weeks:

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| 9/5 | 8:30 a.m. Picture Day |
| 9/9 | 7:00 p.m. PTO Meeting |
| 9/10 | 7:00 p.m. Parent Mini-Night |
| 9/11 | 9:00 a.m. Late Start |
| 9/12 | 3:00 p.m. Junior Class retreat |

Finally, following our theme of "Celebrating Sisterhood", I am excited to share the news that Sr. Mary Ethel Parrott has been granted the status of Faculty Emerita. After 42 years of service to Notre Dame Academy as an outstanding science teacher and founding director of the very successful Science Research Program, she is most deserving of this designation. Sr. Mary Ethel is the first faculty member with emeritus status and I am grateful to our Board of Directors for recognizing her accomplishments and contributions to NDA with this great honor.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura A. Koehl

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STUDENT LIFE

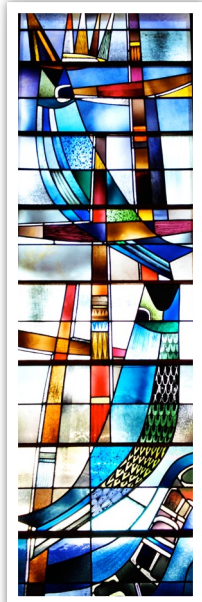
STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Club Orientation

Club Orientation Registration Forms (available in the school's office or on the school's website [HERE](#)) are due by Friday, September 5.

Bullying Prevention Program

Last Friday during long homeroom, all freshmen and sophomores attended an information session on NDA's Bullying Prevention Program. Presented by Mrs. Taylor, Personal Counselor, and Mrs. Grayson, Assistant Principal, the session focused on students' responsibility to protect the dignity of each member of our community and to stand up to bullies. The session reviewed different forms of bullying, NDA's policy on bullying and avenues in which to report bullying (including the Sprigeo app which allows students to report anonymously). For more information about school policy in regard to bullying, visit our [Student/Parent Handbook](#).



CAMPUS MINISTRY ◀

Junior Retreat

Junior Retreat will be held on Friday, September 12 from 3-9 p.m. at NDA. All Juniors are expected to attend this event. Students are permitted to dress down for school that day. Yoga pants and tight athletic/stretch pants are not permitted. Students may wear shorts of reasonable length. We would encourage spirit wear tops! Parents are asked to help provide dinner. Check out the Volunteer Spot web page for the sign up instructions. Please make sure rides are arranged to be here by 9:00 p.m.

Please sign up for Junior Retreat 2014!

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/rRknEM>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Senior Mass

The Diocesan Senior Mass will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington, KY. All Seniors are expected to attend this event. We will bus the senior class to and from the mass arriving back at NDA just before the end of the school day. Seniors need to look presentable with well-kept uniforms for this event.

Dear Parents,

Please DO NOT email the secretary if your daughter will be late, absent or need to leave early. A phone call needs to be placed to the school office for these situations. Please leave a message if you are unable to reach the school secretaries.

Thank you,

Mrs. Witt, Mrs. Shea and Mrs. Kirn

REMINDER ◀

Don't forget to turn in your Parent Volunteer Forms to the front office! There are several events (like our ExtravaPANDAz fall fundraiser!) and areas where we need your support and help! Please turn these forms in as soon as possible. Thank you!

PTO

Don't miss the first PTO meeting of the school year on
Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Come meet the committee heads and learn about all of the wonderful
things that are going on at NDA this school year!

CALLING ALL TRAVELERS! ◀

There will be a parent meeting on Wednesday, September 10 right after Parent Mini-Night (9 PM) for any students interested in the Italy Trip which will take place June 6-14, 2015. We will be visiting Rome, Florence, Venice, and Assisi. It is required that parents attend this meeting for their daughter to sign up for the trip. If your daughter is interested in the trip and you are unable to attend the meeting please contact Mrs. Wagner at wagnerk@ndapandas.org.



SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST ◀

The Annual NDA Scholarship Appreciation Breakfast will be held on September 17 at 8:00 a.m. in NDA's auditorium. This breakfast is a celebration where we as a school thank our scholarship donors for their generosity. This breakfast is mandatory for students who have received an email about this event. A mandatory Information Session for the girls was held this morning in the gym.

Parents will not be attending the breakfast due to limited capacity in the auditorium. If you have any questions, please call or email Jan Gilliam, Advancement Associate, at 859-292-1850, gilliamj@ndapandas.org.



SUPPORT OUR MORNING GIFT GATHERING ◀

Committee members from NDA's ExtravaPANDAz event will be in the Marian Circle from 7-8 a.m. during drop off the week of September 15-19 accepting donations for the ExtravaPANDAz event. Any parent - or student! - who brings a gift card or other silent auction item will receive breakfast on NDA!

WORK STUDY POSITIONS AVAILABLE ◀

Cafeteria

NDA is seeking a parent interested in working in the Dish Room. The position is 5 days per week, 4 hours per day during the school year. Please contact NDA Cafeteria Manager, Karen Brungs, at brungsk@ndapandas.org if you are interested.

Building and Groundskeeping

NDA is seeking a parent interested in assisting NDA Building and Groundskeeper, Pete Hehman, weekdays. If you are interested, please contact Bridget Lange at nda@ndapandas.org.



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

invites all 6th Grade Girls to the annual
6th Grade Scavenger Hunt

Friday, September 19, 2014
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Don't miss this afternoon of
FUN, FRIENDS, and FOOD!

The event is **free!**

A donation of 2 canned goods will be accepted to benefit Be-Concerned.

A reservation form with a parent's signature is required.
The form is available online at ndapandas.org.

KIND WORDS FROM ARTIST JOE IURATO ◀

In the fourth quarter of last year, the art students created artwork based upon the work of talented stencil artist Joe Iurato. When we initially contacted him about doing the work, he was kind enough to write a letter addressed to the students and even include a piece of his own work... which is amazing and also incredibly thoughtful. After completion of the project, we collected photos of the work and sent them to Mr. Iurato to show him our work and to also extend our gratitude for his gift. After receiving the package from our students, he quickly posted this image of our students work on-line along with the following statement.



"I received one of the greatest gifts in the mail today. A few months back, a friend let me know of an Art teacher in Kentucky who had his students creating work in the spirit of my woodcuts. They created figurines on mat-board, cut them out, and then photographed them in different environments. I thought it was pretty special and secretly sent them a woodcut (a small version of my first 'Never Let Go' piece, along with a letter. Well, this package comes today and inside is all the pictures they took of their figurines. So imaginative and perfect – characters jumping in the air, teasing the dog, doing headstands on the hood of a car, playing in puddles, all of them were great. Then, there were photographs of the piece I sent. Their teacher asked them to collaborate by writing about things they never wanted to let go of – "Faith in Something Greater", "Courage to Fight", "My Youth", "Your Fondest Memories", "Myself"...these were their responses. It's hard to put into words how it made me feel, but this gift left me completely silent in a moment of pride and gratitude. Thank you so much Matt Eckerle and his students at Notre Dame Academy. I plan on scanning each one of these in and making an album to share."



Home Wood Cuts Walls News Available About

If you get a chance or are interested in seeing more of Joe Iurato's work, please check him out at: <http://www.joeiurato.com>



joe.iurato@gmail.com



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You may find that you recognize his work from coming across it on-line, seeing it on ESPN, or maybe even seeing it in person. Also, since we've connected with Mr. Iurato, he has been named as one of the top 10 Stencil Artists in the world.



2014-15 College Rep Visits at NDA

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch mods (M/T/Th/F 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Wednesdays 11:12 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) Parents are welcome to come in to speak with the college reps. Below is a list of upcoming visits.

September

- 4 Hanover College
- 4 University of Notre Dame
- 10 St. Louis University
- 12 Washington University St. Louis
- 12 University of Kentucky
- 12 University of South Carolina
- 15 Northern KY University
- 16 Vanderbilt University
- 16 Maryville University
- 17 Centre College
- 17 University of Chicago
- 22 DePauw University

- 22 Indiana Tech
- 24 Indiana University
- 25 University of Cincinnati

October

- 2 Western Kentucky University
- 6 Miami University Oxford
- 6 Transylvania University
- 8 Mount St. Joseph University
- 14 University of Alabama
- 20 Otterbein University
- 21 St Louis University
- 28 University of Dayton

Join us as we *celebrate the tradition of sisterhood* at Notre Dame Academy's fall fundraiser

the new event.

extravaPANDAz

celebrate the sisterhood

Saturday, November 1, 2014

Reduced Ticket Price: \$65.00 per person

Enjoy dinner, silent & live auctions, games and dancing at the After Party with Floyd and the Walkmen.

Stay the night at our new venue, the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Cincinnati Airport,
for the special extravaPANDAz price of \$89.

► Important dates:

September 3	Soccer Grade School Night!
September 5	Picture Day
September 9	PTO Meeting 7:00-8:00 p.m.
September 10	Senior Diocesan Mass
	Parent Mini-Night 7:00-9:00 p.m.
September 12	Junior Retreat
September 17	Donor Breakfast
September 19	Club Orientation
	6th Grade Scavenger Hunt 3:30-5:30 p.m.
September 23	PLAN Test
September 26	Grandparent's Day Mass
September 28	Golden Girls Brunch
September 30	Sophomore see Sherlock Holmes
October 8	Panda Sneak Peek Coffee for Prospective Parents
October 9	Playing for a Purpose Volleyball Game
October 10	No School

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Check out the Community News section of NDA's website for news about...

Reveal Your Dignity
New Beginnings
Pure Fashion
Streetsmartz

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