



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents!

Next week is Catholic Schools week and this year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service." We join other schools in our Diocese in celebrating our Catholic schools and the success of our NDA students and faculty. We have many events planned for the week including a special mass honoring the Sisters of Notre Dame and celebrated by Bishop Foys. Our week will also include Faculty Appreciation Day, Student Appreciation Day and a talent show.

As we celebrate our NDA Catholic community, please know that we are most grateful for the commitment of our parents to Catholic education. Thank you for choosing a Notre Dame education for your daughter and giving us the opportunity to be a part of her development as a woman who will make a difference in our world. For more information about the value of a Catholic education (and the wisdom of your choice!) please visit the National Catholic Education (NCEA) website at (<http://www.ncea.org/>).

The final scheduling meeting for parents will be held tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. for freshmen parents. Our academic counselors will present information about the sophomore curriculum and the scheduling process.

PTO is sponsoring the Father Daughter Dance this Friday night. I am truly grateful to the parents who have worked hard to plan this special event for our students and their dads. Please remember that PTO meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Room. All are welcome. Also the grade level representatives will be meeting this coming Monday, February 3 at 6:30 p.m. If you have a question or agenda item you would like discussed, please email one of the representatives. Contact information can be found at the PTO page on our website (<http://www.ndapandas.org/parents/pto-parent-teacher-organization.aspx>).

Don't forget our Fine Arts Showcase this coming weekend (1/31 and 2/1-2) featuring our performing and visual artists. The theme is the 60's including hits from Motown to the Beatles! For ticket information please call 859-261-4300.

Our trip to Washington D.C. for the 2014 March for Life was cancelled due to poor weather conditions, however, we pray today for all people to come to know and respect the dignity of each and every human life.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



"May God help us respect all life, especially the most vulnerable."

Pope Francis I



TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

Has your daughter backed up her iPad lately?

The majority of students use their iPads for notes. Please talk to your daughter about backing up her iPad. This is each student's responsibility and very important. Information about backing up iPads can be found at our website [HERE](#). Students can also get assistance from the Technology Office.



NDA & CCH PRESENT ◀

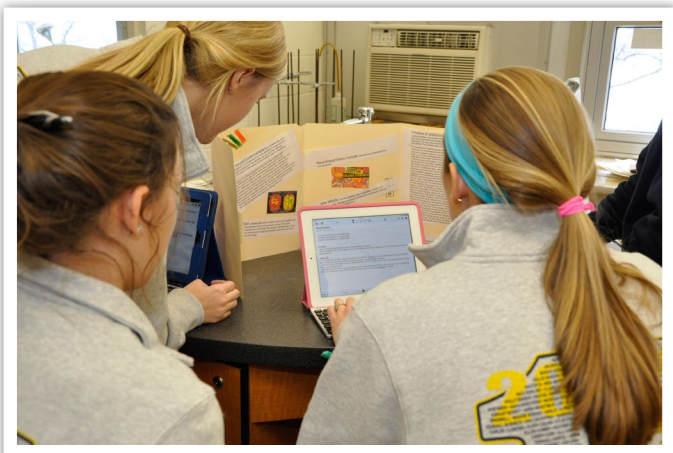
Join the students of NDA and CCH as they relive the 1960s with a fast-paced and lively celebration of songs, dance and comedy skits. From Motown to the Beatles, we will remember the 60s with fun, poignancy and all the kitsch you can stand. Production dates are Friday, January 31 and Saturday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 2 at 2:00 p.m. Arrive early and enjoy the looking at the NDA Student Art and listening to the NDA/CCH Jazz Band in Alumnae Hall! Tickets are \$10.00 for

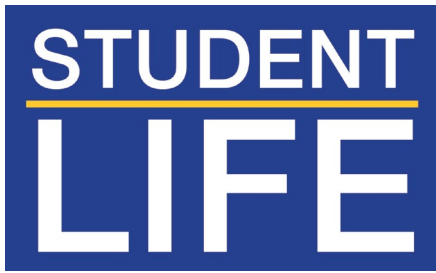
adults and \$5.00 for students and senior citizens. Call 292-1863 to reserve your tickets.

NDA STUDENTS GET A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE ON DRUGS ◀

Service Learning Opportunity

Campbell County prosecutor Alex Edmondson visited Mrs. Proudfit's Anatomy Class last week. He spoke to NDA students about the effects of "benign" drugs such as alcohol and marijuana as well as the current heroine epidemic in Kentucky. Prior to Mr. Edmondson's visit, students researched how particular drugs affect the human nervous system. After their research was complete, they made mini posters to present the information. Students were able to view each other's poster presentations after hearing Mr. Edmondson's legal perspective on drugs.





STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Catholic Schools Week -- Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service

On **Monday**, we celebrate the Sisters of Notre Dame and the heritage of our great school. The Sisters will be invited to an afternoon Mass celebrated by Bishop Foys and followed by a light reception. Thank you to the Sisters for providing sundaes for our students at lunch!

Tuesday is Twin Day and students are encouraged to dress up as another student.

Twin Day encourages us to think about our sisterhood with one another and the bond that unites us as women of Notre Dame. Today we also remember the students attending our sister school in Uganda and acknowledge our similarities as women making a difference in our world.

On **Wednesday** students will recognize the faculty, staff and administration for all they do to provide an exemplary Catholic education. Their efforts and dedication do not go unnoticed! To prepare for the charity volleyball game Wednesday evening, students are invited to dress as boys during the day. Student Council will begin selling tickets next week for the volleyball game against Cov Cath. Proceeds will be given to the Northern Kentucky Emergency Shelter.

Students are asked to dust off that elementary school uniform because they are welcome to wear these on **Thursday** – Student Appreciation Day. A little something else will be as a surprise to the students on this day.

We will wrap up Catholic Schools Week on **Friday** with a celebration of the decades and our students' talent. Students will indulge in Skyline for lunch and watch the annual Talent Show in the afternoon.

COMING SOON: DEAD SERIOUS . . . ABOUT LIFE ◀

About the musical: The story begins at Todd and Stephanie's house. Mom and Dad have left for the weekend, so let the party begin! Throughout the course of the evening, you will meet the characters with their different personalities, their numerous problems and their view about their lives. Dead Serious is a Christian-based portrayal of major issues that can affect young people; it explores the issues of abortion, alcohol, drugs, religion, sex, cutting, self-esteem and suicide.

Dead Serious will make you laugh, cry, hurt, fear and feel . . . but most of all Dead Serious will make you take a second look at life. The final message that is communicated to the audience is that suicide only creates more problems than it really solves and that there is a better way to live!

Coming to NDA on February 8 and 9. Presale tickets are \$8 a piece and are on sale in the school office. Only a limited number are available! For more information, visit NDA's website [HERE](#).



CAFETERIA CROSSING ◀

Parents, here's ONE WAY to help out at NDA - Volunteer in the cafeteria?

Volunteers are needed in the cafeteria on the following dates:

January - 23, 27, and 29 and many more dates are available in February!

Shifts are from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. You can sign up to volunteer at [Volunteer Spot](#).

Thank you to all of the parents who are already volunteering. We truly appreciate your help!

WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

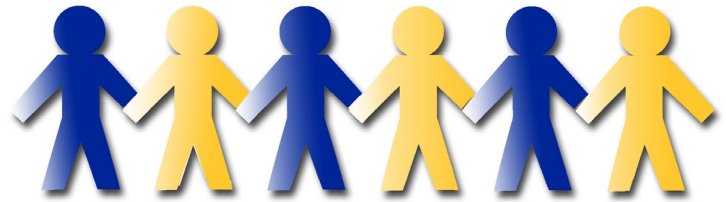
The 2014 Women Making A Difference Luncheon will be held at Receptions in Erlanger, Kentucky. The event will begin with registration at 11:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon and program at noon. Tickets for the Women Making A Difference luncheon are \$55 and can be purchased by calling 859.292-7729.

AFTER PROM ◀

After Prom will begin collecting items for the April 25, 2014 After Prom. If you received a Christmas gift that you can't use, please consider donating it to this year's After Prom. Gift cards, gift items for themed baskets, electronic items, and accessories would all make great gift ideas for After Prom. Please send in your donations (marked "After Prom") to the school office. Thank you!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



Reminder to all Freshman Parents!

There will be a Freshman Parent Scheduling Meeting Thursday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Theatre. Information will be provided to you in regards to courses available for next year and the scheduling process. Parents do not need to bring anything to this meeting. Students are welcome, but not required to attend. All freshman students will have a long homeroom meeting this Friday to hear about course offerings for next year.

Northern Kentucky Spring College Fair

Monday, February 24, 2014

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Thomas More College - Connor Convocation Center

For a list of colleges attending and more info: http://www.thomasmore.edu/admissions/college_fair_list.cfm

This is during the school-day. This is not a school-sponsored event.

Juniors and seniors will be allowed to use a "College Visit Day". See Mrs. Witt to pick up a College Visit Form.

Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE)

is a three week residential summer program where creative students, working in teams, will learn how to take an idea, turn it into a product or service, and develop a business around it.

Who is Eligible: Kentucky high school students in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade. Students can apply as an individual or as a team of two or more.

What do I need to apply?

- a two minute video about your idea or desire to participate
- a completed application form
- two recommendations sent on your behalf

When: June 22- July 12, 2014

Where: Georgetown College

Applications (including two recommendation forms) are due January 31, 2014. It is FREE! There is no cost to attend. Visit their website to learn more gse.kstc.com.

Apply now!

ALUMNAE DINNER THEATRE ◀

The presentation of Thoroughly Modern Millie and the Alumnae Dinner Theatre will be held on Thursday April 3, 2014. Dinner will be at 5:30 in Alumnae Hall and the performance will start at 7 p.m. For more information, or to make reservations contact Emily Berling at 859-292-1852 or berlinge@ndapandas.org. Tickets are \$25. There is a registration form on the last page of the Notre Damian for this as well.

▶ Important Dates

January 23	7:00 p.m. - Class of 2017 Scheduling Information (Parents)
January 24	7:00 p.m. - Father Daughter Dance at the Syndicate
January 27-31	Catholic Schools Week
January 29	7:00 p.m. - NDA-CCH Charity Volleyball Game at NDA
January 31	7:00 p.m. - Spring Theatre Showcase
February 1	7:00 p.m. - Spring Theatre Showcase
February 2	2:00 p.m. - Spring Theatre Showcase



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH? ◀

Did you know that the lunch menu is on website? You can find it by going to [Quicklinks](#) or directly to the [Cafeteria page](#) (Students>>Policies and Procedures>>Cafeteria).

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

St. Joe's Open House

St. Joseph School in Crescent Springs is hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 26, from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Part time dish room

The Sisters of Notre Dame are currently seeking a NDA parent to work part time as a dishwasher operator on Monday, Tuesday and every other Friday from 12:30 p.m. to approximately 2:30 p.m. in their Provincial House located in Park Hills, Kentucky. Although this position is run through the work study program, all families are eligible. Experience is not necessary. If interested in working in this loving, home environment please email us at humanresources@sndky.org, or call 859-291-2040.

Catechesis and Formation Classes

Two courses presented by the Department of Catechesis and Formation are about to begin. *Seminars on the Catechism* is on January 28, February 4, 11, 18 and 25, from 6-8:00 p.m., Covington Latin School. *Introduction to Scripture* is a one day course on February 1, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., St. Pius X in Edgewood. All adults are welcome to attend these courses for purposes of faith formation. The cost is \$25.00 per course. To register, email mwest@covdio.org or call (859) 392-1500 ext. 1533.

The Notre Dame Life

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



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REGISTER ONLINE
@ www.ndapandas.org

Submit your online application and registration fee by February 7, 2014 to be eligible for our iPad Drawing!