



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings parents!

As Thanksgiving is right around the corner, it's that time of year again when we kick off our "Can the Colonels" Food Drive! Our Student Council leaders have made arrangements with the student leaders at CCH to have the best drive ever. They are confident that NDA can claim victory in gathering the most canned and nonperishable food items. Please support your Pandas by sending in those food items by November 24. Collected items will be sent to St. Vincent de Paul to help fill their shelves for those in need. Go Pandas!

Congratulations to our students newly inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS). This group of juniors and seniors were selected by the NHS Faculty Council for their success in academics and their outstanding commitment to service, leadership and character. Congratulations also to junior Libby Greenwell who was selected as November Student of the Month. Please read more about Libby and her teacher's comments in the section below.

Congratulations to our Volleyball Pandas for their fine efforts in the State tournament. They competed well against Mercy Academy and showed great spirit and sportsmanship in the state competition. As state runner up, the team can be proud of their season and post-season performance. It was great to see a lot of school spirit this weekend as many students and fans supported the Pandas. See more news about our Fall sports teams below.

Thanks to the parents who attended our Distracted Driving program last night. It was a successful program that challenged us all to be safe on the road. The central message was clear – don't text and drive. Please reinforce this message at home with your daughter.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



Notre Dame Academy 2014 National Honor Society Inductees

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

CAN THE COLONELS!

NDA students are collecting non-perishable food items to benefit St. Vincent de Paul while having some light hearted competition with the boys across the street! We will be collecting these items until Monday, November 24, so help us Can the Colonels!



"Fairy Tales Do Come True"



MOTHER DAUGHTER DANCE ◀

This year's Mother Daughter Dance is this Friday, November 14, 2014 at Receptions in Erlanger. **SENIOR REMINDER:** Senior Posters are to be dropped off in the front office by Friday at 9:00 a.m.

POSITION AVAILABLE ◀

Notre Dame Academy is seeking a part-time Facility Assistant. Hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and duties include custodial support. A letter of interest and resume should be sent to hodsonj@ndapandas.org.



2015 WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

Do you know a Notre Dame Academy graduate who has made a difference? The nomination form for the 2015 Women Making A Difference is available online [HERE](#). Nominations are due November 14, 2014.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

In her junior year at Notre Dame Academy, Libby Greenwell has been named November's Student of the Month. Libby has been involved in many clubs and activities at NDA since her freshman year including: Spanish Club, Math Club, Pro-Life Club, Respect Club, and Interact Club. Libby also participates on Student Council and was a member of the Varsity Soccer Team.

Libby's AP Biology teacher, Ms. Molly Proudfit, says that, "Libby is an energetic and inquisitive student. She comes to class prepared to learn (more so than the average AP student) and is engaged for every second of every class. She is willing to wrestle with tough biological concepts until she conceptually understands them."

Ms. Proudfit also says that Libby is not afraid to ask questions. "Many times, AP students will be hesitant to ask questions in class or one on one because they are intimidated by the amount of material or they are afraid to admit that they don't know, when they're used to being at the top of the class. Libby has no such qualms. It is so refreshing to teach a student who genuinely wants to understand the content is willing to put in the amount of hard work necessary to do so. She is constantly engaged in class, seeking clarifications on the concepts so that she is confident that she has a clear picture of the material," says Proudfit.

Libby's teachers say that she is a kind friend to all of her peers. She is also known for being a hard worker and a diligent student. "Libby treats class time as it should be in an AP class - time to enrich and clarify what you've already learned the night before in your pre-reading," says Ms. Proudfit. "I can tell by her questions that she has spent quality time with her homework, giving it much more than a cursory glance."

Congratulations Libby on being named November's Student of the Month!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

The fall sports athletes and coaches will be recognized tonight at the Fall Sports Awards Program at NDA.

The Panda cross country team finished 19th in the state meet this past Saturday with Natalie Kleier being NDA's top runner with a time of 20:17. With this State time Natalie breaks into the top 10 for NDA and her name will be placed on the 5k State meet record board at NDA.

The golf team finished 11th at State and won the Conference Regional Tournament. Amy Pugliano was the regional runner up after a playoff due to a tied score.

The Panda volleyball team also competed in the state tournament over the weekend and are state runner ups! Abby Thelen, Alecia Von Handorf and Morgan Hentz were named to the all tournament team. Morgan Hentz was also recognized as the Region player of the year and Coach Buck McCoart was named Region Coach of the Year.

Soccer finished the season as Region Champs and Semi State Finalists. Mandy Arnzen was First Team All State and Coach David Gronotte was Region Coach of the Year.



NDA ARCHERS RIGHT ON TARGET! ◀

Beechwood hosted an archery tournament Saturday, November 8 and our NDA archers shot very well in competition with thirteen other schools. Kimmy Birrer had our team's high score of 265, and was 9th out of 126 female archers, followed by Lindsay Brossart (257) 14th, and EmmaGrace Wells (256) 15th. Camryn Scaringi shot the most 10's and scored a respectable 247. The other competitors' scores were: Julia Goins 245, Kayla Torres 245, Lauren Reinersman 245, Maddie Wermeling 243, Elizabeth Womble 235, Hanna Naberhaus 232, Lily Gamel 226, Courtney Blank 222, Grace Schmidt 195, Helena Frisch 190, Angie Menkhaus 186, Caroline Fedders 184, Bridgett Plunkett 153. Congratulations, NDA archers!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Juniors: Students interested in Applying to the Governor's Scholar Program (GSP) need to have paper copies of the application turned in to Mrs. Hildreth by 4 p.m. on Thursday, November 20. This is a firm deadline.



Portions of the application that are due Nov. 20th: Demographic Information (pg. 1), Student Profile (Extracurricular Activities, Service, Honors/Awards), Writing Entry, Focus Area, Student Consent Form, and Community Recommendation.

The Community Recommendation is to be completed by someone in the community who knows you well enough to provide a strong recommendation. Please let your recommender know that the form may be downloaded from our website at gsp.ky.gov. (Letters of recommendation will not be accepted.) Please give your recommender AMPLE time to complete the recommendation.

The Teacher Recommendation is not required on Nov. 20, but instead we ask you to list two teachers from core subjects that you would like to seek a recommendation from. If your application is selected to advance beyond the school level, we will help you select which teacher to ask for a recommendation.

The Academic Achievement section of the GSP application will be completed by NDA School Counselors.

To have the best possible application, take the time to thoroughly complete all parts of the application. Become very familiar with the GSP website, especially the Helpful Hints packet!

- **Application and Helpful Hints:** <http://gsp.ky.gov/Applicants/Apply/Applications-Forms.aspx>
- **Community Recommendation Form:** <http://gsp.ky.gov/Schools/Forms-Resources.aspx>
- **Forms and Resources (Including Writing Rubric):** <http://gsp.ky.gov/Schools/Forms-Resources.aspx>

Please see Mrs. Hildreth if you have any questions, or need a copy of specific suggestions handed out at our September informational meeting.



2014-15 College Rep Visits at NDA

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch mods (M/T/Th/F 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Wednesdays 11:12 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) Parents are welcome to come in to speak with the college reps. Below is a list of upcoming visits.

November 14 **Brescia University**

BAMBOOTIQUE HOLIDAY SHOPPING HOURS ◀

It's holiday shopping time and Santa loves to deliver NDA spirit wear! The Bambootique has special holiday hours to serve you:

Saturday	November 15	10:30-12:30pm
Saturday	November 29	10:30-12:30pm
Tuesday	December 2	2:30-5:30pm
Thursday	December 4	2:30-5:30pm
Friday	December 5	2:30-7pm
Saturday	December 6	9-12:30pm
Tuesday	December 9	2:30-5:30pm
Thursday	December 11	2:30-5:30pm
Saturday	December 13	9-12:30pm
Tuesday	December 16	5-7pm
Thursday	December 18	5-7pm
Saturday	December 20	9-12:30pm



*****Holiday Cookies will be available for just \$1 on December 2, 4, 5, 9, and 11!**

▶ Important dates:

November 12	Fall Sports Awards - 7:00 p.m.
November 14	Mother-Daughter Dance - 7:00 p.m. Receptions
November 19	Freshman Retreat
November 21	8th Grade Panda Funfest
November 25	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 26-30	Thanksgiving Break
December 6-7	Christmas Play
December 10	Financial Aid Presentation
December 12	Choral Christmas Concert
December 13	HSPT/ACT
December 14	NDA/CCH Band Concert

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Catching Fire - High School Girls Retreat
- Are you caring for an aging parent or grandparent? St. Charles can help!
- Pure Fashion
- Streetsmartz

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

