



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents!

The final week is here and school officially ends this Friday with our traditional cleaning day. It has certainly been a productive and eventful year as we have journeyed together in hope. I am grateful to our faculty, staff, students and parents for making the 2013-14 school year such a success. Please watch for our Graduation edition of the *Notre Damian* later this summer for details about the accomplishments of our seniors - many of which have been documented in the PPW throughout the year.

Congratulations to our student leaders who were elected by their peers to serve for the 2014-15 school year. Please see the list of school officers below. We are grateful for their willingness to serve our school.

Congratulations also to Sr. Mary Ethel Parrott and freshman Paige Monfort on their participation in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair 2014. Paige presented her research and was interviewed by 12 judges. They had a great week with almost 1800 students competing from over 70 countries. Overall TEAM Kentucky had one of its best fairs ever.

Our spring athletes had a great season and they are commended for their successful competitions and hard work. The Spring Awards Banquet for the student athletes and their parents will be held next Monday, June 2 at 6:00 p.m.

We are holding two special celebrations for Sr. Mary Ethel Parrott and Kim Gunning as they complete their final years of service at NDA. See the invitation below - all are welcome.

As you plan for the coming school year please note that the calendar is available on our website. You will find the directions for accessing the calendar in the announcements below. We have also provided information about the uniform requirements.

Please consider joining our PTO for the coming school year. The volunteer form can be found [HERE](#). Our parents are an important part of our school and we look forward to having more parents join us at our monthly meetings and the many activities sponsored by PTO. We also welcome parents who would like to serve as grade level representatives.

Please note that report cards will be mailed home the week of June 9. Information on your daughter's grades can also be obtained on Power School.

Finally, as announced earlier we are requiring a Common Reading assignment for the coming school year. The book we will read is *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai. Students are required to read this book prior to the new school year. We will have activities and discussion groups as part of our opening activities for the 2014-15 school year. Additional information will be posted at our website.

I wish you a blessed and safe summer.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Parents and Students

You are invited..

to two special events for two extraordinary people!

To view your invitation to Sister Mary Ethel's Open House - June 4, 2014

[CLICK HERE](#)

To view your invitation to Kim Gunning's Celebration - June 6, 2014

[CLICK HERE](#)



TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

Summer School at iTunes U!

While summer is the perfect time of year to rest and regenerate, it is also an ideal occasion to learn! Throughout the school year we don't often have a great deal of spare time to read up on topics that interest us. This summer don't miss the chance to discover all sorts of captivating subjects on iTunes U!

First of all, let's review for anyone who is not familiar with iTunes U. The iTunes U app gives you access to complete courses from leading universities to Notre Dame Academy. It's the world's largest digital catalog of education content and you can access it from your iPad, mini-iPad, iPhone, or iTouch. Here's the best part - it's FREE!

The NDA iTunes U site was published last school year as part of our 1:1 iPad Initiative. There are now three courses available for subscription on the Notre Dame Academy iTunes U site:



- The NDA SWAT course will benefit all students at NDA and beyond! It contains vital information about all aspects of the iPad and much more.
- The NDA iPad Parent Resource course is for parents who want to learn about the iPad and how their daughters are learning.
- The NDA Faculty course provides pertinent technology information for faculty.

Remember, courses in iTunes U can only be accessed from the iTunes U App which can be downloaded from the App Store. You can subscribe to any of the courses on NDA's iTunes U public site on an iPad. Go to our website to find out all about iTunes U and the courses available on NDA's iTunes U public site [HERE](#).

NDA's iTunes U site is a perfect example of how our 1:1 iPad Initiative has allowed NDA to stay current with educational innovations that promote student achievement and success. It's one more reminder of how this initiative fully supports our mission at Notre Dame Academy to educate young women to make a difference in the world. So if you haven't already downloaded the iTunes U app, give it a try and check out all that iTunes U has to offer. Soon you will be a 21st century life long learner just like your daughter!



STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

The Student Council Elections are complete!

Congratulations to the following Pandas who will be representing NDA's Student Body next year:

School Officers

Co-Presidents Emma Hughes and Hillary Hellmann

Secretary Cassidy Ryan

Treasurer Claire Suetholz

Senior Class Presidents

Katie Kloska and Hannah Good

Junior Class Presidents

Abby Schuh and Kirsten Richards

Sophomore Class Presidents

Katie Hellmann and Jay Mullaguru

Senior Homeroom Representatives

Sara Bierl

Jessica Peck

Cassie Collins

Ellen Neltner

Brooke Barker

Morgan Mueller

Junior Homeroom Representatives

Arden Cleves

Claire Dunlevy

Libby Greenwell

Emma Kramer

Maeve Beck

Taylor Watts

Sophomore Homeroom Representatives

Andria Burden

Dymond Robinson

Kylie Moellering

Meg Whelan

Olivia Cooney

Ellie Kathman

Uniform Policy

Begin preparing for the 2014-2015 school year by taking a look at NDA's uniform policy.

Notre Dame Academy has a school uniform that consists of:

- a gray uniform skirt (the skirt must fit properly, be zipped and buttoned, hemmed appropriately and free of stains, rips, and/or holes). Students are encouraged to purchase a new skirt if it no longer zips, has tears, holes, or stains.
- a white NDA banded shirt for Freshmen through Juniors
- a navy blue or white NDA banded shirt for Seniors
- solid white, gray, black or navy blue socks
- appropriate shoes that have a back to them



Optional items that may be purchased and worn with the uniform include:

- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy pullover sweater
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy sweatshirt
- a navy blue blazer with NDA's emblem for special occasions such as Mass, award ceremonies, etc.
- gray, black, or navy blue leggings
- black dress slacks and a white blouse for designated events

No colored undergarments or undergarments with visible writing that detracts from the uniform may be worn under the uniform blouse. If a student chooses to wear a T-shirt under the uniform shirt, it must be a plain white V-neck and may not be visible. No slacks may be worn under the uniform during the school day. Students may wear the uniform sweater or sweatshirt during the school day. No other sweaters or sweatshirts are acceptable.

Happy summer to all current and incoming Notre Dame Pandas!

All Panda Newbies (incoming freshmen) are invited to attend our first get together on July 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Academy. Current students will be hosting a meet and greet right here on campus, and there will

Looking to print a copy of the school's calendar? Here's how you can do it! Visit NDA's homepage at <http://www.ndapandas.org/> and click on calendar. Scroll to the bottom of the calendar page and click on the icon entitled "Go to Advanced View" which is at the bottom right hand corner of the screen. Make sure to switch the dates and generate a report for a specific month or the next school year at the bottom of this screen. Click on "Generate Report." From here, you are able to view and/or print a list form of type of NDA activity or you are able to change it to a monthly view in the upper right hand corner of the screen and through the use of a drop down menu. Updates are sometimes made to the calendar, so check back often!

Congratulations Class of 2014!



Read more about NDA's Class of 2014 [HERE](#).

NDA RENAISSANCE WOMEN ◀

by Lynn Dickman



What a diversely talented and interesting group of young women we are seeing off as the class of 2014 graduates from NDA! Having taught this class as both freshmen and seniors this is not news to me, but it struck me in a special way this past week as my Advanced Placement English Literature seniors completed their last assignment. That assignment, due in the week following completion of their AP exam was to turn the tables of the student/teacher roles and teach me something! Wow! What a diverse, fun and educational curriculum I was exposed to over the course of our week.

Learning from these students wasn't new to me; their literary prowess, insights and ideas have enriched me nearly every day. But this past week they iced the cake with such lessons as *The Basics of Lacrosse*, *Successful Homemade Sushi*, *Unspoken Etiquette of Teenage Texting* and *Smooth Moves in Salsa Dancing*. On the days when I passed the quiz after my *Calculus Derivatives* lesson, got applause for my excellent *Archery Form*, and recited the *Hail Mary in Spanish* I think I experienced what our students do when the light goes on and they learn!

So, as the class of 2014 goes off into the world, I go off too, confident in my *Effective Online Shopping Skills*, freshly fluent in the language of *Ubbi Dubbi* and totally prepped to *Organize a Flash Mob* if I get the urge! And down the road someday when I'm practicing my *Snapchat* skills or eating a batch of *Healthy Peanut Butter Cookie Dough Dip* (seriously), I'll remember to tip my hat to the Renaissance women of the class of 2014 who made room 304 the best kind of classroom!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



Scheduling for next year:

The 2014-15 schedule for classes has not been finalized and there is still the possibility that there could be a conflict in a student's schedule. We will notify students by email if there is a conflict within the next three weeks. Please have your daughters check their email periodically. If a student is not emailed by a counselor, her schedule will be set for next fall. There will be no student initiated changes made in the schedule this summer.

ILP (Individual Learning Plan) News:

Almost **ALL FRESHMEN** and **SOPHOMORES** have active ILP accounts now! Please update your grade (to High School Sophomore or High School Junior) on your account, and then explore the interesting careers, colleges suggested by your Matchmaker, and the many scholarship opportunities suggested by the Financial Aid Selector. Be sure to show this wonderful tool to your parents! <https://www.kheaa.com/website/kheaa/home>

Many **JUNIORS/RISING SENIORS** have not yet opened ILP accounts yet, so the information on how to do this will be re-sent to your email, which will allow you to also do this! Once you are in, you can complete the Financial Aid section and find a plethora of customized scholarships that you qualify for.

GRADUATED SENIORS! Congratulations!! You can take your ILP account with you on to college, and use it to continue to explore careers, work opportunities, scholarships, and continue build your resumes and track your experiences. Be sure to update your account with a different email now that you have graduated, and also update your reference page, so you can easily contact your teachers and others at NDA.

If you have forgotten your User or Password, you can contact Mrs. Hildreth: hildrethk@ndapandas.org

Taking the driver's test over the summer?

If you're daughter is taking her driver's test over the summer and needs a form from the school office to take with them, you can get this form from Mrs. Jan Schmidt during our summer hours!



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES ◀

Art, Music, Theatre, Athletics and More!

Check out all of the amazing opportunities this summer for current and future Pandas [HERE](#).

▶ Important Dates

May 27-29	Exams
May 30	Cleaning Day
June 2	Teacher In-Service (No School) 7:00 p.m. Spring Sports Awards
August 5	6:30 p.m. - Junior/Senior Parent Meeting
August 6	6:30 p.m. - Freshmen/Sophomore Parent Meeting
August 11	8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Freshmen Orientation
August 18	First Day of 2014-15 School Year

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

ATHLETIC FORMS FOR 2014-15

Parents of Student Athletes, all student athletes interested in playing a sport next year received their updated athletic forms for the 2014-15 school year. The forms are due for all fall athletes by July 10 and winter and spring athlete by September 10. Please take the time to book your daughter's annual physical today.

Spring Sport Awards Program

The Spring Sport Awards Program for bass fishing, lacrosse, tennis, track & field and softball will be held on Monday, June 2, 2014.

NDA Golf Outing

The 16th Annual NDA Athletic Boosters Golf Outing will be held on Friday, August 1, 2014 at The Plantation of Twin Oaks. The proceeds from this event offsets the expenses of our fine athletic department. For more information click [HERE](#). If you would like any additional information or to make a donation, you may contact Natalie Maier at nmaier66@yahoo.com or 859-250-2392.



CELEBRATE YOUR MOTHER! ◀

During May, celebrate your mother with an online gift to NDA! Simply visit www.ndapandas.org and click Giving to make a donation. (Be sure to include your mother's name in the comments section when making your gift.) There will be a special listing of all the mother's names in the Summer Notre Damian.

Please note: You can also send in a gift with your mother's name to the Advancement office for inclusion in the Summer Notre Damian.



CAFETERIA NEWS ◀

Any outstanding lunch balances must be paid by today, May 29. Failure to pay any fines will result in powerschool being blocked.

ALUMNAE NEWS ◀

Commemorative NDA Bricks

Purchase a brick on Notre Dame Academy's Marian Circle to commemorate your daughter's time at NDA! Bricks are specially priced for senior parents at just \$150. To reserve your daughter's brick on the Marian Circle, simply fill out the form found [HERE](#) online and return to the Advancement Office by June 15, 2014. For questions, contact Advancement Director Anna Hehman at 292-1851 or at hehmana@ndapandas.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Be a Challenge Club Leader
- St. Agnes Boosters Golf Outing
- Pure Fashion
- Streetsmartz

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