

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings parents!

This week we celebrate the graduation of the class of 2015! Our celebrations include the Baccalaureate Mass, Senior Awards Ceremony and Commencement. Our graduating seniors collectively have received over \$14 million in scholar-ship offers to colleges and universities! This includes 50 seniors (39% of the class) who received half tuition or more in scholarships. (See Academic Signing below). We look forward to celebrating their many accomplishments and wishing them well as they begin the next phase of their journey.

Tomorrow is the last day of regular classes. There is no school on Friday due to our graduation activities. Final exams will be held next Tuesday to Thursday (please see schedule <u>HERE</u>) and cleaning day on Friday. Students will be cleaning out lockers, returning books and key cards, and making sure all cafeteria balances are paid as part of the end-of-the-year responsibilities.

As we finish out our year of Celebrating Sisterhood, we certainly have cause to give thanks for the NDA community. Our students have enjoyed many accomplishments in academics, athletics, the arts and service. We give thanks for their hard work and dedication. We also give thanks for our amazing faculty and staff, and wonderful parents!

Finally, please note that we will continue our Common Reader program started this year. This summer all students are required to read *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. Students were informed via email and were also invited to participate on a committee to plan our Common Reader day of activities in August.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I wish all our students and parents the best as we complete the 2014-15 school year. I hope this has been a year filled with the joy of learning, making friends and discovering the many gifts God has given to each of us.

May you know God's goodness each day,

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Dr. Laura Koehl

Notre Dame Academy is built on the Four Educational Principles of the Sisters of Notre Dame:



- The centrality of a good and provident God
- The human dignity of each person as an image of God
- The Notre Dame educator as a Gospel witness
- An integrated education for transformation



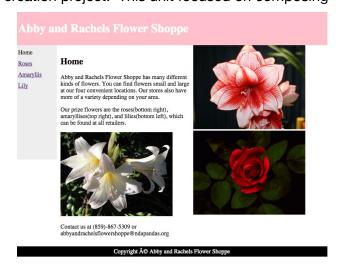
INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

HTML HELPS PANDAS WITH PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS

The freshmen in Mr. Lander's Technology and Communication class have finished their website creation project. This unit focused on composing

the HTML and CSS language which internet browsers use to display

sites. With a simple word application like "Text Edit," these tech savvy pandas were able to make some nice looking sites. Each class voted for the best site and top picks were Rachel Massie and Abby Darpel's "Flower Shoppe," Camryn Mason and Bianca Sanborn's "Fan Site," Lauren Judy and Emma Hatter's "Supernatural," Sophie Hagen and Katie Leonard's "The Waffle Shoppe." Abby Darpel went on record saying "Working with HTML helped our problem solving skills." Great work, Ladies!





STUDENT LIFE UPDATE

Election Day

Elections for 2015-2016 homeroom representatives will take place tomorrow, May 21. Good luck to all students who will be running for office!

WORK OPPORTUNITY

There will be an opportunity to work at NDA the first week in June (June 1 - 4) from 9:00 a.m. - noon each day. It's a continuation of the student cleaning day getting the rooms ready for scrubbing. Adults will receive \$30/hr off tuition and students will receive \$15/hr. Students must be high school age.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

If you haven't ordered your 2014-15 yearbook, you can still order one for \$70 directly from Josten's online <u>HERE</u>, or by sending in a check payable to Notre Dame Academy. Ordering now is the only way to guarantee your copy. Preorders will close at the end of May.

Important Reminder:

Please check PayPams for your daughter's cafeteria account balance as many currently have insufficient funds. If balances are unpaid at the end of the school year, students are unable to receive their report cards and seniors will not receive their transcripts. Seniors can receive a lunch money refund or transfer balance to a younger sister if a request is made by email to brungsk@ ndapandas.org.

Thank you!

ACADEMIC SIGNING

NDA's annual Academic Signing was held last Wednesday in NDA's theatre. This event was for seniors receiving scholarship dollars in the amount of at least half the cost of tuition at the school they are attending. This year we had over 50 seniors signing (39% of the class). This is a true testimony to the education and preparation they receive here at NDA!



FRESHMEN/SOPHOMORE JETS TAKE STATE!

Our JETS (Junior Engineering Technology Society) teams recently received their results and some good news!

Our students competed in the TEAMS competition at the University of Cincinnati in early March. The competition is composed of taking a two part test. The first part is a multiple choice test composed of 80 question answered in 90 minutes. The second part is composed of a essay paper. Students collectively work together to answer questions on both parts of the test. On the essay part, students answer a question and support their answer with evidence and scientific knowledge. This essay part of the test was scored at a later time.

Our Freshman-Sophomore team place third at this TEAMS event at the University of Cincinnati. In our division, for the Part I, State of Kentucky, they came in second. After the second part of the test was scored, and both scores combined, our Freshman-Sophomore team overall placed first for the state of Kentucky!

Our Junior-Senior team did not place at the competition. In our division, for the Part I, State of Kentucky, they came in second. Overall (both parts combined), for the state of Kentucky, they placed 7th for the state of Kentucky!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT?

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2015 enrollment. We are working with our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta) to arrange for 2 German exchange students. We are also working with the Cambridge Institute to recruit students from China, Korea and/or Viet Nam. We are hoping to enroll 3-4 students through this program. At this time we are seeking families who would consider hosting any of these students. Please email Mrs. Katie Caccavari at caccavarik@ndapandas.org, if you would be interested in more information about this opportunity. Your reply is not a commitment, but would help us to know which families would consider supporting our international student enrollment by serving as a host family. Thank you for your interest.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES

BEST AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to Saija Bedford who is our 2014-15 BEST Award winner. She will receive a \$500 scholarship for next school year. This award was voted on by the faculty.



EXAMS

Exams for freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The students have been given a copy of the schedule. You can access a copy of the schedule <u>HERE</u>.

ACT registration for June 13th test:

If you want to take the June 13th ACT, the last day to register (with a late fee) is this Friday. FYI - our test center is 155170 and our school code is 180-575.

www.actstudent.org

ACT Boot Camp: Test Prep courses for the ACT held on June 13th:

Option One: WEEKEND WARRIOR - Newport

Four Total Sessions | Sat/Sun: 5/30, 5/31, 6/6, & 6/7

Newport (8 Remaining Spots)

Option Two: 4-DAY INTENSIVE – Newport | Florence

Four Total Sessions | Mon-Thu: 6/8, 6/9, 6/10, & 6/11 9AM-4:30PM

Newport (26 Remaining Spots) | Florence (20 Remaining Spots)

Register on website: www.torchprep.com

NDA COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

Purchase a brick for your daughter on Notre Dame Academy's Marian Circle to commemorate her time at NDA! For a limited time, bricks can be purchased for NDA alumnae and graduating seniors for only \$150 (normal price is \$300).

For more information on purchasing a brick on the Marian Circle CLICK HERE.



BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS

Have you had a chance to stop in and check out the latest items in the Bambootique? We've got a few new things as well as LOTS of items that have been marked down in the hopes of clearing out the inventory in preparation for next school year. Come check us out! If anyone is interested in working in the shop, please email Aimee Dickhaus at ddickhaus@yahoo.com with your availability - we can always use more help!

ATHLETIC NEWS



2015 NDA GOLF OUTING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in serving on the committee or volunteering for the Notre Dame Boosters 17th annual Golf outing please contact the AD, Myanna Webster, at websterm@ndapandas.org. The outing will take place at Twin Oaks golf course on July 31, 2015.

GOOD LUCK AT STATE TRACK & FIELD PANDAS!

The following Track and Field Pandas are headed to State this weekend:

4x800 - Natalie Kleier, Carly Wolnitzek, Camryn Scaringi, Manon Stovik

400 - Erika Nageleisen

3200 - Natalie Kleier

High Jump - Sophia Middendorf

Good luck!

LACROSSE PANDAS MAKE HISTORY!

Congrats to the Lacrosse Pandas on a great season and making program history by advancing to the Elite 8!

Congratulations also to NDA's Abby Sammons! Abby has been named to the 2015 Kentucky All-State Tournament Team. Abby Sammons becomes the first NDA lacrosse player ever named an All-State Tournament Team selection. This is an enormous honor and will be recognized with a limited number of girls from the elite programs in the state of Kentucky at the Championship game Thursday at Sacred Heart.

Upon hearing of Abby's amazing achievement, her coaches said, "We as coaches are thrilled about Abby's season and so glad to have two more years to watch her grow."





CONGRATS TENNIS PANDAS!

Our tennis Pandas had an amazing showing at State this past weekend. Congratulations to the team on being named this year's Kentucky State Runner's Up!

Abigail Kennedy and Maryann Meadows were named to the 2015 Kentucky High School All State Tennis Team. Congrats ladies!





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► Important dates:	
May 20	Senior Alumnae Luncheon
May 21	Homeroom Rep. Elections
•	Baccalaureate Mass
May 22	No School - Senior Awards Breakfast/Graduation
May 25	No School - Memorial Day
May 26	Exams Begin
May 29	Cleaning Day
July 29	Freshmen/New Student Orientation
August 3-7	Bridge Program
August 13	First Day of School
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Check out the Community News section of NDA's website for news about...

- Do You Know a College Student Looking for a Summer Job?
- Commonwealth Bank and Trust is hiring for Part time tellers!
- American Red Cross Leadership Development Opportunity
- Part-time Positions for Students
- St. Charles Community Now Hiring

For a complete list of community news CLICK HERE.

