



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family enjoyed a restful Labor Day weekend. It is always nice to start the school year off with a long weekend to help everyone adjust to new workloads.

Yesterday our faculty and students enjoyed an exciting game of volleyball and I have to tell you the faculty did quite well, winning 2 out of 3 games! The students were gracious and spirited and all seemed to enjoy the event.

This Friday our freshmen will travel to the Shakespeare Theater to see the play *To Kill a Mockingbird*. This is a great opportunity to learn more about an American classic and learn to appreciate the value of enjoying theater. The English Department has made arrangements for these theater trips for each grade level to expand student experience and understanding of literature and art.

On Monday, our juniors will travel to St. Henry High School for a vocations program sponsored by the Diocese. All juniors in the Diocese are invited to attend the special event. The speaker will be Steve Angrisano - renowned speaker and singer who has been featured at National Catholic Youth events.

This year NDA will offer several travel opportunities. These include a trip to New York City in the spring, a service trip to Peru in June and a trip to France in June. Information about these opportunities will be shared at Mini-Night next week, immediately following the classroom presentations. All are welcome.

Next Friday, September 14, we will celebrate Grandparent's Day with a Mass at 1:30 p.m. This is an annual event that is a great opportunity to celebrate the gift of our grandparents. Information was sent home with your daughter this week about this special liturgical celebration.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



Mrs. Benkert, our Librarian, used the iPads to teach students how to navigate the many resources available in the library. This includes the use of Destiny, our new online catalog system.

Destiny is one of the many apps on the students' iPads. For a listing of the apps that have been provided to each student's iPad, please go to our [iPad 1:1 Initiative](#) webpage.

ADVANCEMENT OFFICE ◀

Major Raffle: All students are being asked to sell at least 5 raffle tickets to support our Autumn Gala event. The tickets went home last week and we hope the girls got to sellin' over the long weekend! Top prize in the Major Raffle is \$5,000 cash or a year's tuition.

Each week, we will have incentives for the students to sell tickets. This week's incentive is that [The HOMEROOM who has the highest percentage of students who have sold a ticket or tickets gets an Ice Cream Party!](#)

Thank you for your help with making the Major Raffle a huge success!

Early Bird Gala Reservations: Autumn Gala is September 29 and we strongly encourage all parents to attend! Those who make their reservation (\$75/ticket) by [September 12th](#) get entered to win [\\$100 in Gala bucks](#) to spend that evening! Call the Advancement Office at (859) 292-7729 to make reservations or if you have questions.

Autumn Gala First Choice: For \$50, you have the chance to win ANY Live Auction item BEFORE the Auction even begins! Send in a check for \$50 with 'First Choice' in the memo line and if we pick your name, you'll be allowed to pick whatever Live Auction item you'd like. Choose between a McHale's party package, Kentucky Speedway suite for next June's NASCAR Nationwide Series, Trip to St. Maarten, and many MANY more! Winner need not be present to win.

NDA PANDAS MAKE A DIFFERENCE AROUND THE GLOBE THROUGH INTERACT ◀

NDA founded an Interact Club in the Spring semester of 2011. Interact is the student arm of Rotary International and is comprised of nearly 200,000 young people from countries around the world.

Our young Interact Club has accomplished a great deal in a short period of time. Notably, we have thrown a party for retired Sisters of Notre Dame, donated \$1000 to the Women's Crisis Center of Northern Kentucky, knitted scarves for an area clothing bank, distributed gifts for a Christmas toy drive, established a pen-pal program with students in Tanzania, and made get well cards for patients at area hospitals. This year has gotten off to a great start as we have raised more than \$120 to support Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio. We did by selling used locker shelves and book covers that were donated by our graduating seniors.

We directly partner with the Kenton County Rotary Club and have established business shadowing opportunities for our club members. Interact Club is open to students of all grade levels and offers many opportunities for service as well as networking with area business leaders, entrepreneurs, professors and community leaders.

Given that Rotary International is comprised of over 1.2 million business and community leaders worldwide, the horizons of where Interact can lead are virtually limitless. If your daughter is interested, we can help her plug-in to this global network and make a difference. Please contact [Mr. Dan Martin](#) for more information.

PERFORMING ARTS ◀

Tryouts for the fall comedy "You Can't Take It With You" will be held Monday, September 10 and Tuesday, September 11 in the NDA theatre from 3:30-5:00pm. Everyone is welcome!

MINI-NIGHT ◀

Parent Mini-Night is Wednesday, September 12, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for parents to visit their daughter's classes for a 10-minute overview about course expectations and activities. Your daughter will bring home her Wednesday schedule for you to follow that night.

Freshman and transfer students are invited to come at 6:00 p.m. for a dinner and presentation for new parents. If you have not already done so, please RSVP by responding to the email invitation or by calling (859) 292-7729.

FROM THE ARCHIVES ◀

Notre Dame Academy is blessed with a rich and interesting heritage. In the fall of 2013, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of NDA's momentous move from 5th St. to Hilton Drive. For an entertaining read about the move, check out the most recent posting on the [NDA Heritage blog](#).