



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents!

I write to you from Chardon, Ohio where I am attending a retreat sponsored by Sisters of Notre Dame. The participants include other educators from several SND sponsored or affiliated schools. We are blessed with the leadership and wisdom of the Sisters as we explore their mission, charism and ministries reflecting on the importance of these to each of our schools. It is a great opportunity to share with other Notre Dame educators the way in which we live out the mission of our schools.

Our students provide great examples of this in the way they develop and use their God given gifts. Sr. Mary Ethel reports that our Science research students excelled at the State Competition this past weekend with first and second place prizes. Seniors Bill sends news of the success of our Spanish students who have received national recognition for their accomplishments. Please note the outstanding success of those students below. Congratulations to Senior Carlee Clemons who was chosen as Student of the Month for April. Please read more about Carlee and her positive contributions to our community. We are grateful to the dedicated teachers who challenge and support each of these students on their journeys.

Speaking of student talent, please don't miss the spring musical *Thoroughly Modern Millie* this weekend. Check out the promo video provided by Director Maggie Perrino (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UfR-L7ldr1o>). Tickets can be purchased by visiting our website at ([LINK](#)).

Junior parents please note that Ms. Burgei is offering a college planning meeting next Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. This meeting will offer valuable information for you and your daughter about the college application and selection process and how NDA supports you in that process.

Finally, please note the important deadlines regarding Financial Aid and Scholarships for next year. Links to the applications are found in the announcement below.

May you know God's goodness each day

Dr. Laura Koehl

“He offers us his word, which illuminates our path;  
He gives us the Bread of life which sustains us on our journey.”

Pope Francis



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/WORK STUDY

In order to be eligible for Financial Assistance and the NDA Work/Study Program one must follow a 2-step process:

1. The family must apply online for the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by **April 1, 2014**. The application cost is \$30 per family and can be paid online after completing the application.
2. Families who are eligible for FACTS money must also apply for a school job by **April 15, 2014**. A job application form can be downloaded from NDA's website or a copy can be found at the school office. Jobs are assigned during the summer and families will be notified about their acceptance in the program toward the end of the vacation period.

Both the **FACTS Application and the Work/Study Job Application can be found on the NDA website at:**

<http://www.ndapandas.org/admissions/prospective-students/financial-assistance.aspx>

Limited need-based scholarships are available to students through the generosity of several benefactors. An application for these Tuition Assistance Scholarships can be found on the website [HERE](#). The deadline for all scholarship applications is **May 1, 2014**.

**PLEASE NOTE:** FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment is required on file in the school office before a student is considered for eligibility of a Tuition Assistance Scholarship. Families must apply online for the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by April 1, 2014.



### STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

#### Prom

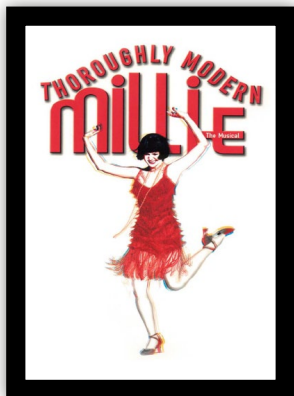
Prom ticket sales began this morning! [Click this link](#) to access Prom and After Prom registration forms.

#### Panda Prowl

Student Council and the Uganda Pandas groups are seeking parent volunteers for the upcoming Panda Prowl. Scheduled for Friday, April 25, the Panda Prowl will take place between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 am and requires the help of many. Please email Mrs. Witt ([wittm@ndapandas.org](mailto:wittm@ndapandas.org)) if you are interested in volunteering at this event. Please include your name, daughter's name, email and phone number.



### DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S SPRING MUSICAL ▶



Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic High School  
proudly present  
***Thoroughly Modern Millie***  
April 4-6

The spring musical production brings the tale of Millie Dumount, a newcomer to the big city of New York during the Flapper age 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](#).



## CONGRATULATIONS STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀◀

### April Student of the Month - Carlee Clemons

In her final months at Notre Dame Academy, senior Carlee Clemons has been named April's Student of the Month. Having just wrapped up another successful basketball season with the Pandas, Carlee recollects her numerous trips to the state competition in both soccer and basketball. Totalling 4 times throughout her high school career, Carlee's participation in state tournaments is among her favorite memories at NDA. She is a positive force -- a leader in the classroom, on the field and on the court. Carlee's English teacher, Ms. Dickman recognizes that she "consistently challenges herself and takes her education seriously. Her presence in the classroom brings with it good humor, insight, leadership and respect for both herself and her classmates." According to Athletic Director Kim Gunning, Carlee "represented Notre Dame

well as a student athlete and was a vital part of both the soccer and basketball teams. Her outgoing personality and charisma along with her work ethic made Carlee a natural team leader."

In addition to playing on the basketball and soccer teams for four years, Carlee is a member of the National Honor Society and LIFE Club. During the summer months, Carlee volunteers at the University of Cincinnati's Trauma and Orthopedics Unit. Not only does she enjoy talking with the patients while she volunteers, but Carlee intends to study Biology in college.

Carlee participates in the local 4H program, which encourages young people to make a positive change in their communities. Carlee cares for animals that she shows at various 4H events and for which she has earned blue ribbons; however, the greatest achievement from her 4H involvement, Carlee says, is how responsible she has become having been a part of the organization.

Congratulations, Carlee, on being named April's Student of the Month! We are proud to call you a Panda!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### KENTUCKY SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR ◀

Students from throughout the commonwealth participated in the KY-SEF, the state science and engineering fair at Eastern Kentucky University on March 29. Ellen Kendall placed first in Environmental Science. Four students placed second in their categories:

Josie Hammon in Earth and Planetary Science

Paige Montfort in Microbiology

Emily Walter in Plant Sciences

Hannah Ziegelmeyer in Energy and Transportation

Emily Bautista won one of the U.S. Army award for engineering, and Ellen Kendall won the Stockholm Junior Water Prize award.

### GOOD NEWS FROM THE WORLD LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT ◀

Junior Ellen Kendall has been awarded an all expense trip to Spain this summer due to her excellent score on the National Spanish Exam, an essay on a Spanish scientist she admires, and a five minute interview conducted solely in Spanish. This is a great honor, as only 25 students in the nation are chosen. (If you recall, Maggie Hackman won last year, so we are so honored to have a winner two years in a row!)

Senior Kathryn Maurer was selected to receive the Joseph Adams Senior Scholarship through the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica (the equivalent of the NHS for Spanish) and the AATSP (the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese). She was selected due to her outstanding grades in Spanish for the past four years, her commitment to volunteering, and her passion for language learning. It is a prestigious award only given to 48 seniors in the United States.

Both of these are prestigious awards and to have two winners in the same school is impressive! This is wonderful news for these students, our World Language Department, and our NDA community. Congratulations Ellen and Katie and all of our World Language students for their hard work in making our classes so strong!



## AFTER PROM ◀

### It's a great time to purchase gift cards for After Prom!

Kroger is offering 4X Gas Points for Gift Card Purchases! Please consider donating 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.

### Chipotle

Also on **Wednesday, April 9 from 3 to 8 p.m.** we are having an After prom fundraiser at Chipotle at the Buttermilk location. Coupons are in the front office or just mention NDA After Prom and we get **50%** of the proceeds! These fundraisers are the only way we make money to put on after prom so we really need your support

If you have any questions regarding prizes for after prom please contact Tricia Kennedy at [kennedyt@ndapandas.org](mailto: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](mailto:gronottek@ndapandas.org).

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

### College Planning Meeting for Junior Parents and Junior Students

Monday, April 7, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. The meeting will last about 1 hour. Ms. Burgei will be sharing information about the college search and application process.

Topics to be covered:

- Making the most of college visits
- When to start applying to colleges
- Finding scholarships and financial aid
- Importance of networking
- Senior Panel



### Summer Opportunities

Anyone who is interested in participating in a variety of summer camps and opportunities, please visit our Summer Enrichment page on our NDA website. There are some deadlines that are fast approaching! Some opportunities include a UK Entomology camp, a Transy pre-college experience or an ECU Music Camp. There are research opportunities at Thomas More or Engineering Camps at UofL and Dayton. There are so many to choose from so please take a look! Click below to link:

[Summer Enrichment](#)

### 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>.

# BAMBOOTIQUE

## SALE

### 20% off Everything

### and up to 50% off on Clearance Items



#### 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).

#### 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 MANY upcoming dates. 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!



#### SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES ◀

**Art, Music, Theatre, Athletics and More!**

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

#### 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](mailto:hehmana@ndapandas.org) or 859-292-1851.

#### ALUMNAE NEWS ◀

##### Alumnae Spirit Wear!

If you're an NDA alumna who would like to show your Panda pride or if you are looking for the perfect graduation gift for your favorite Panda, NDA Alumna sweatshirts are now available through the Alumnae Office. Full zip and quarter-zip sweatshirts are available in navy blue or gray. You can download an order form [HERE](#). For more information contact Emily Berling at 859-292-1852 or [berlinge@ndapandas.org](mailto:berlinge@ndapandas.org).



## ▶ Important Dates

April 2	Prom Ticket Sales Begin Before School 7:00 p.m. Italy Trip - Parent Meeting
April 3	Freshmen see <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> Psychology Baby Day 5:30 p.m. Alumnae Dinner Theatre
April 4	Sophomore Class Retreat
April 4-6	Spring Play - <i>Thoroughly Modern Millie</i>
April 11	Student Council Officer Elections 7th Grade Olympics
April 16	Holy Week Prayer Service
April 17	No School - Easter Break Begins Evening Retreat
April 22	School Resumes Earth Day
April 25	Panda Prowl - NDA Walk to Water Prom

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

### St. Joseph School Crescent Springs Presents “MULAN JR”

St. Joseph School Crescent Springs Curtain Call Cavaliers will be presenting their spring play, Disney's *MULAN JR* at the NDA Performing Arts Center on April 10-12. Travel back to the legendary, storytelling days of ancient China with Disney's *MULAN JR*, the action-packed stage adaptation of Disney's film. Disney's *MULAN JR* is a heartwarming celebration of culture, honor and the fighting spirit!

Show times and prices are as follows: Thursday, April 10th is “Meet the Cast” night. There will be appetizers at 6:15 p.m. followed by the performance at 7:00 p.m. (tickets \$6 for students, \$8 for adults). Friday, April 11th and Saturday, April 12th the performance is at 8:00 p.m. (both nights tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults). Tickets are available by visiting the St. Joseph School website, [www.sjscrescent.com](http://www.sjscrescent.com) and clicking on “Forms” or by contacting Beth Wilson at 859-653-1557 or [beth@wilsoncpallc.com](mailto:beth@wilsoncpallc.com). We hope to see you at the show!



Grief Support For Kids

### Strides for Stars

Join STARS on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. for a 5K Walk/Run to benefit STARS - our community's free grief support program for children who have experienced the death of a loved one. The course will begin and end at Dixie Heights High School, located at 3010 Dixie Highway, Crestview Hills, KY. You can pre-register online at [www.stridesforstars.com](http://www.stridesforstars.com). Mailed registration forms

and fees may be sent to the St. Elizabeth Foundation by April 21, 2014. You can also register on race day. Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. Registration includes: Entry fee, race t-shirt, promotional items, eligibility to win prizes and awards, and the opportunity to honor the memory of someone who was special to you and your family. Pre-registration fees are \$25 for Adults and \$15 for 17 and younger. Event day fees are \$30 for Adults and \$20 for 17 and younger. T-Shirts included while supplies last. For more information, please contact James Ellis at 859.301.4611 or [James.Ellis@stelizabeth.com](mailto:James.Ellis@stelizabeth.com).

## 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](mailto:humanresources@sndky.org), or call 859-291-2040.



## Pure Fashion

Pure Fashion is an international faith based program designed for girls 14-18 to help young women re-discover and re-affirm their innate value and authentic femininity. Through the monthly training sessions, Pure Fashion Models are taught the foundational skills of becoming confident, competent leaders in their schools and communities. With training sessions focusing on topics such as table manners, social etiquette and public speaking skills, Pure Fashion Models

will learn the basics of growing into distinguished, capable and respectful young women. Pure Fashion models will also be taught the art of makeup and hairstyling, all the while remembering that grace, decency and dignity are our greatest adornments. To apply, go to [www.purefashion.com](http://www.purefashion.com), click on Find a City, Northern Kentucky, and Become a Model. Space is limited to 30 models. Apply online today!

## 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](mailto:mparkskroner@yahoo.com) 513-218-2459.

## Two great conferences on one very important day.

Join us for this special day! Immaculate Heart of Mary is pleased to host a Divine Mercy Conference on April 26, featuring a young adult/teen conference (ages 14-21) in the gym and an adult conference in the Church. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for teens/young adults. Lunch is included. Family and group rates are available. The day will consist of inspiring talks, praise and worship music with the emphasis on bringing hearts together to receive the love and mercy of God. We invite you and your loved ones to take advantage of the special Plenary Indulgence the Church offers us on the Feast of Divine Mercy with Mass at 5:00 p.m. and Confessions during the Conference. Register today and learn more about the Conference, featured speakers and schedule on the Conference website: [www.April26Conference.com](http://www.April26Conference.com) or call 859-689-5010.

Our Lord gave this beautiful message to St. Faustina: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon these souls that approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sin and punishment. On that day all the divine flood gates through which grace flow are opened.... (Diary #699).

## 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](mailto:beconcernedinc@yahoo.com) (859) 291-1340 or Andy Brunsman at (859) 291-6789 or [beconcernedandy@yahoo.com](mailto:beconcernedandy@yahoo.com).