

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings parents,

Would you like to make a difference at NDA and have fun with friends at the same time? The extravaPANDAz event is the place to find both opportunities. This annual gala event will be held on November 1 at 6:00 p.m. at the Double Tree Inn. It is our largest fundraiser and gathering of parents, friends and alumnae of NDA. It will be a celebration of Sisterhood for all!

The extravaPANDAz evening will include dinner, dancing, prizes and good fun. At the live and silent auctions you can bid on gifts for friends, sports memorabilia, entertainment packages and even a graduation party package. Because of the hard work and dedication of our planning committee, there truly is something for everyone. Most of all, your attendance is a great show of support for our NDA mission, education and programs. Through your generosity, funds raised from this event help make an NDA education affordable. Your support helps to supplement the cost of an NDA education and keep our tuition at a reasonable rate - far lower than many of the schools in our area.

As I have said before, Catholic education is not possible without the dedication and loyalty of our parents. You show this by choosing Catholic schools for your children and by supporting our events that build resources and community. Your attendance at the extravaPANDAz is one of the important ways in which you show your support for an NDA education.

Many parents have already made a commitment to the event and for that I am grateful. If you have not already done so please consider joining us for the evening. (For those of you with sports events that evening, please know we will happily hold your table and dinner until you arrive.) You can register on our website <u>HERE</u>. I look forward to seeing you there and especially the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful evening of celebration and joy with you.

Please note some of the important announcements below regarding upcoming events, first quarter grades and the student directory. Our fall play, *Almost, Maine* will be performed on October 24-26. Please come and see the show and support our Drama Pandas. Good luck to our cross-country, soccer and volleyball Pandas in their regional tournaments!

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Jama a Kache

Dr. Laura Koehl



Celebrating Sisterhood!



STUDENT LIFE UPDATE

FRESHMEN ELECTIONS

Freshmen Homeroom Representative elections for Student Council will be this Friday in long homeroom. Students will vote via their iPads and will know the results at the end of the school day.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

We will start our annual can food drive next month with Covington Catholic. The friendly competition between the schools will begin on November 3 and last until November 21.

COSTUME CONTEST

Students will be allowed to wear costumes for Halloween next Friday. Student Council will be hosting a costume contest and haunted house during lunch. The Julie Learning Center students will trick or treat briefly during the school day as well. Please make sure your daughter's costumes are school appropriate.

MAKING PROGRESS

Now that the first quarter has ended, it's time to evaluate our progress. Faculty are in the process of completing and submitting first quarter grades. You can expect to see an electronic grade report by the middle of next week. The electronic grades will be delivered to all contact email addresses that are recorded in Power School.

THE PRESSES ARE RUNNING ┥

The 2014-2015 Panda Family Directory should soon be arriving at NDA. The directory contains contact information for faculty, staff and students. Directories will be distributed to students by the end of next week.



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 <u>HERE</u> or you can pick one up in the office.

REGISTRATION FORMS DUE FOR ITALY TRIP

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. **Reminder:** all checks should be made out to Notre Dame Academy. If you are still waiting for your passport to arrive please turn in the rest of your forms and your deposit. We will not send in registrations until we have received everyone's passport. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wagner at <u>wagnerk@ndapandas.org</u>.





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 <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

the new event. **ExtravaPANDAZ** celebrate the sisterhood

AWESOME AUCTION ITEMS!

This year's extravaPANDAz event is only 10 days away and the excitement is building!

Check out some of the incredible LIVE AUCTION items <u>HERE</u> and some of the SUPER SILENT items <u>HERE</u>.

If you have not sent in your RSVP, it's not too late. You can still make reservations online at:

http://www.biddingforgood.com/nda/extravapandaz

but don't wait too long - space is limited.





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.

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.



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 <u>HERE</u>. Nominations are due November 14, 2014.

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: <u>www.msj.edu/excel</u>

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 <u>monohanc@ndapandas.org</u> if you are interested in sharing your career at the Career Fair.

Xavier University Summer Credit Program:

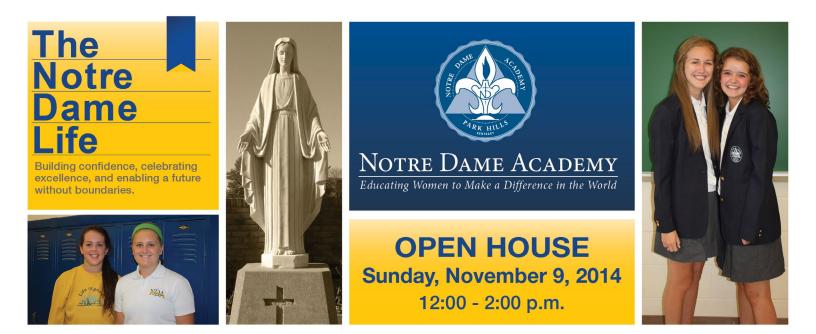
Xavier will be having their Jump Start Program this summer for students interested in a career in Medicine or Criminal Justice. The Program is for sophomores and juniors who have completed their school year. Students get 3 credit hours for the 2 week residential program. <u>Click here</u> for more info.

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: <u>hildrethk@ndapandas.org</u> 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: <u>hildrethk@ndapandas.org</u> or (859) 292-1825.





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 28 University of Dayton

November

- 3 Dennison University
- 14 Brescia University

Important dates:

October 23	8th Grade Shadow Day - St. Pius X
October 24-26	Fall Play - Almost, Maine
October 27	Red Ribbon Week Begins
October 29	NHS Induction
	Christmas Play Auditions Begin
November 1	extravaPANDAz
	CCH Freshman Halloween Dance
November 4	Shadow Day
November 5	Remembrance Mass
November 9	NDA Fall Open House 12-2
November 10	National Honor Society Induction
November 12	Fall Sprots Awards
November 14	Mother-Daughter Dance

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.

