



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings Parents,

October is just around the corner and the Fall weather seems to be upon us. I hope you are enjoying the gift of these beautiful sunny days.

I have been doing classroom observations for the last three weeks and am so impressed with our teachers and students. I have seen teachers who are caring committed and challenging. Our students have been engaged, insightful and respectful. Lessons have included collaboration on projects, questioning to promote higher order thinking, lively discussions, interesting lectures and hands on learning. I have learned about the great musicians of the swing era, the contributions of women to American history, creation stories that are told in different cultures and the impact of stereotypes on self image.

Today we held our first Panda Sneak Peek Informational Coffee. The attendance was small but we enjoyed meeting with a great group of new parents. We will hold a second Informational Coffee on October 8 at 8:00 a.m. If you know any prospective families, please invite them to join us for this informal gathering where they can learn about the many opportunities at NDA. Reservations can be made by calling our Admissions Director, Mrs. Katie Caccavari, at 292-1829.

Several of our students attended the Mayerson Academy program on Service Learning with Mrs. Price and Mrs. Snodgrass today. For the last three years we have sent a group of students to this program and it has been a good opportunity for them to get ideas for service projects and develop their leadership skills. Senior Cassidy Ryan was one of the presenters sharing ideas about a community project she was involved in over the last year with students from other area schools.

Our annual Grandparents Mass is this Friday and we look forward to welcoming our NDA grandparents. The mass will be celebrated by our chaplain Msgr. William Cleves and held in the gym at 1:00 p.m. This is a special time when our students can gather to celebrate the liturgy with their grandparents and share their experiences at NDA with them.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



Celebrating Sisterhood!

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Check out the school calendar on NDA's website! The "Calendar" link is available at the top of the web page. If you would like a yearlong calendar in a printable form, one is available by clicking on "Students." Then, click on "Schedules" to access the PDF version. There is so much happening at our Blue Ribbon School, and to get the most up-to-date calendar information, visit our website!

YOU HAVE THE POWER ◀

Parents: If you haven't already, please make sure that you have entered an email address in the **Email Address** box in PowerSchool. Under the **Navigation** menu, click the **Email Notification** tab. At the bottom of the new window, is the **Email Address** box. The address you enter here is the email address that faculty may use to contact you with news and concerns. While you're in this window, check out the variety of options for receiving periodic reports. You can choose to receive reports from PowerSchool as often or as little as you like.



ARCHERY TEAM NEWS ◀



The Notre Dame Archery team and Coach Lander would like to invite students and parents who are interested in archery to come to an Open House in the Gymnasium from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., September 29. Interested Covington Catholic students and parents are also invited as we would like to determine their interest in competitive archery. Come for some information, and stay for a little shooting. Archery is a no-cut sport that all students can enjoy. We look forward to seeing you.

CALLING ALL TRAVELERS! ◀

If you are planning to join us for our Italy trip June 6-14, 2015, registration forms, including a valid passport and the \$500 deposit are due on Thursday, October 30. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wagner at wagnerk@ndapandas.org.



the new event.
extravaPANDAz
celebrate the sisterhood

Save the Date: November 1, 2014



Look for your invitation to the extravaPANDAz event in the mail this week and plan to attend this great night out with your fellow Panda parents!

Thanks to the 31 parents who have pledged to "Raise their Panda Paw" at the event and all of our amazing sponsors!

We can still use your help! Here's how...

- Be a sponsor - contact Advancement Director Anna Hehman at 859.292.1851 for sponsorship opportunities
- Make a donation - Contribute to the silent or live auctions at one of our gift gatherings or drop off your donation in the office
- Pledge to Raise your Panda Paw - Get on the Bus and pledge to raise your Panda Paw to support the purchase of NDA's first shuttle bus which will be able to transport students to academic, athletic and extracurricular events throughout the school year! The Panda Bus will benefit all students! Call 859. 292. 1851 to Raise your Panda Paw!

SHANNANAGINS

Let it go,

THIS TOO SHALL PASS

OCTOBER 26, 2014

Hey Pandas!
Join the

SHANNANAGINS

at the

University of Cincinnati Walk Ahead for a Brain Tumor Cure

Sunday, October 26 at 8:00 a.m. at Sawyer Point

Cost: \$35

(100% of the cost is donated to the UC Brain Tumor Center)

Registration Deadline to receive free t-shirt: September 30

For more information and to read a letter from the head

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Panda Sneak Peek Informational Coffee

Wednesday, October 8
8:00-9:30 a.m.

DO YOU KNOW ANY PROSPECTIVE NDA PARENTS? ◀

Pass on the word... future Panda parents are invited for a “sneak peek” at NDA: Who we are, what we value, and how we will prepare your daughter to make a difference in the world. Interested parents can RSVP to Katie Caccavari, Director of Admissions, at caccavarik@ndapandas.org if you plan to attend this session.

LEARN A BAND INSTRUMENT ◀

All students grades 7 – 12 are welcome to join the NDA/CCH Band for FREE! Come join us for rehearsal Mondays from 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. If you already play a band or string instrument you are encouraged to play with the Panda/Colonel Band! For more information about the NDA/CCH Band or to inquire about Private Guitar Instruction, contact Mr. Greg Cerimele at cerimeleg@ndapandas.org.



THE FRUIT SALE IS COMING ◀

On October 3rd, we will have the kick off for the fruit sale. At the present time, I am working on the packets from last year. If you had a daughter that graduated or one that played a sport and is not this year, tell your current athlete to come to my office (room 115) and give me her name and her sister's name so I can include that packet of names.

I will give out the names of former customers to anyone needing help at the end of the first week of selling.

There will be more information about the fruit sale the week before it starts. This way you will have the same information as your daughter.

The sports program at Notre Dame Academy has a great record of producing excellent teams. The fruit sale is one of the main fundraisers for the athletic department. All fruit money raised is for the athletic programs.

I want to thank you in advance for your help with this sale. When everyone does a part, it goes smoothly and is fun. Looking forward to a great year of sports.

Janice Schmidt
Ext. (859) 292-1831
Fruit Sale



BAMBOOTIQUE

Open for Grandparents' Day!

Friday 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

ACT Bootcamp will be hosting the Covington Catholic/Notre Dame Academy TorchPrep Parent Night this Thursday at Cov Cath. This is a hands-on training that will equip you to understand your student's scores, as well as the specific plan he/she created for score improvement. The Torch Prep speakers will distribute and discuss your student's practice ACT® test scores.

Details:

Cov Cath/NDA TorchPrep Parent Night
Covington Catholic High School
Thursday September 25, 2014
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



PSAT Testing for sophomores and juniors:

The sophomores and juniors will be taking the PSAT on Wednesday, October 15. This will be in practice for the SAT. All students will still arrive that day at the late start time of 9 a.m. The Counselors will review the results of the test on January 21 at the parent meeting we will hold to discuss the Plan, PSAT and scheduling information. Click here for more info:

<https://www.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt>

Mt. Saint Joseph University will be hosting an informational program for the college planning process for students that have a diagnosed learning disability or ADHD. This will be held on Tuesday, October 28 from 7-9 p.m. in the Seton Center. Visit the website for more info: www.msjeu.edu/excel

Mini Medical College:

UC is hosting the Mini Medical College the 1st four Wednesdays of October. This is a program where UC faculty conduct a series of lectures about medical school and various topics associated with it. Register students at <http://www.uc.edu/ce/minimed.html>

Health Career Explorer Program at St. Elizabeth:

This program is for sophomores through seniors who are interested in a Health related career. Students will meet one time each month for 6 months. Applications should be submitted by Friday, September 26 at www.northcentralkyahec.org

Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Rice University and the University of Chicago - Sept. 30th - 7:30 p.m. - Marriott Cincinnati North in W. Chester

These universities will be holding an information session on Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m. for interested students and families. Attendees will learn more about college admissions, financial aid, and scholarships, as well as academic and extracurricular choices. A representative from each school will be available to answer university-specific questions. Event will be held at the Marriott Cincinnati North in West Chester. RSVP @ www.exploringeducationexcellance.org.



Governor's Scholar Program

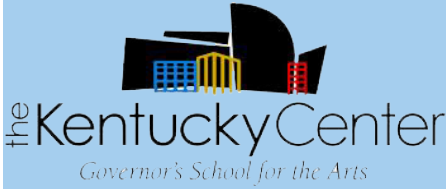
GSP is a 5-week summer residential program for outstanding KY high school students who are rising seniors. Established in 1983, the program provides academic and personal growth through a strong liberal arts program balanced with a full co-curricular and residential life experience.

Students must complete an application and compete with others from across the state. The Program's mission is to enhance Kentucky's next generation of civic and economic leaders. Those selected attend the program free of charge.

GSP 2015 Summer Program Dates:

- June 21 - July 25, 2015 First Session
- June 27 - July 31, 2015 Second Session
- June 28 - August 1, 2015 Third Session

Visit the GSP website for current information: <http://gsp.ky.gov>



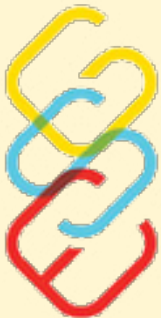
Governor's School for the Arts

GSA is a free arts-intensive three-week residential summer program held on the campus of Centre College in Danville, KY for Kentucky student artists who are in 10th and 11th grades at the time of application. GSA offers instruction and immersion in nine different art forms: Architecture, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Instrumental Music, Musical Theater, New Media, Visual Art, and Vocal Music.

Application and ArtShop registration will become available online October 1; Application Due Dec. 31, 2014.

GSA 2015 Summer Program Dates: June 21 - July 11, 2015

For current information visit the GSA website: <http://www.kentuckygsa.org>



Governor's School for Entrepreneurs

GSE exposes young aspiring entrepreneurs to the mindset, culture, innovative thinking and skills necessary to start a company. This free 3-week summer residential program gives Kentucky high school students (in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades at the time of application) a hands-on opportunity to turn their ideas into business opportunities. GSE empowers these student entrepreneurs to make a positive impact on their communities through innovation and to become business leaders of tomorrow.

The online application will open November 1, and will be due December 12. The major part of the application is the submission of a video.

GSE 2015 Summer Program Dates: June 21 - July 11, 2015

For current information visit the GSE website: <http://kentuckygse.com>



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

24 **Indiana University**

October

2 **Western Kentucky University**

2 **University of Cincinnati**

6 **Miami University Oxford**

6 **Transylvania University**

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Mount St. Joseph University

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University of Alabama

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Otterbein University

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St Louis University

28

University of Dayton

November

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Dennison University

► Important dates:

September 24	Panda Sneak Peek Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents
September 26	Grandparent's Day Mass
September 28	Golden Girls Brunch
September 30	Sophomore see Sherlock Holmes
October 3	Fruit Sale Kick Off
October 8	Panda Sneak Peek Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents
October 9	8th Grade Shadow Day - St. Joseph School, Crescent Springs Playing for a Purpose Volleyball Game
October 10	No School
October 13	8th Grade Shadow Day - Non-District Schools
October 14	7:00 p.m. PTO Meeting
October 15	Freshman Retreat Sophomore and Junior - PSAT Testing Seniors - Mosque Trip
October 16	8th Grade Shadow Day - Blessed Sacrament School
October 17	First Quarter Ends
October 21	8th Grade Shadow Day - St. Agnes and Prince of Peace
October 23	8th Grade Shadow Day - St. Pius X
October 24-26	Fall Play - <i>Almost, Maine</i>
November 1	extravaPANDAz
November 9	NDA Fall Open House

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

Live a Life of No Regrets with Robert Rogers
Smiles & Miles 5K in honor of Maria Schaffstein
St. Charles Lodge Open House
Pure Fashion
Streetsmartz

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

