



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings Parents!

The Autumn Gala last Saturday was a wonderful event enjoyed by many and we are very grateful to the parents and supporters who donated time, talent and treasure to make this event such a success. It was a great evening celebrating and supporting NDA and we could not do it without you!

The PSAT for our current sophomores and juniors will be administered on October 17. Our Student Services Office provides practice booklets for teachers to include in their curriculum and help student prepare for the test. Please encourage your daughter to spend some time reviewing the practice booklets. For juniors, this test will determine who qualifies for National Merit recognition.

Please check the website where you will find our new feature: Student of the Month. Congratulations to this month's recipient - Senior Taylor Bosch. Students are nominated by faculty for this award. The selections are based on outstanding qualities in academics, service, work ethic, compassion towards others, leadership and overall contribution to our school. Please read more about Taylor on our [website](#).

Tomorrow we will welcome 8th grade students from St. Joseph School in Crescent Springs for the first of our Shadow Days. There are several other Shadow Days planned in the coming weeks. We look forward to welcoming 8th graders from schools in our area and letting them see first hand the many opportunities offered at NDA. Students from public schools in the area can shadow on October 12. If you know a young lady who would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please have her contact Sr. Paul Ann or Sr. Rachel in the Admissions Office at 859-292-7736.

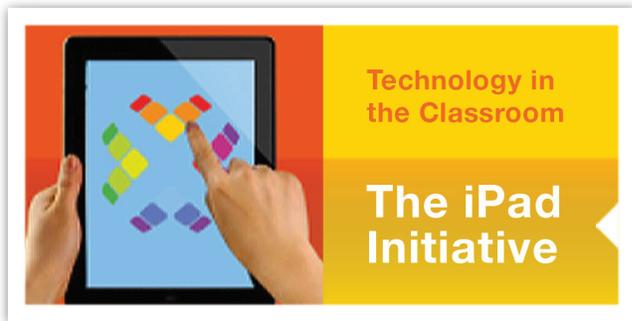
This Friday we will kick-off the annual fruit sale to support our athletic program. All student athletes will be selling fruit to support the program and their teams. Please consider supporting this important activity by purchasing a box of fruit for yourself or as gifts for friends.

Finally, please check the iPad update below for important information about an online digital citizenship program our students will complete. This program will help to educate them about the proper use of social media and online information. Parent involvement in this area is crucial to ensuring students use technology in an appropriate and effective way.

Thank you for all you do to support NDA!

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



TECH BITE FROM MRS. MULLEE ◀ IN THE DIGITAL LEARNING CENTER

The idea of being a good digital citizen becomes more important as schools start to adopt 1:1 initiatives, get more comfortable with students bringing in their own technology and use various technology as a part of the learning process. Where does this get taught? Who teaches it?

NDA recently adopted a program called:



The DDL project allows learners (whether they be students or teachers) to become immersed in the concepts that they need to be digital citizens. Cases are built and become accessible by the student as they take the practice and evaluative exercises to both facilitate and certify their knowledge. After researching many digital literacy programs, we felt the “Digital Driver’s License” fit our needs as well as perfectly complementing our 1:1 iPad Initiative. In fact, DDL recently premiered as an App in the iTunes store that is now available in NDA’s self-service app. This app is accessible by all iPad versions and the program itself is available online from any computer by going to idrivedigital.com. Students will be required to complete the DDL and we will receive an email from Mrs. Mullee with instructions on how to do this.

NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE ◀

Notre Dame Academy partners with local organizations and business leaders to educate and support young women, so they can make a difference in our world. Recently, Alexa Schulte, Hanna Sullivan, Kylie Colvin, Maggie Flanagan, and Jane Rudnick attended a student service leadership workshop sponsored by the Mayerson Service-Learning Program. At the workshop, the five students gathered numerous ideas on how they can put their faith into action. In fact, they are currently exploring ways NDA can further bond with the Pandas at our sister school in Uganda, Africa.

In a couple of weeks, several members of NDA’s Student Council will attend the L.E.A.D. Conference at Northern Kentucky University. Focusing on leadership, education, and development, the conference grants our school representatives the opportunity to explore their own gifts as strong leaders and to hear the stories of local, successful businesswomen. Student Council members attending the conference on October 16 are: Emily Bautista, Emma Hughes, Taylor Berling, Ana Calvopina, Nicole Zembrodt, and Megan Beischel.

This Thursday and next Tuesday, NDA will welcome several 8th graders from the schools of St. Joseph and St. Pius X. These Shadow Days are the first of five to take place this fall. A big “Thank You” to Sister Paul Ann Hanneken, Sister Rachel Nerone, and all student volunteers who assist in the planning and facilitating of these events. The Shadow Days are great opportunities to share the story of NDA!

Notre Dame Academy recognizes the benefits of implementing Northern Kentucky’s first 1:1 iPad initiative. The world becomes the classroom and collaboration takes on a whole new meaning for students, faculty, and staff. This year, all students must acquire a Digital Driver’s License – an educational program administered by NDA’s Instructional Technology department.

At the beginning of the year, students and parents signed an iPad Use Contract, which is aligned with the school’s Technology Appropriate Use Policy. Students have been reminded via email of their responsibilities as digital citizens, and failure to fulfill these responsibilities will result in disciplinary action.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS ◀

A big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Autumn Gala - the event was a big success for NDA and we appreciate your participation! Money is still coming in but we will have a total for you next week of how much we raised to offset the financial gap that persists per student at NDA.



And we're looking forward! We need some folks to help on the planning committee for next year's event and the positions range from something small to something very involved, based on your time availability. Please contact Anna Hehman in the Advancement Office at 292-1851 if you are interested in helping with this great event!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

The sophomores and juniors will be taking the PSAT on Wednesday, October 17. The students will take this preliminary SAT test in the school day and have partial classes after the test. The junior class takes the test to also qualify for the National Merit State Qualifying Test. For more information please visit the Collegeboard website at <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html>.

Any sophomore, junior or senior interested in pursuing a health related career can participate in the Health Career Fair that will be taking place on October 25 at Xavier University. Permission slips are available in the school office or outside of Mrs. Monohan's door. We will have room for a limited amount of students so turn in your signed permission slips soon.

Any junior student interested in The Governor's Scholar's Program (GSP) is encouraged to attend an after school meeting on either October 8 or October 11 in the school library. See Mrs. Monohan for details after the meeting date if you cannot attend.

Any junior or sophomore interested in the Governor's School for the Arts Programs (GSA) please plan to attend a meeting on either October 1 or October 4 in the school library. See Mrs. Monohan for details after the meeting date if you cannot attend.

Women and Minorities in Engineering and Technology Day - UC is hosting a day for young women and any minority who may be interested in Engineering or Technology on October 31 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. This is offered to high school juniors and seniors. If there is a student interested in attending, please see Mrs. Monohan. This will not be a school field trip but we will offer the student a college visit day. Interested students can also contact UC at 513-556-5417 or ceas.ug@uc.edu for more information.

Drug Free Club of America is a national school club that promotes and rewards healthy teen decisions. To join, students complete a registration form (available in the NDA school office), get a parent signature, and pay a \$35 fee. (Freshmen get their senior year FREE by signing up for all four years at once!) An outside agency will conduct drug screenings at our school during the week of Oct. 8-12. After testing negative for drugs on the initial test, students receive a Member ID Card with a number and can log in at www.drugfreeclub.com for numerous Community Rewards. NDA Drug Free Club members will also receive various NDA rewards: out-of-uniform days, treats, free mixer tickets, and random drawings for movie tickets, gift cards to restaurants, stores, Bambootique, and more! Drug free screenings will occur randomly during the school year, and re-tested members tested will receive recognition and rewards. Drug Free Club Members are eligible to enter the Scholarship Essay Contest in March and win a \$500 scholarship (NDA had a 2012 winner!) or other runner-up prizes. Membership in Drug Free Club, a credible, nationally known organization, can also be put on college applications! Register before October 8! Contact Mrs. Hildreth at hildrethk@ndapandas.org if any questions.

Divorce and Grief Groups will be starting up in October. They will run for 5 week each semester on a rotating basis so students will never miss a class more than once a semester. If you know a student who might be interested in participating, contact Mrs. Hildreth at hildrethk@ndapandas.org.

FRUIT SALE ◀

This **Friday, October 5** is the kick off for the fruit sale. Your daughter will be bringing home her packet of information and ten order forms.



FRUIT SALE INFORMATION

Selling Time: October 5th – 26th



1. The fruit sale helps support the entire athletic program with no tuition money used for sports. If a student plays one sport she needs to sell at least **15 boxes**. If she plays two or more sports she needs to sell at least **20 boxes**. We hope that everyone does not stop there but continues to sell even more.

2. We sell fruit in 2/5 size boxes. The Florida citrus is delivered direct from the groves and the apples direct from the Washington State orchards.

We will replace any bad fruit until December 13, even one bad piece! Bring in the bad fruit and I will replace it.

These are approximate quantities in each box:

Red Grapefruit	\$21 (about 18-20 pieces)
Tangelos	\$21 (about 30-40 pieces)
Navels (seedless)	\$23 (about 20-30 pieces)
Red Delicious Apples	\$26 (40 pieces)
Gift/Mixed Box	\$27 includes grapefruit (about 8), navels (about 8), & apples (about 12)

3. Fruit trucks will arrive at school December 7 for unloading with pickup and delivery to customers 12/8 & 12/9. Exchanges and additional purchases will be made until 12/13. All money is due by 12/14.

4. The girls are asked to fill out the order form using ballpoint pen pressing hard. Complete the forms including the full name, address, and phone number of the customer. Put in the **number of BOXES of fruit – NOT PIECES** and the correct dollar amount and total amount of order.

5. They can hand in the white and yellow copies to Mrs. Schmidt who is in the foyer every morning 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

6. She has names of past customers if you have trouble selling the fruit. The girls can stop in the morning to get names.

7. The money does not have to be collected until the delivery of the fruit.

8. We ask that all parents and students work at least a 2-hour shift the weekend the fruit arrives.

Last year's sale netted \$70,000 for the athletic program.
Thank you in advance for your cooperation and help with this project!

If you have any questions you can reach Mrs. Schmidt at (859) 292-1831 Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



NDA OPEN HOUSE ◀

Would you be willing to help us promote our Open House? We have sent an Open House sign home with each of our freshmen but we are looking for a few more great locations to post our Open House signs. If you think your home or business would be a good place to put one of our yard signs or even one of our larger signs, please call Sr. Paul Ann at 859-292-7736.

If you know a Prospective Panda, please encourage her to go to our website to join our [contact list](#) and invite her to come to our Open House on Sunday, October 28 from 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

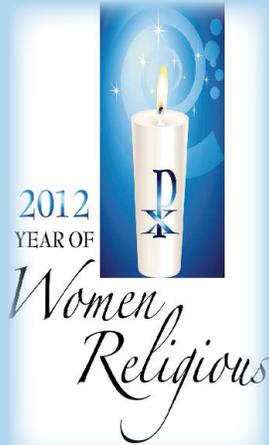
Thank you!

OPEN HOUSE



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

OCT 28 12:30-3PM



YEAR OF WOMEN RELIGIOUS OPEN HOUSES ◀

Sunday, October 14 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sisters of Notre Dame

1601 Dixie Highway, Covington, KY

859-291-2040

Website: www.sndky.org

Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg Monastery

2500 Amsterdam Rd., Covington, KY

859-331-6324

Website: www.stwalburg.org

Congregation of Divine Providence

1000 St. Anne Dr., Melbourne, KY

859-441-0700

Website: www.cdpkentucky.org

Passionist Nuns

1151 Donaldson Hwy., Erlanger, KY

859-371-8568

SMILES & MILES 5K ◀

It is almost here! We are one week away from the 3rd Annual Smiles & Miles in Honor of Maria Schaffstein. The two previous years raised over \$26,000 and provided over \$10,000 which was given anonymously to St. Agnes families in need, 8 scholarships awarded to graduating 8th graders, in addition to Playground equipment and a digital piano. You can register online at sprunning.com or race day registration is available beginning at 2:45 p.m. on Sunday, October 14.

SUNDAY, October 14, 2012

ST. AGNES, 1680 DIXIE HWY, FT. WRIGHT KY 41011

2:30 - 3:45 p.m. Packet Pickup

4:00 p.m. Race begins promptly

FOOD, REFRESHMENTS AND AWARDS FOLLOWING THE RUN

