



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents!

It is hard to believe the 4th quarter is underway! The year is definitely moving along. Please remember that this Friday is a regular day, as we are using this to make up our last snow day.

On Tuesday of this week our seniors participated in their senior mission retreat. The theme of the retreat was focused on the special charism and ministries of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Several of the sisters joined us for presentations, witness talks and a special blessing that occurred at the closing of the retreat. Roger Grein also gave a very inspirational presentation about his life and dedication to philanthropy. Mr. Grein is the founder of the Magnified Giving Program and our seniors are involved in that project in their religion classes this year. It was a very special day and our seniors left knowing that the sisters' charism will be with them always as NDA alumnae.

Congratulations to our English Department and our very talented group of student writers. Three of our students qualified as national winners in the Scholastic Writing competition: Hannah Good, Szofia Komaromy-Hiller and Abigail Martin. Szofia and Abigail won for portfolios and Hannah for her persuasive writing. There were four portfolios that qualified in the state of Kentucky and three of them were from NDA! Please read more in the article below.

We are finalizing plans for graduation. Senior parents should consult the website [HERE](#) for important information. More specific information is forthcoming regarding tickets to graduation at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center and reservations for the Senior Awards Breakfast. Please watch for updates.

May you know God's goodness each day

Dr. Laura Koehl

“Jesus teaches us another way: Go out. Go out and share your testimony, go out and interact with your brothers, go out and share, go out and ask. Become the Word in body as well as spirit.”

Pope Francis



TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

This year marks the first year that NDA has offered a technology elective. The integration of the SWAT course has been very successful. Each student is responsible for a personal project and a whole group project.

Students learned how to use Final Cut Pro and produced video projects, code apps, convert video files, use iTunes U, green screen technology, and much more.

So much more, that an additional course has been added to the 2014-15 school year; Production and Media. This course is available students with department approval by Mrs. Mullee. This new technology elective will focus only on tools in the Production Lab. It is another project based course we are excited to offer!



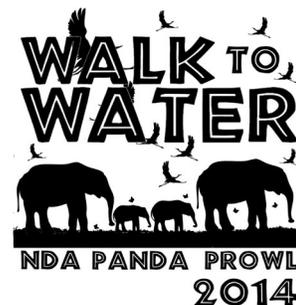
STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Stu-Co News

Interested in running for 2014-2015 Student Council? Click [HERE!](#)

Panda Prowl

NDA's Student Council and UgaNDA PaNDAs groups are busy planning for the upcoming Panda Prowl scheduled for Friday, April 25. This year's theme focuses on the limited accessibility of clean water in underdeveloped countries, and that is why the walk has been named "Walk to Water." T-shirt sales began on Monday in homeroom, and t-shirts are \$10 each and sales will end on Friday, March 28.



CONGRATULATIONS!

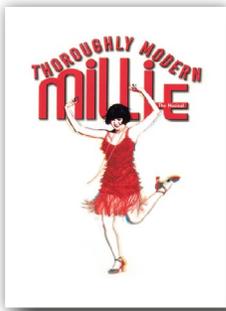
SCHOLASTIC AND SHAKESPEARE: THE ENGLISH GAMES ◀

The English Department proudly announces that seniors Szofia Komaromy-Hiller and Abigail Martin, students of Ms. Lynn Dickman, and junior, Hannah Good, student of Ms. Emily Sampson, have earned silver medals in the 2014 Scholastic Art and Writing Competition. Szofia won for her two writing portfolios and a humor piece; Abigail won for her writing portfolio and short story; Hannah won for persuasive writing. In addition, Abigail received the prestigious National American Voices Award and Szofia earned the Danny Miller Award, an award given to a Scholastic winner locally who has demonstrated consistent excellence in competitive writing. Congratulations to these talented students, their teachers and parents, whose instruction and encouragement have helped them hone their talents and realize well-deserved success.



The top states that won portfolio medals are: New York (9), South Carolina (9), Maryland (7), Kentucky (4), Texas (4). All of the Kentucky portfolios belonged to the Northern Kentucky Writing Region and Notre Dame Academy contributed 75% to our state's portfolios. Out of all the portfolios that won medals (65 in total), Notre Dame Academy can claim 5% of them. At the national level, there were a total of 8 Gold Portfolios, 11 Silver With Distinction, and 46 Silver Medals across 23 states and one from Canada. Kentucky is in the top half of the nation when it comes to writing and NDA made major contribution thanks to its accomplished authors competing under the guidance of their outstanding teachers.

Congratulations are also in order for Emma Duerstock who made it to the second round of the English Speaking Union's Shakespeare competition. She was one of six finalists and although she did not win, as a freshman she represented Notre Dame impressively. (She has also brushed up on her Shakespeare in anticipation of next year's competition.)



NDA and CCH PRESENT ◀

Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic High School proudly present **Thoroughly Modern Millie**, the weekend of April 4-6. The spring musical production brings the tale of Millie Dumont, a newcomer to the big city of New York during the Flapper rage of the 1920s. She has big plans for life, but Jimmy Smith throws her plans into disarray, forcing her to re-examine what she really wants out of life. Production dates are Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 6 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#).

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

NDA Athletic Hall of Fame

Please join us at the Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony on Friday March 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the theatre. The following thirteen athletes (ranging in class from 1978-2007) and 5 honorary members will join the 40 members currently inducted. Congratulations to our newest inductees!

Jessica Birkenhauer Rawe '99, Emily Brunemann '05, Meghan Crowe Williams '02, Nicole Dickman '07, Emily Dorning Henry '83, Emily Farrell Jasinski '00, Andrea Foltz '80, Amy Frisch Bengel '98, Gina Geraci Grout '97, Melissa Hukle Marsh '94, Suzanne Kuhlman Olson '79, Kerri Shields Kuebler '97, Nancy Stoeckle Shibuya '78, Dave and Cindy Brake, Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken, Sister Mary Rachel Nerone, and Sister Mary Ethel Parrott.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

NDA's Interact club recently donated audio equipment to campus ministry for use during various school services.

WE NEED YOUR HELP ◀

Parents, we would LOVE to have you join us in the cafeteria - even for just one day!

Volunteers are needed in the cafeteria on the following dates: March 25, 26, 27, and 31. 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!

IT'S SKYLINE TIME ◀

Next Tuesday, March 25 from 3 to 9 p.m. at the Ft. Wright Skyline, mention NDA or get a coupon from the school office and NDA's afterprom will receive a percentage of your sale! Thanks for your support!



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).

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



Attention Juniors:

Ms Burgei will be hosting a Junior College Planning Meeting on Monday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the NDA Auditorium. Parents and students are encouraged to attend to get started on the planning process for college.

Spring 2014 College Fair for High School Students

The 33rd Annual Covington Latin College Fair will be held at Covington Latin School at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday April 23, 2014. This is a free event and everyone is welcome! It's a great chance for students and college admission counselor to have more personalized contact as opposed to the larger, national fairs. They plan to have 25-30 representatives in attendance. For some tips on how on making the most of a college fair you can go to our website at <http://www.ndapandas.org/academics/counseling-and-student-services.aspx>.



AFTER PROM ◀

Great Advertising Opportunity!

The After Prom committee is looking for corporate and individual t-shirt sponsors. Every girl who attends After Prom receives a t-shirt. For more sponsorship information contact kirnl@ndapandas.org.

Please consider donating it to this year's After Prom. The After Prom committee is collecting items for the April 25, 2014 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.

If you have any questions regarding prizes for after prom please contact Tricia Kennedy at kennedyt@ndapandas.org.

2014 NDA YEARBOOK ORDER INFORMATION ◀

The Notre Dame Academy Publications class is now accepting orders for the 2014 yearbook. Capture high school memories by purchasing your yearbook today! Tapestry, the formal name of the yearbook, will be distributed in October 2014. Graduating seniors receive their books during the Thanksgiving Eve class reunion. The yearbook is \$60. Don't delay. Price increases April 15. Please refer to the following link for order information: [NDA Website Yearbook Information](#). Order forms are also available in the office. If you have any questions, please notify Mrs. Gronotte at gronottek@ndapandas.org.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TRAVELING TO ITALY? ◀

Travel with us to Italy! The Religion Department will be hosting a trip to Rome, Florence, Assisi, and Venice during the summer of 2015. We will be traveling with Proximo Travel and will be seeing many amazing religious and cultural sites throughout the country. We will also be attending a Wednesday Audience with Pope Francis! For more information you can check out the itinerary for our trip at http://www.proximotravel.com/trip-store/?action=view_trip&triptemplateid=1. There will be a meeting for interested students on Thursday, March 13 and a meeting for parents of interested students on Wednesday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

FAMILY IN NEED IS ACCEPTING DONATIONS ◀

A fire in Somerset, KY on February 26th has completely destroyed the home of NDA Junior Michelle Bleser's two (mentally handicapped) adult brothers. Thankfully, no one was injured, but all of the home's content was lost. Michelle's family has set up an account (Wilson Fund) through Republic Bank to accept financial contributions to help the family begin to rebuild their lives. Michelle has also set up a webpage to accept donations, which includes a video of the devastation. (Link:<http://www.gofundme.com/76kj38>) Thank you in advance, Panda Friends, for your generosity.



CAMPUS MINISTRY LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES ◀

Campus Ministry is offering a variety of ways for our students to incorporate prayer, fasting and almsgiving into their everyday lives during the season of Lent.

Prayer opportunities: Morning prayers are encouraging students to “Take Up Your Cross,” Stations of the Cross, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Daily Decade of the Rosary before school, Holy Week Prayer Service.

Fast opportunities: Students were asked to share one thing they are ‘fasting from’ or working on during lent - these anonymous notes are displayed throughout the school as a reminder, students will be challenged to “give up” something and give to the rice bowl throughout Lent as well.

Give Alms Opportunities: This year we will again take part in the Operation Rice Bowl Project. Students received a rice bowl and are encouraged to collect monies in it throughout the Lenten season and then return the Rice Bowl contents at our Holy Week Prayer Service.

Reconciliation will be offered at the following times during March in the Chapel:
Thursday, April 10 - 3rd, 4th, 5th periods
Friday, April 11 - 3rd, 4th, 5th periods
Every Monday during lunch mods (in Mrs. Price’s office)

This year we will also be offering an **Evening of Reflection** on Thursday, April 17 from 5-11:30 p.m. The evening will include a shared meal, reflection, discussion, Mass and end by “Praying the Steps” in Mt. Adams. We will need Virtus Trained chaperones to help with this event. This event is open to students of NDA (and their parents are welcome to join us as well). Registration is required, there is no cost for this event. More information to follow.

SENIOR AWARDED 4th FOR OUR SOLDIER SCHOLARSHIP ◀

Notre Dame Academy Senior Jane Rudnick was the honored recipient of the 2014 “4th For Our Soldiers” scholarship. Jane was presented the scholarship by Domata Peko, defensive tackle for the Cincinnati Bengals during half time at the 9th Regional championship boys basketball tournament this past Saturday March 8. The Bank of KY center, 4th For Our Soldiers and Rozzi’s Fireworks planned a spectacular halftime presentation for Jane and her family that included a big screen video, indoor fireworks, roses along with a certificate for the scholarship and an amazing story and introduction of Jane by famous Cincinnati Reds announcer Joe Zerhusen. The evening was made extra special by the nationally known CCH cheering section chanting “We Love Jane” after her announcement. “4th For Our Soldiers” is a non-profit organization that was started 9 years ago to support our military and their families. The organization is run by the Dunn family who currently have a sophomore (Adeline) at NDA and a 2012 CCH graduate. For more information on the organization please visit the website www.4thfoursoldiers.org.



FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE ◀

2014 GALA

We are revamping the Autumn Gala! Would you like to be part of planning a new, fun event that benefits NDA? To join the committee, contact NDA Advancement Director Anna Hehman at hehmana@ndapandas.org or 859-292-1851.

ALUMNAE NEWS ◀

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 p.m. in Alumnae Hall and the performance will start at 7:00 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.



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES ◀

Summer Art Studio Classes

If you are interested in the Junior High or High School Summer Studio Art classes you can find all of the information you need as well as registration forms [HERE](#). All forms and payment must be returned to Notre Dame Academy by **Friday, May 30, 2014**.

Learn A Band Instrument This Summer

All students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join the NDA/CCH Vacation Band School this summer to learn a band instrument for **FREE!** No prior experience needed! The band will reshearse for 1 hour each Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer. For more information on the band or if you would like to inquire about Summer Guitar Class, contact the NDA/CCH Band Director, Mr. Greg Cerimele, at cerimeleg@ndapandas.org. If you already play a band or string instrument be sure to contact Mr. Cerimele so that you will receive updates regarding Summer Rehearsals.

Summer Theatre Camp

Spend a week this summer showing off your singing, dancing, and acting skills at the NDA Summer Theatre Camp! We'll spend 5 days learning and rehearsing songs and scenes from a major Broadway musical. On Friday evening, we'll share it with friends and family in a fantastic production that is sure to please all ages. Students will work with Ms. Maggie Perrino, Theatre teacher/director for NDA, and current NDA theatre students in our state of art theatre facility to prepare the camp show. Last year's selections from Godspell was a huge success and this year will be just as fun. Hope to see you there! The camp is for ages 8-13 (Grades 2-8) and will be held at NDA July 7-11, 2014 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. each day. The cost is \$120.00. For more information contact Ms. Maggie Perrino, perrinom@ndapandas.org. Registration will be available online at www.ndapandas.org in April.

More summer opportunities for students...

Please visit our NDA website to link to many different opportunities this summer. It is being updated as materials arrive at school. Some things include a Commonwealth Academy at Murray State for juniors interested in getting some free college credits, a Xavier Jump Start Program, and many other activities. [Click here for more information.](#)

▶ Important Dates

March 19	Student Council Election Info Session Chastity Speaker - Freshmen/Sophomores
March 21	SNOW MAKE-UP DAY Dress Down Day 8:00 Student Council Mixer
March 24	NO SCHOOL
March 26	Winter Sports Awards
March 27	Jesuit College Fair
March 28	NDA Athletic Hall of Fame Induction
April 3	Alumnae Dinner Theatre Freshmen see Pride and Prejudice
April 4	Sophomore Class Retreat
April 4-6	Spring Play - Thoroughly Modern Millie
April 17	No School - Easter Break Begins Evening Retreat
April 25	Panda Prowl Prom

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

How to Stay Catholic on Campus

A seminar for high school juniors and seniors to prepare for college will be held Saturday April 5, 2014, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Holy Spirit Center, 5440 Moeller Ave., Norwood, Ohio. The cost is \$40 pre-registered and \$50 at the door and includes 1 meal, snacks, workshop materials, and a college survival kit. The day includes guest speakers: Matt Swaim, Fr. John Bullock LC, and Kathleen Murphy. There will also be discussions led by college students, testimonies, Mass, Adoration, and opportunity for Confession as well as great food and fun. You can find more information and a permission slip for this event [HERE](#).

To register: Mail permission slip (and payment if pre-registering with checks payable to Tri State Horizons) to: Machell Kroner, 5789 Day Road, Cincinnati, OH 45252. *You must be at least 16 years of age. If under 18 send or bring the provided permission slip. Questions? Contact Machell Kroner mparkskroner@yahoo.com 513-218-2459.

Fun Way to Help

Be Concerned is seeking school organizations and/or young people interested in joining our team for the Hunger Walk on Memorial Day. The Walk is a 5K that starts at 9:00 a.m. at Sawyer Point Park on the Cincinnati riverfront and takes about an hour to complete. Walkers will raise money for Be Concerned with a \$15-\$20 entry fee and/or by securing sponsors from among their friends and family. The event is a great opportunity to have fun with your friends and help Be Concerned serve the 800+ families currently relying on us to put food on the table. For more information, contact: Paul Gottbrath at beconcernedinc@yahoo.com (859) 291-1340 or Andy Brunsman at (859) 291-6789 or beconcernedandy@yahoo.com.

Want to be a Model?

Don't miss your chance to model in the 2015 Pure Fashion Show at Receptions! Join the lucky group of young women from Northern Kentucky who will discover their own dignity, style, and beauty. For more information about our model training program, go to www.purefashion.com. Deadline is June 6, don't miss out! Models must be 14-18, grades 9-12 of the 2014/2015 school year. Space is limited to 30 models. Apply on line today!



St. Agnes Fish Fry:

Be sure to "Catch" the St. Agnes Fish Fry this Lent. We will be hosting three Fish Fries, Friday, March 7, 21 and 28 from 5-11p.m. (Food service stops at 9 p.m.) in the church undercroft. Come for a night of fellowship, fun and FISH! All proceeds from the Fish Fry will go to the Faith for Generations Fund. Fish dinners, beer/soft drinks and baked goods will be available. Carry-out will also be available. See you at the St. Agnes Fish Fry!

ST AGNES BIG BLUE BASH: Mark your calendars and join us for an exciting night at the Marquise Banquet Center in Wilder on Saturday, March 29th. We know it will be a great night for all of us to support St. Agnes! The Cash! Cash! Cash! Raffle has a grand prize of \$5,000! If you would like to receive a reservation card, please email Janna Collins at janna.collins@twc.com and she will mail one right away. The deadline for RSVPs for this event is March 21st and there won't be tickets sold at the door so don't delay! We hope you can join us!

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.

Streetsmartz

Streetsmartz, sponsored by KOI Auto Parts and Crux Roadboardz, is a comprehensive vehicle familiarization program that is held in Hebron, KY every Monday night from 7-9 p.m. If you have a new driver in the family or, you simply want to know more about your car and safe driving tips, you need this class!! The class covers what do do in emergency situations, how to properly change a tire, check tire pressure, what's under the hood, proper brake and tire wear, how to change your oil, and much much more. Get a group together and come on out!! The cost of the class is \$25/student and it's a one time class. It is real hands on training on a 2001 Toyota Camry designed specifically for this program. Please contact Dan Bosch at bosch@zoomtown.com or (859.240.4045) for further information or to schedule a class.