



*An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy*

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying some of this beautiful day. Students and faculty have returned from our Labor Day break ready to continue our journey through the new school year.

Please remember that next week we will have the 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 (9/12) of next week. School will begin at 9:00 a.m. that day.

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:

9/06	8:30 a.m.	Picture Day
9/10	7:00 p.m.	PTO Meeting
9/11	7:00 p.m.	Parent Mini-Night
9/12	9:00 a.m.	Late Start
9/13	8:30 a.m.	Scholarship/Grant Donor Breakfast
9/17	7:00 p.m.	ACT Information Meeting for Junior Parents

**Important Dates:**

Finally, we welcome representatives from the SND National Education Office this week and the International SND Office next week. Sr. Mary Frances Taymans and Sr. Donna Paluf will present a program on the SND heritage and charism for new teachers and board members tomorrow evening. Sr. Mary Kristen Battles and Sr. Mary Shauna Bankemper are here visiting the many ministries of the SND Covington Province. We look forward to seeing them at the Academy and sharing information about our great school. Their presence reminds us of how blessed we are to be part of the SND educational heritage.

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



## iPad UPDATE ◀

If you haven't checked out NDA's iTunes U public site lately, it's definitely worth taking a few minutes to do so. There are currently three courses on the site:

- The [NDA SWAT](#) course will benefit all students at NDA and beyond! It contains vital information about all aspects of the iPad and much more.
- The [NDA iPad Parent Resource](#) course is for parents who want to learn about the iPad and how their daughters are learning.
- The [NDA Faculty](#) course provides pertinent technology information for faculty.

Remember, courses in iTunes U can only be accessed from the [iTunes U App](#) which can be downloaded from the [App Store](#). You can subscribe to any of the courses on NDA's iTunes U public site on an iPad. Go to the website to find out all about iTunes U and the courses available on NDA's iTunes U public site [HERE](#).



## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Club Orientation

Club Orientation Registration Forms (available in the school's office or on the school's website by clicking [HERE](#)) are due by Friday, September 6.

Parents and students: please take the time to review the following school policy ([Student/Parent Handbook](#), p. 17): Students may not use cell phones during the school day, including lunch and study hall times. Parents are asked not to call a student's cell phone during the school day to leave a message or to text a message to a student during the school day. Please call the school office if a student must be reached during the school day, and the office staff will get the message to her.

If cell phones are brought into school, they must be turned off and kept in a secure place, such as a backpack or purse. If a student is found with a cell phone on their person or in their pockets, the phone will be confiscated, and the student will receive a violation and a detention. If a student's cell phone rings during the school day, the phone will be confiscated and she will receive a violation and a detention. Text messaging is absolutely forbidden unless the student is given permission by faculty or staff to use the device in an emergency. If a student is found to be texting in class or has texted during school hours, this will result in the confiscation of the device and a double violation, double detention will be issued. Repeat offenders will not be allowed to bring these devices into the school building.

## SEPTEMBER - STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

In her final year at Notre Dame Academy, senior Emily Bautista has been named September's Student of the Month. Representing her homeroom on Student Council this year, Emily is a go-getter and committed to academic excellence. She is a hard working, conscientious and reliable student who strives daily to make a difference in her community and school. According to her teacher, Mr. Martin, Emily "pursues community service and is a strong voice of leadership within the school." This is evident in her participation in the Environmental and Interact Club. She exemplifies servant leadership, accepts challenges and possesses, says Mr. Martin, "the courage to shape the world around her."



In addition to Environmental and Interact Club, Emily is also a member of the National Honor Society, JETS, National History Club and Cross Country Team. She participates in Sr. Ethel's Science Research in which she takes great joy in presenting and receiving feedback – indicative of Emily's commitment to life-long learning.

Having completed the Governor's Scholars Program this past summer, Emily was assigned to a meditation, awareness and relaxation class and fully intends to apply what she has learned. Furthermore, she challenges everyone at NDA to take the time and effort and to savor each moment. This time of reflection can help when so many students are feeling overwhelmed with work, sports, job, clubs and other activities. How else does Emily unwind and take time for herself? Emily admits that it may surprise some people that she listens to rap music, but she believes in the "poetic quality and message of some rap artists and songs."

Congratulations, Emily Bautista, on being named September's Student of the Month!

## ADVANCEMENT UPDATE ◀



### Gala Invite

If you would like an invitation to the NDA Autumn Gala and have not received one, please call the Advancement Office at 859.292.7729. If you have not sent in your RSVP for the Gala, please do so!

### Gala Gift Gathering

PLEASE come and support your Alma Mater!!! The Skyline Gala gift gathering event is Wednesday, September 18, at the Ft. Wright location. Bring a bottle of wine, a gift card, or a cash donation and receive a voucher for a free coney to be used anytime.

September 9-12 during the morning drop off at NDA, the girls from the Advancement Office will be outside on Marian Circle to collect donations. Drop off your donations between 7-8 a.m. and we will give you a breakfast. Hope to see you there!!!

### Gala Volunteers

We are getting closer to the Autumn Gala and we still need your help!!! Gala Parent Volunteer forms are due September 13. We only have about a month to go before the big event and we are looking for some volunteers to help us with planning and getting the event together. We are also still collecting items for the silent auction. If you are interested in helping with the event or you have something to donate to the Gala Silent Auction, please call Emily Berling at 859.292.1852 or the Advancement Office at 859.292.7729.

Thank you in advance for your support!



## ATTENTION DRAMA PANDAS! ◀

The Notre Dame Academy/Covington Catholic High School Theatre group is thrilled to announce the 2013-14 theatrical performance season. The program for this season offers a variety of venues to please all, including a scary Halloween classic, a heart-warming holiday show, a "nostalgic" showcase review and an "thoroughly modern" musical.

The fall production of "The Legend of Sleepy Hallow", presents an original adaptation of the classic tale of Icabod Crane and his fateful run-in with the Headless Horseman. Production dates are October 18 and 19 at 7:00 p.m. and October 20 at 2:00 p.m.

Children and adults of all ages will delight in our Christmas Children's Theatre production of "The Only Christmas Pageant in Town", a sweet yet funny story filled with memorable characters who combine to teach a gentle lesson – that Christmas is not found in the flash and glitter of modern day, but in the true gift of that holy night given so long ago. After the show, audience members will be invited to share hot cocoa and cookies with Santa and the cast. Production dates are Saturday, December 14 at 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Join the students of NDA and CCH as they relive the 1960s with a fast-paced and lively celebration of songs, dance and comedy skits. From Motown to the Beatles, we will remember the 60s with fun, poignancy and all the kitsch you can stand. Production dates are January 31 and February 1 at 7:00 p.m. and February 2 at 2:00 p.m.

The spring musical production brings the tale of Millie Dumount, a newcomer to the big city of New York during the Flapper rage of the 1920s in "Thoroughly Modern Millie". She has big plans for life, but Jimmy Smith throws her plans into disarray, forcing her to re-examine what she really wants out of life. Production dates are April 4 and 5 at 7:00 p.m. and April 6 at 2:00 p.m.

Season tickets are now on sale by calling the school office at 859-292-1863 to request a brochure.

## ATTENTION PARENTS OF STUDENT-ATHLETES ◀

If your daughter is planning on playing a high school sport during the school year, she is required to have her athletic forms, including the KHSAA Physical Examination Form, returned to the athletic office by September 10, 2013. Failure to submit forms by this deadline, result in suspension of the first contest in the selected sport. Forms can be downloaded here: <http://www.ndapandas.org/athletics/athletic-information-and-forms.aspx>. For any additional questions, please call Athletic Director Kim Gunning at 292-7730.



## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

### 2013-14 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 19	University of Cincinnati
September 23	Washington University St. Louis
September 24	University of Evansville Hanover College
September 26	University of Indiana Bloomington Bellarmine University
September 30	University of Alabama Vanderbilt University
October 4	Ohio Wesleyan University
October 8	Transylvania University
October 9	College of Mount St. Joseph Centre College

## CAFETERIA UPDATE ◀

### IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Parents, all students need to have a PayPams account set up before August 31. Information regarding setting up a PayPams account, the lunch menu, and Dish Room Volunteers can be found on NDA's website on the [CAFETERIA](#) page.

### Dish Room Volunteers

Volunteers are needed daily to help in the dish room in NDA's cafeteria. Shifts are from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. You can sign up to volunteer at [Volunteer Spot](#).

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Sisters of Notre Dame are currently seeking a student to work part time in the Provincial House as a dietary aide. This aide would be responsible for serving the sisters in Lourdes Hall their evening meal and preparing the kitchen and dining rooms for the next meal. The student would work 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - 2 days one week and 3 days the next week. The student would be required to work every third weekend. The starting pay for this position is \$7.50 per hour. This position is through the work study program and all students are eligible.

If interested in working in this loving home environment please contact the HR Department:

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1601 Dixie Highway  
Covington, KY 41011  
859-291-2040  
[humanresources@sndky.org](mailto:humanresources@sndky.org)