



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents!

I hope you and your family enjoyed a blessed and joyous Easter holiday. We were certainly blessed with some beautiful weather! It is nice to have everyone back as we head into the final weeks of the fourth quarter and the school year.

We have exciting news to share this week about the accomplishments of our students. As you will see from the information below we have an impressive list of students who were selected for the Governor's Scholar Program, Governor's School for the Arts and the Governor's School for Entrepreneurs. Congratulations to our students who were selected for these prestigious programs and those selected as alternates – both significant accomplishments as they competed with students from around the state of Kentucky for this honor.

I am also pleased to inform you that our Campus Minister, Ms. Bridget Price, has been selected as a recipient of the Diocesan Catechetical Leadership Award. Ms. Price will be honored at the Catechetical Leaders Appreciation Reception on May 14. It is nice to see Ms. Price's leadership as a catechist at NDA recognized in this way! This is a great honor for Bridget and for our school.

This week we have some special activities planned. As mentioned in the last PPW, on Friday we will have the "Walk to Water" Panda Prowl. School will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. We are looking forward to this event that has been planned by our student leaders, Mrs. Grayson and Mrs. Wagner. Friday evening is our annual Junior/Senior prom at the Netherland Hilton. Much planning has gone into this event as well and we are looking forward to a wonderful evening with our students and their guests. The After Prom will be held at the Five Seasons and I am truly grateful to the parents who have put so much time and energy into planning this fun and entertaining event.

May you know God's goodness each day

Dr. Laura Koehl



SCHOLARSHIP/TUITION GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING



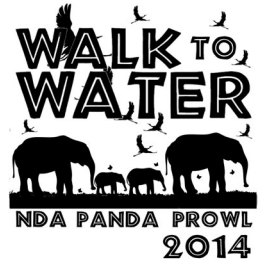
Limited need-based scholarships/tuition grants are available to students through the generosity of several benefactors. An application for these Tuition Assistance Scholarships can be found on the website [HERE](#). **The deadline for all scholarship applications is next Thursday, May 1, 2014.**



STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Panda Prowl

Just a reminder: NDA Panda Prowl 2014 is scheduled for this Friday, April 25. The day will begin at 8:00 with a presentation. Students should report to homeroom. The walk will take place between 9:00-11:15 a.m. The day will end with a brief prayer service followed by dismissal at **11:30 a.m.**



SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING ◀

IMPORTANT

Dear Parents,

As you may have read in last week's *Messenger*, the Diocese of Covington is committed to increasing child abuse awareness and building safe environments in its schools and parishes. All Notre Dame Academy students will participate in a Diocesan approved child abuse prevention workshop facilitated by trained staff from the Council on Child Abuse of Southern Ohio, Inc. Students will attend the workshop during their religion class on either Monday, April 28 or Tuesday April 29. The workshop will focus on personal safety rules and teach students the potential dangers of child abuse and how to avoid situations that could be unsafe. Information about bullying and Internet safety are also provided.

All students will participate in this program unless Notre Dame Academy receives written notification from a parent or guardian indicating that permission is not granted for his or her daughter to participate. To opt out of the Safe Environment Training, please provide written notification by Thursday, April 24 to the attention of Mrs. Amber Grayson, Assistant Principal. If you have additional questions, please call Eve Pearl (Executive Director) or Rebecca Joy (Program Assistant) at the Council on Child Abuse at (513) 936-8009.

Thank you,
Mrs. Amber Grayson
Assistant Principal



AFTER PROM ◀

Chaperones Needed For After Prom!

The NDA After Prom Committee has been working very hard to make sure the girls have a great time at After Prom. Now they are looking for some help from parents. In order for the night to go smoothly, and ensure a safe environment, they need to find more chaperones. If you can help, please go to the Volunteer Spot link and volunteer. VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/rqC4XZ>



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES ◀

Art, Music, Theatre, Athletics and More!

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

NDA GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS! ◀

Congratulations to all of NDA's GSP, GSA and GSE Accepted and Alternate students!

Governor's Scholar Program:

Accepted Students:

Ellen Kendall
Madeline Marita
Rachel Peavler
Hannah Ziegelmeier

Alternates:

Hillary Hellmann
Maria Topmiller

Governor's School for the Arts:

Accepted Students:

Gina Erardi	Visual Art
Annalise Stegman	Visual Art
Samantha Conradi	Dance
Jamie Henn	Dance
Marissa Picciuto	New Media

Alternates:

Haley Appelmann	Visual Art
Lauren Darpel	Visual Art
Hannah Deters	Visual Art
Anjelica Thelan	Architecture
Natalie Bellamy	Musical Theater

Governor's School for Entrepreneurs:

Accepted Students:

Katie Kloska

Alternates:

Riley Meyerratken



OUTSTANDING YEAR FOR FINE ARTS STUDENTS ◀

Many thanks to all of the Fine Arts students who worked incredibly hard to audition/interview to attend this summer's Governor's School for the Arts. Each year, the students are asked to go above and beyond in their chosen Arts fields to prepare for the opportunity to attend GSA. Each year NDA's Fine Arts students exceed what is asked of them. This year is no different. Thanks to all of the students who tried out for GSA. Your portfolios and pieces, as a result of your hard work and effort, represented yourself, the Fine Arts program, and NDA incredibly well. Congratulations to Marissa Picciuto (New Media), Gina Erardi and Annalise Stegman (Visual Arts), and Sam Conradi and Jamie Henn (Dance), for earning acceptance into the program. Congratulations also to Angelica Thelen (Architecture), to Hannah Deters, Lauren Darpel and Haley Appelmann (Visual Arts), and to Natalie Bellamy (Musical Theatre) for earning consideration as an alternate. This year, over 1,700 high school sophomores and juniors applied to the summer program. From this number only 223 attend this amazing three-week summer arts program. Being accepted or chosen as an alternate for GSA are both huge honors. Congratulations and many thanks for your dedication and hard work!

THIRD QUARTER B.E.S.T. ◀

Congratulations to our BEST winners for third quarter:

Freshman	Megan Saelinger
Sophomore	Bridgette Plunkett
Junior	Grace Gettlefinger
Senior	Ashley Burnett

FACULTY AWARD ◀

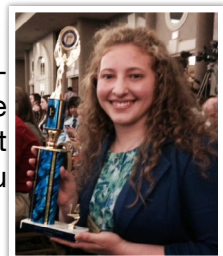
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HOXWORTH ESSAY CONTEST WINNER ◀

Congratulations to Maggie Flanagan on winning a \$1,000.00 scholarship from the Hoxworth essay contest. She was one of 38 that entered and one of seven that won. Maggie will receive her award at the Hoxworth High School Awards Luncheon on May 1, 2014.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA ◀

Notre Dame Academy would like to recognize Mackenzie Scaringi and Emily Bautista for their participation and success at the Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference in Louisville April 14-16. A huge congratulation to Mackenzie - State - 1st Place Accounting I. She will represent Kentucky at the FBLA National Leadership Conference to be held this summer in Nashville. Thank you Mackenzie, Emily and Mrs. Gronotte, Adviser, for representing Notre Dame Academy.



INVESTMENT CLUB NEWS ◀

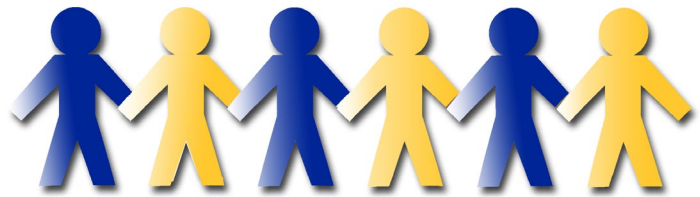
The Investment Club formed in 2012 with a vision of educating young women about the stock market, how it works, and why it is important to businesses and individuals. The NDA students meet weekly to discuss their portfolios, analyze their gains and losses and research the companies in which they invest. Recently, guest speaker Elizabeth Corbett, a partner and financial planner from Focus On Success, provided insight about professional women working in the financial career sector. She shared her educational background and how she continues to advance her career by certifications and actively participating in local business programs such as Leadership Northern Kentucky. The students said that they found her presentation very interesting and informative.



Twenty-six Investment Club students - sophomores, juniors, and seniors - experienced the excitement and operations of the Chicago Board of Trade and the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank while visiting the windy city April 4-7. The fun-filled, educational field trip was an exceptional opportunity for the students to witness the business world in action.



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



College Fair at Covington Latin

Tonight (Wednesday) at 7:00 p.m.

Don't forget, the 33rd Annual Covington Latin College Fair will be held at Covington Latin School from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, tonight. 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. This is open to students from all grade levels and there is no RSVP needed. For more information, including a list of colleges that will be in attendance, [HERE](#).

Cincinnati Area Spring College Fair

Xavier University - Cintas Center

Monday, May 5, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

All high school students and parents are invited to explore college options with over 100 nationally recognized colleges and universities. There is no charge for students and parents to attend the College Fair. There is no need to RSVP. Parking will be available near and around the Cintas Center. For more information please contact us at 513-745-3301.

You can also read more about this event at Xavier's website (including past colleges that have attended this fair).

Website Link: <http://www.xavier.edu/undergraduate-admission/collegefair/>



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).

FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE ◀

Three Great Graduation Gift Ideas!

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.



Special Limited Edition NDA Gaither Print

This beautiful print of Notre Dame Academy by local artist Tom Gaither depicts the original location on 5th Street in Covington, the building in its new location on Hilton Drive, and the new addition. The prints are matted and framed, and are a wonderful gift for a graduate of Notre Dame Academy. The cost is \$80.00. Purchase your print by emailing Anna Hehman at hehmana@ndapandas.org or by calling (859) 292-1851.

Alumnae Spirit Wear!

NDA Alumna sweatshirts are now available through the Alumnae Office. Full zip, hooded and quarter-zip sweatshirts are available in navy or gray and long sleeve t-shirts are available in white or navy. You can download an order form [HERE](#). For more information contact Alumnae Coordinator Emily Berling at 859-292-1852 or berlinge@ndapandas.org.



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.

► Important Dates

April 23	Toga Day (Togas over uniforms) sponsored by Latin Club
April 25	Panda Prowl - NDA Walk to Water - Dismissal 11:30 a.m. 8:00 p.m. Prom at Hilton Netherland Cincinnati
April 26	1:00 a.m. After Prom at Five Seasons State History Competition
April 29	Diocesan Track Meet at NDA
April 30	Middle School Track Meet at NDA
May 1	Mass - May Crowning - Ring Ceremony Information Meeting for Parents of Incoming Freshmen
May 9	Choral Concert
May 5-16	AP Exams
May 13	PTO Meeting
May 14	Academic Signing
May 15	Awards Ceremony
May 16	Senior Send-off
May 19-21	Senior Exams
May 22	Baccalaureate Mass
May 23	Senior Awards Breakfast Graduation
May 27-29	Exams
May 30	Cleaning Day



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COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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