



*An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy*

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings Parents,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying a peaceful summer and staying cool on these hot July days. This mid-summer update is sent to provide you with important information about the start of the school year.

First of all, it is an honor to be writing you as the 3rd President of Notre Dame Academy. As you may know we have extended the Principal Search and will proceed with an interim plan for the coming school year. This plan will include two Assistant Principals. In addition to Mrs. Grayson who will continue in her role as Assistant Principal for Student Life we have hired an interim Assistant Principal, Dr. Theresa Snodgrass. Dr. Snodgrass will serve on our administrative team assisting with the day to day operations of the school especially in the areas of curriculum and instruction. Dr. Snodgrass will be introduced at our information meetings in August.

The parent/student information meetings will be held on **August 5** (Juniors and Seniors) and **August 6** (Freshmen and Sophomores). The meetings will be at 6:30 p.m., last approximately one hour, and be held in the Theater. All are welcome to join us for a **Welcome Back Social** sponsored by PTO and the Alumnae Office at 6:00 p.m. right before the meetings. Drinks and food will be provided. The meeting agenda will include information on academics, student life, campus ministry, advising and counseling, instructional technology, PTO and more. Grade level specific information will be included each night. It is very important that each family is represented at these meetings. Parents of new students should find additional announcements in the section below.

Fall class schedules are currently being finalized. Students and parents can view these on Power School starting on August 1 (for information about accessing Power School, please click [HERE](#)). Copies of schedules will also be handed out at the upcoming parent/student information nights.

The calendar for the 2014-15 school year can be found at our website [HERE](#). Also, please see the important list of dates regarding the beginning of school in the list below.

Each year we provide a directory of contact information for our families. This will be made available at the beginning of the school year. Please watch for an email regarding this directory and permission to publish your information.

As we prepare for the beginning of our 2014-15 school year, we look forward to a year of change and transition. We have several new faculty and staff joining us and many new opportunities to work together to fulfill the mission of NDA. While there may be some new faces at NDA, we continue to uphold and embrace the SND tradition that defines our NDA educational experience. I am excited and optimistic about the year ahead and look forward to welcoming our new faculty, staff, students, and parents to the NDA community.

May you know God's goodness each day,

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

## WELCOME NEW STUDENTS ◀

If you are the parent of an incoming freshman or a sophomore transferring to NDA, please plan to attend the parent meeting on **August 6 at 6:30 p.m.** in the theater.

If you are the parent of a junior or senior transferring to NDA, please plan to attend the parent meeting on **August 5 at 6:30 p.m.** in the theater.



At the parent meeting you will receive important information about the school year and how we will help your daughter in making the transition to NDA. Student schedules will be distributed at this meeting as well as information about accessing Power School (online grading and records) accounts.

An important part of the transition process is **Freshman/New Student Orientation** held on **August 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Lunch will be provided. The orientation program will include information about the daily schedule, course requirements, opportunities for co-curricular involvement and the use of the iPad. Your daughter will have the opportunity to meet current and new students and start to develop some important relationships. (Note: Orientation for students transferring to NDA begins at 10:15 a.m.)

Students will be expected to bring their iPads to the New Student Orientation. Those who have purchased their iPads through NDA will get their devices at orientation. At this time our Instructional Technology staff will assist students in setting up their iPads and orient them to the ways in which it will be used in the classroom. Opportunities for additional assistance with the iPads will continue into the school year and this will be explained at the orientation.

### Important Orientation Information:

Prior to Freshman/New Student Orientation, you must have an Apple ID established on your iPad, so you can be enrolled in our system. Visit the school's website at <http://www.ndapandas.org/academics/departments/business-technology/ipad-11-initiative/students.aspx> to learn how to set up an Apple ID.

If you need assistance beyond the tutorial, set up a time to meet with Mrs. Mullee prior to the orientation. Go to the following website to set up a meeting time: <https://www.myconferecetime.com/nda/schedule/46944>.

It is imperative that you come to orientation with an established Apple ID!

## WELCOME NEW TEACHERS AND STAFF ◀

**Dr. Theresa Snodgrass** - Dr. Snodgrass will serve as interim Assistant Principal assisting with the day to day operations of the school especially in the areas of curriculum and instruction. Dr. Snodgrass earned her Ph.D. in Math and M.S. in Applied Math from the Georgia Institute of Technology and her B.S. in Math and B.S. in Computer Science from North Carolina State University.

**Hillary Johnson** - Ms. Johnson be joining our History/Social Studies Department. While at Thomas More College she earned her MAT; secondary education, Social Studies, and Business. She also has her B.S. in Business Administration from Georgetown.

**Michael Cerimele:** Michael, son of longtime NDA teacher and band director Greg Cerimele, will be teaching English and Social Studies. Mr. Cerimele earned his Bachelor's degrees in English and Secondary Education from Thomas More College.

**Jenifer Ericson:** Ms. Ericson is joining NDA as our new Intervention Specialist. She attended Georgetown College, where she is completing her Master's of Education degree.

**Terri Perrino:** Ms. Perrino will be teaching Science and Technology and has a Bachelor's of Science from Wright State University.

**Tom Richmond:** Mr. Richmond will be teaching Religion and has a Master's of Divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology at the University of California at Berkeley and a Master's and Bachelor's degrees from Indiana University.

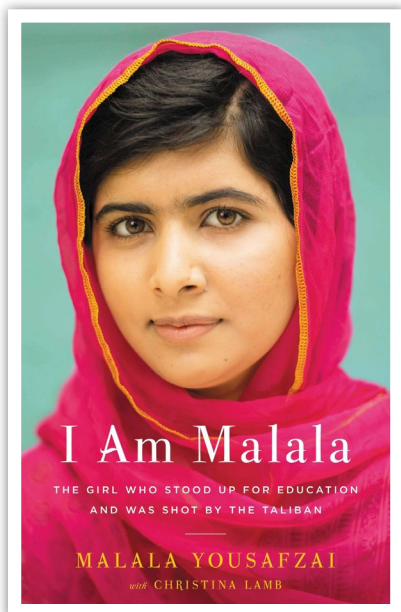
**Leslie Schellhaas:** Ms. Shellhaas will be teaching Math and has a Bachelor's degree from Morehead State University.

**Myanna Webster:** Ms. Webster is NDA's new Athletic Director. She has a Master's in Mental Health Counseling and a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Cincinnati.

**Katie Caccavari:** Mrs. Caccavari is joining NDA as the Admissions Director. Katie earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Kentucky.

**Dorothy Goepel:** Ms. Goepel will be joining NDA as a substitute Spanish teacher. She earned her Master's degree in English at Xavier University and her Bachelor's degree in English Literature at the University of Cincinnati.

## NDA COMMUNITY SHARING IN COMMON READER EXPERIENCE ◀



This summer everyone in the Notre Dame Academy community has a summer reading assignment: *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai. The story is that of young Malala Yousafzai, who spoke out when the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan. Malala refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. In retaliation, the Taliban sought to kill her. On October 9, 2012, a Taliban fighter boarded her school bus, asked, “Who is Malala?” and shot her in the head at point-blank range. Few expected her to survive. Malala’s miraculous recovery has made her a global symbol of peaceful protest and, at the age of sixteen, the youngest nominee ever for the Nobel Peace Prize.

While this is a required reading assignment for NDA students, faculty and staff, everyone in the NDA community is invited to share in this common reader experience, including parents. A committee of faculty, staff and students are planning many events and discussions for the fall to illuminate concepts in the book.

“This common reader initiative fully supports NDA’s educational mission and vision as a school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame, especially in exploring the story of a young women’s commitment to getting an education,” said NDA President Dr. Laura Koehl. “This shared experience will encourage global awareness and critical thinking at NDA. It provides a real life example of a young women making a difference in our world.”

## NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

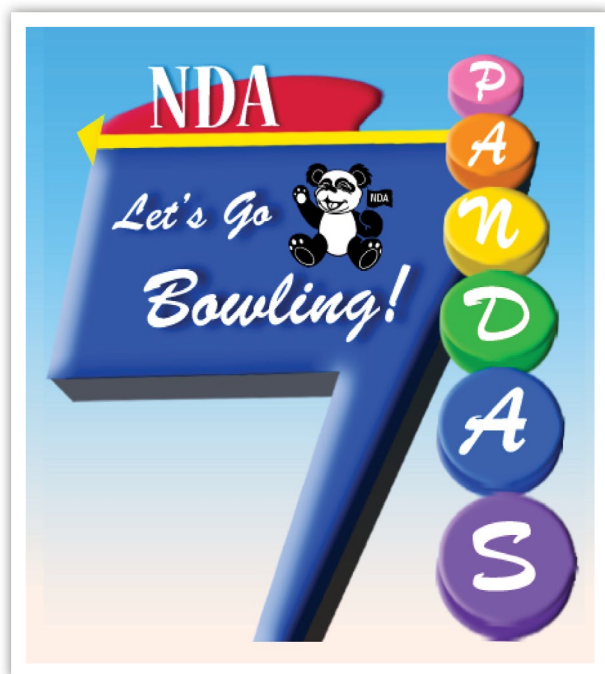
**Athletic Orientation DATE CHANGE:** The Athletic Orientation date for new students has changed. Athletic Orientation for New Students will be held on Thursday, August 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Theater and Alumnae Hall.

### Golf Outing August 1st

It’s not too late to support the 16th annual NDA athletic golf outing at Twin Oaks on August 1st! You can donate financially, with gifts for raffle or sign up to play in a foursome. All information and forms are on the NDA website at: <http://www.ndapandas.org/athletics/golf-outing.aspx> All proceeds benefit the athletic teams and programs and are greatly appreciated. We look forward to another great event and hope to see you there!

### Cross Country Still Accepting Members

The Cross Country team has begun practice and is working hard but there’s still time to join. If you are interested in running cross country please contact Myanna Webster at 859-292-7730 or [webstern@ndapandas.org](mailto:webstern@ndapandas.org) for more information.



*Class of 2018*  
*Are you ready to bowl?*

All incoming freshman are invited to attend the Panda Newbie Bowling Event on Friday, August 8, 2014, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Walt’s Lanes in Newport.

If you are interested in attending, please email Mrs. Caccavari at [caccavarik@ndapandas.org](mailto:caccavarik@ndapandas.org).

The cost is \$5 which includes 2 games of bowling, shoes and one soda.



## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Attention 2014-15 Student Council Members

The first meeting of the year is scheduled for Thursday, August 1, and your attendance is mandatory. The meeting, held at NDA, begins at 9:00 a.m. and will end at approximately 3:00 p.m. From Freshmen Orientation to the first day of school, we will have plenty to discuss!

### Uniform Policy

*Begin preparing for the 2014-2015 school year by taking a look at NDA's uniform policy.*

Notre Dame Academy has a school uniform that consists of:

- a gray uniform skirt (the skirt must fit properly, be zipped and buttoned, hemmed appropriately and free of stains, rips, and/or holes). Students are encouraged to purchase a new skirt if it no longer zips, has tears, holes, or stains.
- a white NDA banded shirt for Freshmen through Juniors
- a navy blue or white NDA banded shirt for Seniors
- solid white, gray, black or navy blue socks
- appropriate shoes that have a back to them



Optional items that may be purchased and worn with the uniform include:

- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy pullover sweater
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy sweatshirt
- a navy blue blazer with NDA's emblem for special occasions such as Mass, award ceremonies, etc.
- gray, black, or navy blue leggings
- black dress slacks and a white blouse for designated events

No colored undergarments or undergarments with visible writing that detracts from the uniform may be worn under the uniform blouse. If a student chooses to wear a T-shirt under the uniform shirt, it must be a plain white V-neck and may not be visible. No slacks may be worn under the uniform during the school day. Students may wear the uniform sweater or sweatshirt during the school day. No other sweaters or sweatshirts are acceptable.

## ▶ Important dates: Opening of School Year

August 1	16th Annual NDA Golf Outing
August 5	6:30 p.m. - Junior/Senior Parent Meeting
August 6	6:30 p.m. - Freshmen/Sophomore Parent Meeting
August 11	8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. New Student Orientation
August 18	First Day of 2014-15 School Year
August 21	Athletic Orientation for New Students/Parents

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Reveal Your Dignity
- St. Agnes Boosters Golf Outing
- Pure Fashion
- Streetsmartz

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