



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



**(NOTE: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday there will not be a Panda Press Weekly next week.)**

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear parents,

Greetings from Washington D.C.! Sr. Mary Ethel and I are attending the Blue Ribbon ceremony sponsored by the Department of Education. It is an honor for both of us to be here representing the faculty, staff, students and parents who make Notre Dame Academy a school of excellence!

Our Thanksgiving break is right around the corner and I am sure you and your family are looking forward to this special time of celebration. Next week we will have school on Monday and Tuesday (dismissal at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday). Our Thanksgiving holiday begins on Wednesday.

This past weekend our Pandas performed well in athletic and academic pursuits. Congratulations to our Cross Country Pandas who competed in the state finals. They finished out their great season as regional champions and this past Saturday finished 7th place in the state. Senior Amy Hanson placed 13th in the state.

Congratulations to our Academic Team who placed third in the JV challenge this past weekend. Sophomore Rachel Peavler placed 2nd on two of the subject tests. Our Speech and Drama Team placed 7th at their meet and Senior Hannah Regan placed second in the impromptu category. See more information below.

Many thanks to all the members of PTO who made the Mother Daughter dance such a big success. We are especially grateful to Shari Buckley who chaired the event. It was a great night that was enjoyed by many. The costume tradition continued on with some very creative renditions of characters from TV land!

Finally, many thanks to all of our parents who support NDA in so many ways. We are grateful for all you do and especially for your commitment to sending your daughter to our school. On behalf of the faculty and staff at NDA, I wish you and your family a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

May you know God's goodness each day,

*Dr. Laura A. Koehl*

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## iPad UPDATE ◀

Several teachers are using an App called Nearpod. This app allows them to create presentation that they can share with their students. Embedded in the presentations are various types of formative assessments that allow the student and teachers to check for understanding as the class is moving along.



## ST. VINCENT dePAUL COAT DRIVE ◀

NDA is an official drop site for the St. Vincent de Paul Coat Drive. We have several barrels in the foyer to collect new and gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves etc. for all ages. These barrels will be present in the Foyer until the week after Thanksgiving. If you have extra or used winter wear at your house, consider donating it to this worthy cause.

## NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE ◀

### Can the Colonels!!!

Student Council is collecting Canned Goods all next week in an attempt to “Can the Colonels”. This is a competition between the Cov Cath and NDA. All canned goods from NDA will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul and all canned goods from CCH will be donated to BeConcerned.



## LIFE CLUB NEWS ◀

Life Club is selling pro-life Christmas cards. There are ten in a package; an assortment of beautiful pictures from classic artists. They are \$5.00 and the money goes to help pro-life activities. Students can purchase these cards (while supplies last) in 302 throughout the day. Thank you for your support.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀



Alex Lonneman

In her final year at Notre Dame Academy, senior Alex Lonneman has been named November's Student of the Month. Member of the National Honor Society, English National Honor Society, and Spanish Honor Society, Alex “represents what it is to be a Notre Dame Academy student,” according to Mrs. Bill, her Spanish teacher for the past three years. Alex is “consistently participating by listening attentively, and attacking assignments with her friendly, upbeat, but very focused approach to any activity.” Mrs. Johnson, Alex's Psychology teacher, believes that it is this upbeat and positive attitude that helps her stand out as a student at NDA.

Besides her spot on NDA's successful soccer team, Alex participates in the following school clubs: LIFE, Spanish, and RESPECT. Her involvement in extra-curricular activities and her academic achievement will serve her well at Western Kentucky University where she plans to play soccer, minor in Spanish, and major in Speech Pathology. Congratulations on your many achievements as a Panda!



## NEWS FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT ◀

### Students selected to exhibit at Xavier University

Congratulations to Erin Mayer, Peri Crush, Amy Hansen, and Rachel Bolin for having their artwork juried and selected to show in the Xavier University Juried High School Exhibition. Their work will hang in the Xavier University Art Gallery from November 30 – December 14 and there will be an opening reception on November 30 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. All are encouraged to stop by to see these and other outstanding you artists from around the area. Congratulations again to those that were selected to show, and thank you for representing Notre Dame's Art Department.



*by Peri Crush*



*by Erin Mayer*

### Call to Artists!!!!

To all of you practicing artists...we would love to show your talents in Notre Dame Academy's Art gallery. If you are interested in exhibiting your work, please contact Mr. Eckerle at [eckerlem@ndapandas.org](mailto:eckerlem@ndapandas.org) and please include some of your work samples or a website if you have one. We are looking to fill the gallery with a variety of shows including solo shows and group shows, using any and all types of mediums. Please contact Mr. Eckerle if you are interested.



## NDA STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR HURRICANE SANDY VICTIMS

Students at Notre Dame Academy collected \$975.00 last Friday for victims of Hurricane Sandy. The money was raised through a "Dress Down Day" sponsored by NDA's Interact Club.

Students were permitted to dress out of their usual uniform if they donated \$3.00 NDA's Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. More than half of NDA's students came to school comfortably dressed to help out with this worthy cause!

## ACADEMIC TEAM NEWS

Freshmen and sophomores on the NDA Academic Team competed in the JV Challenge at Covington Latin School on Saturday, November 10. Notre Dame Academy placed 4th in Quick Recall and 3rd overall in the competition. Many of our students placed in the Written Assessment part of the competition.



Sophomore	Rachel Peavler	2nd	Arts & Humanities and Language arts
Freshman	Emily Walter	4th	Mathematics
Freshman	Annabel Biernat	4th	Science
Freshman	Mariah Bezold	6th	Composition
Freshman	Malea Rolfsen	6th	Mathematics

Congratulations to NDA's outstanding Academic Team and their parents!

## NEWS FROM THE MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Thank you to all the students who took the first Math Fax test. Congratulations to Stephanie Hacker for her very high score on the advanced math test and to Kelsey Sucher for her very high score on the algebra II test.

## GIRLS' NIGHT OUT AT FABULOUS FURS

Thursday, November 29 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. the NDA After Prom Committee will host a "Girls Night Out at Fabulous Furs" at 20 West 11th Street in Covington. The cost is \$5 presale, or \$10 at the door. Everyone who attends will receive 15% off everything in the store including our clearance area. Appetizers and refreshments will be served. A Fabulous throw will also be raffled off. If interested please contact Leanne Kirn at [mlmmkirn@gmail.com](mailto:mlmmkirn@gmail.com) or 859-344-1003.

8th GRADE  
PANDA SLEEPOVER

There's still time to register!

Friday, November 16 at 8:00 p.m. - Saturday, November 17 at 7:00 a.m.

Walk-ins welcome!

REGISTRATION FORM AVAILABLE AT:  
[www.ndapandas/admissions/prospectivestudents](http://www.ndapandas/admissions/prospectivestudents)

Registration Form with Parent Signature is REQUIRED.

## FRUIT SALE INFORMATION ◀

A verification form will come home with your daughter today, 11/14/12, for the fruit she sold. Please check the numbers and have her return the bottom of the form to Mrs. Schmidt by Friday, 11/16/12.



Also, today on the NDA website, the sign up sheet will be posted. It is a first come sign up. If you want a particular time to work, you will need to sign up quickly. Here is the link to sign up: <http://www.timetosignup.com/ndafruitsale/>.

If any customer calls for more fruit, you can tell them that we will fill their order from the extra fruit that is ordered to cover bad fruit. If you have any questions call Mrs. Schmidt at (859) 292-1831.

Thank you for all your help selling the fruit and your continuing help the weekend of 12/7/12 to 12/9/12 when the fruit arrives. All money is due 12/14/12.

## PTO NEWS ◀

**Mark your calendars!** The Father/Daughter Dance is scheduled for Friday, February 22, 2013 at the Syndicate in Newport.

**NDA's PTO is seeking parents to serve on the Faculty Appreciation Committee.** Duties include preparing breakfast items for faculty on late start meeting days which are generally the first Wednesday of each month. Contact PTO President Mrs. Dee Reinert ([dreinert@wgmlpa.com](mailto:dreinert@wgmlpa.com)) if you are interested in helping!

### Mother/Daughter Recap

I'd like to thank the parents who helped to make the NDA Mother/Daughter Dance a fun and memorable event. Without them, we could not have pulled it off! Many hands worked together to make this event possible:

Our speedy Check-in Committee

2 of our Costume Parade Judges

Prize Selection and Purchasing Committee

Dessert Lady

Treasurer and Reservations

Panda Display Case Decorator

Senior Poster Gathering and Displaying

The Set-Up/Decoration Committee

Prize Posters and our clean-up committee

Mrs. Elfers - who manned the tables all NIGHT! Mrs. Noll,

Mrs. Neltner and her daughter Cassandra

Mrs. Stratman and Mrs. Elfers

Mrs. Reynolds Swingos and Mrs. Reinersman

Mrs. J. Darpel

Mrs. Gregg

Mrs. Noll

Mrs. Bradley

Mrs. Meadows, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Yung, Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Reinersman,

Mrs. Schmahl and her daughter, Kelly, - who helped us hang the TV

Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Rennekamp, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Swingos, and

Lori Kim

I would also like to thank Dr. Koehl who tirelessly made announcements for us daily and Mrs. Witt the handler of all in-coming and out-going information and keeper of the reservation and picture boxes.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!  
Shari Buckley



*Sophomores Kylie Nienaber and Abigail Kennedy won the costume contest for their grade level in their Cupcake Wars costumes.*





## THEATER NEWS ◀

NDA's Christmas Children's Theatre production of "A Seussified Christmas Carol" will be Saturday, December 1, at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday, December 2, at 2:00 p.m.

It is the much loved story of Scrooge and the Christmas Ghosts told in the rhyming sequence a la Dr. Seuss, with the village and characters resembling more of a "Who-ville" type village than the traditional Dicken's English town.

The performances will be followed by a visit with St. Nick and cookies and hot coca with the cast! For ticket information contact [tix4pandas@oal.com](mailto:tix4pandas@oal.com) or the NDA website at [Arts 2012-2013 Season](#).

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

### Career and College Planning Information:

**Career Exploration:** Students can check out [MyMajors.com](http://MyMajors.com) to take career quizzes and find information on careers, college majors, schools that offer specific majors, and much more. This is a solid resource for career exploration and recommended for students of all grade levels.

**College Visits at NDA:** The following colleges will be at NDA during lunch bells over the next few weeks. Students from all grade levels are encouraged to take advantage of these visits. Admissions counselors are more than happy to answer student questions, give out information on their respective school, and students can often sign up to receive more information. The following schools will be coming to Notre Dame in November:

November 15 - Brescia University

November 19 - Western State Colorado University

**Great College Resource for Parents and Students:** [InLikeMe.com](http://InLikeMe.com) offers links to college resource books, ACT/SAT information, profiles of colleges/universities, financial aid and scholarship information, and much more! *This is a great online resource for Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior students and parents.*

## DISH ROOM NEWS ◀

Hello Dish Room Volunteers! The following dates are open for the dish room: Nov. 16, 20, 26, 28, 30, Dec. 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17. If you could help NDA on any of those days, we would be extremely grateful. You can sign up to help at [CAFETERIA SIGN-UP](#).

## ADULT BEGINNING GROUP PIANO AT NDA'S PIANO LAB ◀

Learn the basics of making music – note reading, chord patterns, and proper technique – in a relaxed, fun, and learning-filled environment.

Course content includes:

- Finger numbers, proper playing posture, keyboard topography
- Note values and rhythm
- Note identification on the staff and reading music
- I-IV-V Chords
- Accidentals



The classes will be held on Tuesdays from 6:00 - 6:50 p.m. beginning January 8 through May 28 (no class on April 2 for Spring Break). The classes will be in the Piano Lab on the ground floor of Notre Dame Academy. The cost is \$265 and includes your book.

Each group is unique and will determine the pace of the class. At the end of the course, we will have an evening of good music, food, friends, and fun. Come join us! For more information contact Nell Schaffer at [schaffern@ndapandas.org](mailto:schaffern@ndapandas.org) or 859.261.4300.

## FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK ◀

Stay up to date with everything that is happening at NDA on our official Notre Dame Academy Facebook page. It is at [Notre Dame Academy, Park Hills](#). There are many listings for Notre Dame Academy on Facebook so look for our NDA seal to make sure you have our official page. You can also check out our NDA Alumnae page at [Panda Pal, Park Hills, Kentucky](#) to find out what's going on with our NDA Alumnae.

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

### Diocesan High School Youth Event

The next TAO (Together As One) event for diocesan high school youth is this weekend. "Peanut Butter and JAM!" will be held Sunday, November 18 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Thomas More College, Steigerwald Hall in the Student Center. While enjoying music performed by local artists, youth will be making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches which will be donated to the Rose Garden Home Mission and the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky. Admission is a jar of peanut butter or jelly, a loaf of bread, or a box of re-sealable sandwich bags.

### Vote today and everyday for St. Augustine School...

*Dear Friends of St. Augustine School, Covington,*

#### ***Cast your vote for school in 'Power A Bright Future' grant program***

*St. Augustine School, located in the urban core of Covington, inspires its students to acknowledge their potential, awaken life's passion and embrace the knowledge that will lead to opportunities for a better life. Students rely on the school to provide a strong educational program so that they may learn and explore the world beyond the school's walls and its community. The students are eager to learn what the world offers; however, St. Augustine struggles to provide the needed tools. Technology is an avenue to reach beyond those walls. However, the advancement of technology keeps growing just beyond the school's reach.*

*St. Augustine School would like to upgrade its technology infrastructure by providing wireless access throughout the building in the hopes of beginning a one-to-one initiative for its middle school students. The Clorox Company's "Power A Bright Future" grant program can help make this happen. After a competitive national nomination period, now it is time for the community to show its support. **Help St. Augustine School win up to \$50,000 by casting votes starting November 12, 2012 through December 19, 2012 at 11:59 p.m. Adults and children 13 and older can visit [www.PowerABrightFuture.com](http://www.PowerABrightFuture.com) to vote once a day.** Neighbors, friends and family can also vote for their favorite school right from their phones via text message (message and data rates may apply).*

*The program that receives the highest number of votes will be awarded the \$50,000 grand-prize grant, and the next top vote-getters in the Play, Create and Explore categories respectively will each be awarded a \$25,000 grant. The Clorox judging panel will select three additional lucky schools, one in each category, to win a \$25,000 judge's choice grant.*

*St. Augustine School can be one of only seven schools nationwide to win a grant, and you can help push the school to the top. Please share information about the competition with your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers and encourage them to vote for St. Augustine School. Your vote can make a difference in the lives of our students.*

*For details and official rules visit [www.PowerABrightFuture.com](http://www.PowerABrightFuture.com) or for information on St. Augustine School contact principal Notre Dame Sister Maria Therese Schappert, [smtherese@staugustines.net](mailto:smtherese@staugustines.net).*

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