



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings parents,

Congratulations to Malala Yousafzai for becoming the youngest person to receive a Nobel Peace Prize! Malala's example as a young woman making a difference is a great inspiration to our students. To see her acknowledged in this way by our global community sends a positive message of hope for our own community of young women. We celebrate Malala as a part of our sisterhood committed to a meaningful education for all.

Speaking of celebrating our sisterhood and NDA community, I hope you will be joining me at the extravaPANDAz on Saturday, November 1. This annual event is our biggest fundraiser and a great evening of fellowship and fun with parents, alumnae and friends of NDA. Your participation does make a difference in helping to build community and provide support for our educational programs and services.

Today our students were involved in many alternate activities that included our Freshman Service Day and Retreat, the PSAT test for sophomores and juniors, and the senior trip to the mosque. These experiences reflect different parts of our NDA educational experience. They allow our students to reflect on and apply what they are learning at NDA – the opportunity for spiritual growth through service to others, the value of acquired knowledge, and the importance of respecting those who are of different nationalities, religions and beliefs. I hope your daughter can share something valuable with you from her experience today. I would like to thank the parents that helped with our Freshmen Service Day.

Our fall play opens this weekend. Please join us for the NDA/CCH Theater Production of *Almost, Maine*. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and can be purchased by calling 859-261-4300.

On Sunday, November 9, Notre Dame Academy will hold an Open House from 12:00 to 2:00. We hope you will encourage your friends and family members to attend. If you are willing to put a sign advertising the Open House in your yard or place of business it would be greatly appreciated - please call Ms. Katie Caccavari at 292-1829. She would be happy to hear from you and have your support.

Finally please pray for the seniors who will be on retreat this weekend. May this be a special and meaningful experience that brings them closer to God for their journey ahead.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

Parents,

If you did NOT receive an invitation to the extravaPANDAz event, please call the Advancement Office at 859.292.7729 to let us know so that we can update our files with a correct address. Also, please see the invitation below with a link to make your reservations online.

Join Notre Dame Academy's friends, parents, and alumnae to

*celebrate the sisterhood*

at the

2014

# extravaPANDAz

the new event.

**Saturday, November 1, 2014**

6:00 Cocktails and Silent Auction Opens

7:30 Dinner & Live Auction

Open Bar from 6 - 11

After party to follow featuring

Floyd and the Walkmen

DoubleTree by Hilton Cincinnati Airport

2826 Terminal Drive

Hebron, KY 41048

Ticket Price: \$65 per person

R.S.V.P at <http://www.biddingforgood.com/nda/extravapandaz>

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

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE

### FRESHMEN ELECTIONS

There will be freshmen homeroom elections on Friday, October 24 during Long Homeroom. The applications to run for office were already due.

## A RIPPLE OF IMPACTS

Rotary International has over 1.2 million members worldwide. In 1986, Rotary began to accept its first female members. In the nearly 30 years that have followed, women have contributed mightily to Rotary's work and numbers. Since the mid 1980s, Rotary has also been the catalyst for a 99% drop in the rate of Polio infections across the globe by vaccinating over 2 billion people against Polio.



In 2011, Notre Dame Academy launched its Interact Club. In that short time, our young women have made a difference by contributing to their local and global communities through both community service and material donations. Now, graduates of NDA have been asked to help revive Rotaract, the college arm of Rotary, at various institutions of higher learning. This story comes full circle in another manner as well. Malala's father is a Rotarian. Her Nobel Peace Prize is a tribute to the formation her mother and father provided in her upbringing. The ideals of Rotary International were shared with Malala by her father and are being learned by students in NDA Interact.

## ACCOUNTING STUDENTS GET PROFESSIONAL PERSPECTIVE

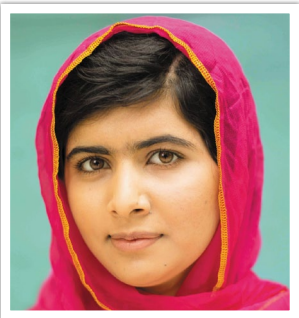
Jennifer Mearns, owner of JPM Consulting and wife of NKU President Geoff Mearns, came to speak with the Accounting I and Accounting II students this week.



## MALALA WINS NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

This is a beautiful and meaningful acknowledgement of Malala Yousfzai's personal commitment and courage in speaking up for the good of young women around the world. It also speaks to the great value and importance of a global commitment to education. We are all a part of that - at NDA USA and NDA Buseesa!

She is an inspiration and role model for each of us!



## MOTHER DAUGHTER DANCE

Enjoy a great meal, great dance music and a costume parade complete with prizes for the top best costumes in each grade! Please join us Friday, November 14, 2014 at Receptions in Erlanger. R.S.V.P. required. You can find the R.S.V.P. form online [HERE](#) or you can pick one up in the office.



## 2015 WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Do you know a Notre Dame Academy graduate who has made a difference? The nomination form for the 2015 Women Making A Difference is available online [HERE](#). Nominations are due November 14, 2014.

*Women Making A Difference*



## POSITION AVAILABLE ◀

Notre Dame Academy is seeking a part-time Facility Assistant. Hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and duties include custodial support. A letter of interest and resume should be sent to [hodsonj@ndapandas.org](mailto:hodsonj@ndapandas.org).

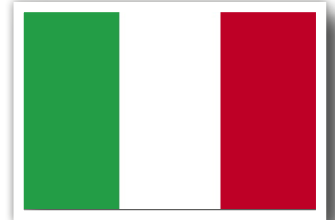


## PICTURE RETAKE DAY ◀

Picture retake day will be Thursday, October 30. If your daughter would like her picture retaken she will need to bring the entire picture packet back that day and give it back to the photographer before her picture can be retaken.

## 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](mailto:wagnerk@ndapandas.org).



## Almost, Maine



## FALL THEATRE PRODUCTION ◀

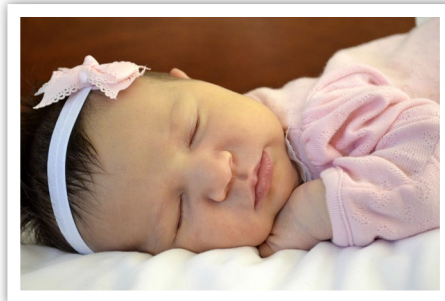
NDA and CCH present *Almost, Maine* beginning Friday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. You can also catch this production on Saturday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 26, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online or 30 minutes prior to showtime. To purchase advanced tickets online [CLICK HERE](#).



### Violet Mae

Daughter of Mrs. Amber Grayson  
Her Panda hat was knitted by  
Mrs. Joanne Meadows!

Welcome to the world  
Panda Babies!



### Maris Lee

Daughter of Mrs. Tessa Taylor



### Veronica Marie

Daughter of Mrs. Stacey Bill

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



### TAP MD Program at UC Hospital:

This program seeks high school juniors at least 16 years of age interested in a medical career. They need to be strong academically, motivated, mature and dependable. Moreover this student has a positive attitude! We want students who have true potential to enter medical school; as such we require a 29 ACT OR a 1300 SAT or 130 PSAT (composite, minus writing portion) score. Application will require at least one qualifying ACT, SAT and/or PSAT score. Although TAP MD students possess the necessary traits and abilities, they are particularly targeted because they have not yet decided upon a career choice. There is an application online - that can be printed and filled out, then given to Mrs. Monohan. Click [here](#) for more info.

**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.msj.edu/excel](http://www.msj.edu/excel)

### Career Fair:

The students will participate in a Career Fair on March 19, 2015. It is the same day as The Women Making a Difference Luncheon and will be a half day of school. We need parent volunteers to talk about various careers. Please contact Mrs. Chrissy Monohan at [monohanc@ndapandas.org](mailto:monohanc@ndapandas.org) if you are interested in sharing your career at the Career Fair.

### Xavier University Summer Credit Program:

Xavier will be having their Jump Start Program this summer for students interested in a career in Medicine or Criminal Justice. The Program is for sophomores and juniors who have completed their school year. Students get 3 credit hours for the 2 week residential program. [Click here](#) for more info.

### Groups:

**NDA support groups for students who may be experiencing difficulties due to divorce or grief will be starting soon.** Notre Dame Academy Grief Group and Divorce Groups are completely voluntary, and gather five times per semester. Meeting times rotate so that no more than one class is missed in any subject per semester. Our groups are open, and members may join at any time. If this is something you think your student would benefit from, or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kathy Hildreth: [hildrethk@ndapandas.org](mailto:hildrethk@ndapandas.org) or (859) 292-1825.

### ILP:

**Senior Parents: All NDA Seniors have opened, received recent instruction, and utilized their Individual Learning Plans (ILP).** They also completed the Matchmaker Assessment, which many of them found very helpful. Seniors are now able to easily send extracurricular, service, work activities to others who may be writing recommendation letters. They can also search for school and majors, compare schools, and search for scholarships. Please ask your daughter to show you all of the above, so you can appreciate and encourage the benefits of this free online program! We will be phasing in usage of the ILP for the other grades over the next few months. Contact Mrs. Kathy Hildreth if you have any questions: [hildrethk@ndapandas.org](mailto:hildrethk@ndapandas.org) or (859) 292-1825.

**The Notre Dame Life**

Building confidence, celebrating excellence, and enabling a future without boundaries.



**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY**  
*Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World*



**OPEN HOUSE**  
**Sunday, November 9, 2014**  
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.



### 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.

#### October

- 16 Thomas More College
- 17 Good Samaritan College
- 20 Otterbein University
- 21 St. Louis University
- 28 University of Dayton

#### November

- 3 Dennison University
- 14 Brescia University

### ► Important dates:

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| 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                                   |
|               | First Senior Retreat Weekend begins                  |
| 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>                     |
| October 27    | Red Ribbon Week Begins                               |
| October 29    | NHS Induction  |
|               | Christmas Play Auditions Begin                       |
| November 1    | extravaPANDAz  |
| November 9    | NDA Fall Open House 12-2                             |

### COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- St. Agnes Open House
- HORRIBLE HARVEST - 4th Annual Haunted Cellar in support of Diocesan Catholic Children's Home
- Pure Fashion
- Streetsmartz

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

