



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents,

As you may know, it was a great weekend for the Pandas! From the Academic Team to the Cross Country team, our students excelled in their respective competitions. Our Panda athletes and their coaches did very well this weekend as they represented our school in their state tournaments. Congratulations to our State Champion Soccer team and our State Runner Up Volleyball team. Our Cross Country team also competed at the state level and placed 14th. Please see the announcements about our student and team accomplishments in the section below.

Thanks to the parents who attended the PTO meeting last night. I appreciate all your efforts in supporting our journey by sponsoring various events for parents and students. Everyone is looking forward to celebrating the Mother/Daughter Dance this weekend at the Syndicate.

Our Emergency Response Plan is being updated to include the ALICE process as a response to an armed intruder. This is an unlikely event but it is very important that we are prepared as a community to respond in a way that ensures safety for all. Mrs. Grayson has provided initial information about this process. Please see below.

Finally, congratulations to our November Student of the Month – Junior Hillary Hellman. Please read about Hillary's experiences and accomplishments in the section below. In the classroom and on the basketball court, Hillary is a young lady who seeks to make a difference.

May you know God's goodness each day,

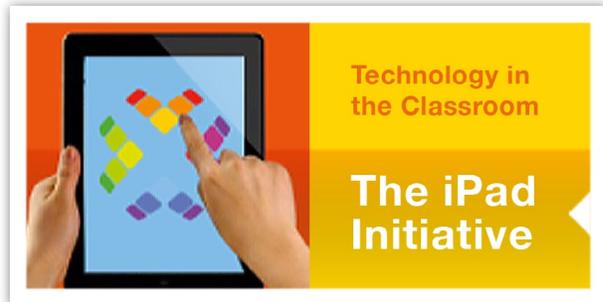
Dr. Laura Koehl

IMPORTANT REMINDER ◀

If your daughter needs to leave early it is imperative that you send a note with her to school in the morning. That note documents her absence. When the note is submitted in the morning, the student is given a slip to be excused from class at the requested time. It is important for the teachers to know that the student will be leaving their class before it is finished. If a parent shows up to pick up a student and she does not have the slip to leave class we have to call into the classroom, interrupting the class. We cannot guarantee we can get her from class in a timely way without prior notice. Your cooperation with this process is greatly appreciated.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEATON FAMILY ◀

Please continue to keep NDA junior Alexandra Deaton, her mother Cathie, and their family in your prayers.



iPad UPDATE ◀

NDA Receives Grant from the SND for Media Production Lab

The SWAT team has been busy coordinating the NDA Production Lab, paid for with funds issued by a Ministry Grant presented to NDA for this use. This high tech production lab was designed with the help of Todd Berling, NDA parent of Taylor and Jia Berling. It comes equipped with:

The Sony Camcorder

purchased with the Grant funds, offers broadcast quality recording. The weight is light which will enable mobile documentation and news-gathering over the course of long days to cover events and news stories, conduct on the spot interviews, and capture video for just about any other professional task. Additionally, there is a night shot function that extends its functionality to compete with darkness and a built in infrared LED that illuminates the dead of night.



Mackie Speakers

These speakers are used for audio recording and editing. They can create a flat, but true sound in order to make a sound that could be adjusted well by any listener's personal preferences and settings. They sound crisp and clean and allow one to hear things that cannot be heard on standard speakers.

Software

1. Camtasia: this allows students and teachers to screencast video their lessons and make tutorials.
2. Final Cut Pro: studio level editing software
3. Pro Tools: studio level Audio editing software
4. You can access Windows on both stations

LIFE CLUB AT MAX AND ERMA'S ◀

Get your appetite ready for a delicious meal at Max and Erma's! Tomorrow - Thursday, November 14, 2013, at any time during the day or night, Max and Erma's will donate 20% of an eat in or take out order to Notre Dame Academy's Life Club. Our club exists to educate the N.D.A. community about all life issues, especially abortion. We also donate our funds at the end of the year to local, national and international groups that promote life. So, come to the Crestview Hill's Max and Erma's on the 14th of this month and celebrate family, friends, and LIFE! ***A paper coupon must be brought to the restaurant (no handing out of them on their premises is allowed) and each student will receive one in homeroom. There will also be some in the front office or you can find them online [HERE](#). Thank You and God bless you!

NDA HONOR ROLL ◀

Congratulations to all of the students who made the NDA Honor Roll in the first quarter of the 2013-14 school year. The complete list in on the website here: [HONOR ROLL](#).

NDA ADVANCEMENT UPDATE ◀

NDA Holiday Market

Save the date for our 1st Annual NDA Holiday Market, to be held November 30 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at NDA! Come shop over 15 vendors of fun products like 31, Scentsy, Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple, and many more! NDA students will be providing activities for kids (including a visit from Santa) while you knock out all your holiday shopping! Admission is \$5 at the door and kids are free. See you there!



2013 NDA MOTHER DAUGHTER NIGHT ◀

Seniors, don't forget your posters! They are due in office by Friday morning, November 15, at 10:00 a.m. Any questions, please contact Mimi Bradley at mimicbradley@gmail.com.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER ◀

Hillary Hellmann

Congratulations to Notre Dame's November Student of the Month, Hillary Hellmann! A junior at NDA, Hillary has served as Student Council Homeroom Representative since she arrived freshmen year. When asked what she likes the most about serving the student body, Hillary comments that it is the ability she has to make a positive change in her school. Hillary enjoys all that Student Council does to generate school spirit, including decorating the halls for Christmas, and she feels that the spirit we share as a community lifts others up and helps them be successful.



According to her former Chemistry teacher, Mrs. Goldcamp, Hillary "shows respect to her peers, teachers and herself." She lends a hand to support the learning of her classmates and demonstrates personal academic excellence.

Hillary is a Homeroom Representative for LIFE Club, a member of the National Honor Society, National English Honor Society and NDA's SWAT Team; she participates in Science Research, volunteers at Redwood serving the disabled and elderly and teaches a weekly gym class at the Notre Dame Urban Education Center. Hillary is also a member of the varsity basketball team and is looking forward to another successful season with her fellow athletes and spirited coach. Congratulations, Hillary! We are proud to call you a Panda!

ACADEMIC TEAM ◀

Congratulations to Academic Team JV Challenge participants. The team received 3rd place overall in the competition and the following students placed individually:

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| Kelsey Sucher | First Place | Mathematics |
| Emily Walter | First Place | Science |
| Mariah Bezold | Second Place | Language Arts |
| Fiona Blackburn | Second Place | Arts and Humanities |
| Sullivan Blackburn | Fourth Place | Arts and Humanities |
| Paige Montfort | Third Place | Composition |

MATH FAX TEST ◀

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students for their very high scores on the first Math Fax test:

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| Geometry: | Bridget Neltner, Kelsey Sucher and Emily Walter |
| Algebra II: | Paige Montfort |
| Advanced Math: | Stephanie Hacker |

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Reminder for NDA Juniors interested in applying to the KY Governor's Scholar Program:



Due Date for NDA Applications is rapidly approaching - 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 14! Both an electronic and paper version must be turned in to Mrs. Kathy Hildreth. Please see or email Mrs. Hildreth with any questions!

HELP OUR SISTER SCHOOL IN UGANDA ◀

The Sisters of Notre Dame, Covington Province, is organizing a service project.

When: Oct. 29 – Nov. 22, 2013

What: used shoes (any size, any condition, even if you only have one shoe), purses, duffel bags, swag bags and backpacks with NO WHEELS. (NO Luggage, please.)

Where: Items can be dropped off at NDA's Front office.

If you have any questions contact Bridget Price at priceb@ndapandas.org or 859-292-1836.



REPORT CARDS SENT VIS POWER ANNOUNCEMENT ◀

Digital copies of the first quarter report cards are being sent home using the Power Announcement system. In order for each household to receive a copy, at least one of the email contacts must be selected in the Power Announcement preferences. Please follow the instructions below if you do not receive a report card in your e-mail so that we can send you the second quarter report card electronically.

- 1) Login to PowerSchool
- 2) Select the Power Announcement tab on the left,
- 3) Check the box for “Contact me using e-mail” if it is not checked.
- 4) Click the “Expand All” button towards the top.
- 5) Check that at least one of the e-mail contacts listed has the “Send Emails” checkbox selected. You may select as many of the contacts as you wish to receive the e-mails.
- 6) Scroll to the bottom of the screen if necessary and click the “Save Preferences” button.

A.L.I.C.E. ◀

Notre Dame Academy is adopting an updated strategy known as A.L.I.C.E., which will enhance our current lockdown procedure. Violent shooter situations such as the tragedy that occurred at Sandy Hook Elementary last December remind us that school preparation is essential in maintaining a safe environment. While the likelihood is low that such a tragedy would occur at Notre Dame Academy, our safety and survival in these situations depend on our awareness of the response options available. The A.L.I.C.E. program defines these response options and mentally prepares our school community to respond in ways that will increase chances of survival in violent shooter situations.



The A.L.I.C.E. program, consistent with guidelines recommended by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as well as the Department of Education, looks beyond the traditional lockdown procedure that consists of locking classroom doors, maintaining silence and hiding from the intruder until an “all clear” has been determined by law enforcement officials. A.L.I.C.E. is an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. The philosophy behind the A.L.I.C.E. program is that technology and information can help staff and students make informed decisions in a crisis, remove as many people as possible from the danger zone and provide realistic training, so the chances of surviving violent shooter situations increases.

This Friday during long homeroom, all NDA students will begin their A.L.I.C.E. training and be introduced to the updated lockdown procedure. During Friday’s session, which is the first of many to be conducted throughout the year, students will revisit the importance of preparing for lockdown situations and learn the solutions and options available as identified by the A.L.I.C.E. program.

Additional training phases will follow throughout the year. Depending on their location in the building and proximity to the alerted “danger zone,” some students may practice a lockdown scenario in the classroom and discuss alternate exits (such as a window) but will not physically exit their classroom. Other students may discuss evacuation options if they are far from the “danger zone” and identify the pre-determined rally point to which they would report. Students and teachers will discuss barricade options and how they can create an obstacle between them and the intruder. The counter portion of the plan will be introduced in a subsequent phase later in the school year and is identified as the final option in an active shooter situation. All faculty and staff are also attending A.L.I.C.E. training sessions that are led by certified instructors.

Updates on student training progress will be included in the Panda Press Weekly, and an informational meeting for parents will be held at a later date. The meeting will provide a more comprehensive overview of the A.L.I.C.E. program. One can also find further information at the official website at <http://www.alicetraining.com>. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Grayson, NDA’s Assistant Principal

ATHLETIC NEWS ◀

FALL SPORTS WEEKEND

For the first time in KHSAA history, the fall teams of cross country, soccer and volleyball competed in their season state championship title on the same weekend. Golf concluded their season in October. Notre Dame Academy was the only school in the state who had a team in each of the three state championship events! Congratulations to the fall sports teams on a fantastic season.

SOCCER PANDAS TAKE STATE

Congratulations to the Soccer Pandas and Coach Sara McSorley on their 2013 State Championship! The Pandas beat Sacred Heart 2-0 in the state final at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School to finish with a season record of 24-2-3 while also setting the state record for fewest goals scored in a season. This is the Soccer Pandas fourth trip to the state finals in the last 5 years; their second state championship in three years and third overall. The Pandas previously won in 2011 and 2004. Way to go Pandas!



STATE RUNNER-UP VOLLEYBALL PANDAS

Congratulations to the Volleyball Pandas who fell to the perennial powerhouse Assumption in the State Championship Final 3-0. Four-time defending champion Assumption and Notre Dame are two of the most storied programs in Kentucky volleyball history. Assumption holds the state record with 18 championships. Notre Dame is next with eight. The rest of the state has combined for nine since the first sanctioned season of 1979. Prior to Saturday's final, the Pandas last played for the title in 2007. It's their 19th finals appearance overall. The Pandas finished the season with a 31-8 record.



CROSS COUNTRY ENDS GREAT SEASON 14TH IN STATE

Congratulations on a great season to Cross Country Pandas! The Pandas ran well this past weekend at the State Meet and finished 14th at the Kentucky KHSAA Cross Country State Championships. NDA's Sara Borchers, Natalie Kleier, Olivia Kuykendall, Eliza Lenihan, Sydney Lenhof, and Alexa Colvin were all in the top 112 runners and senior Katie Schweitzer battled injuries finishing quite courageously and making the Pandas proud!



GOLF PANDAS FINISH 12TH IN STATE

The Pandas captured the Regional Championship Title for the 25th time in school history, earning a berth to the state tournament in Bowling Green. Lone senior and team captain, Jill Edgington, had the best performance for the Pandas with a 26th place overall finish. Good job Pandas!

BASS FISHING TEAM

Anyone interested in joining the Bass Fishing team is invited to an open fishing/meet the team outing this Sunday from 3-5 p.m. For more information, follow @ndabassfishing on Twitter.

FALL SPORTS AWARDS

Fall sports award program is Monday November 18 in the theatre beginning at 7:00 p.m.

PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE

NDA volleyball players presented a check for \$5,275.00 to the I Have Wings Breast Cancer Foundation. The money was raised at the annual *Playing for a Purpose* game against St. Henry on October 10, 2013. NDA won NKY's best volleyball rivalry 3-0 before a sea of pink at Thomas More College.



INVESTMENT CLUB NEWS ◀

On Tuesday, November 5, 19 members from Notre Dame Academy's Investment Club partnered with students from Elder High School to participate in the Portfolios Investment Education Workshop. The seminar is sponsored by Northern Kentucky University, The Edwards Foundation, and Crew Capital. The 2-person teams compete in a simulation game that teaches the benefits of long-term investing in a fun and memorable way. The teams manage their portfolios of stocks, bonds, and money market fund over a realistically simulated 10-year period. NDA students played well but Elder won the competition. These are the NDA students who participated:

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| Sarah Schuler | Abby Schuh |
| Becca Berling | Rachel Mayer |
| Kendal Darpel | Kayla Rankin |
| Hannah Bradley | Anna Schraer |
| Lilly Bradley | Sophie Arnold |
| Madeline Vonderhaar | Morgan Read |
| Kailey Beck | Olivia Zimmerman |
| Ashley Justice | Emily Zimmerman |
| Kara Tranter | Hannah Ziegler |
| Natalie Martin | |



PANDA SLEEPOVER ◀

If you know an eighth grade girl who would like to find out more about The Notre Dame Life, the 8th Grade Panda Sleepover is Friday, November 22, 8:00 p.m - Saturday, November 23, 7:00 a.m. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

Support Regional Science Fair

NDA is a great beneficiary of our regional science fair held at Northern Kentucky University in February. Many of our students have qualified to attend the International Science and Engineering Fair through their achievements at NKU. All Kentucky fairs are challenged to raise sufficient funds to meet the ever-increasing travel and hotel costs.

Recently our regional fair has registered to participate in a new program through Amazon. Amazon has a donation program that is very similar to the Kroger Community Rewards program. It is called AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of all purchases made on Amazon accounts that are linked to the regional fair. If you choose to join us in this effort, please remember to go to smile.amazon.com rather than just amazon.com for future purchases. All enrollees are greatly appreciated.

To join the effort:

- Log in to your Amazon account.
- Go to: <http://smile.amazon.com/gp/charity/about.html>
- Click "Get Started."
- Select your charity. Look at where it says "Or pick your own charitable organization." Type "North Area Counties of Kentucky Exposition of Science" and hit search.
- Our organization will come up. To the right of our organization name, hit "Select."

Your Amazon account is now set up to support the science fair! Thank you, and for future use do not forget to go to smile.amazon.com rather than just amazon.com.

NSTA Presentation

Ms. Molly Proudfit presented a talk at the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) regional conference held in Charlotte, NC from November 6 to 9. Ms. Proudfit's session entitled "The Effects of Student-directed Service Learning on HIV Attitudes" took place on Friday morning, November 8. The talk described the design and implementation of a service learning project carried out by the AP Biology class of 2011-12. Data were presented about changes in attitude toward HIV as understanding of the disease and its impact increased. Attendees were given an opportunity to brainstorm potential projects for their own classrooms.

NDA's Arboretum Project

A group of staff organized itself as a “Notre Dame Arboretum Committee” to address the reality of trees on campus having died or being under stress. Several instances of high winds took their toll on trees that had been weakened by summers of drought and unusual winter ice storms. In addition, as elsewhere in the area, particular species were under attack by the elm leaf beetle and the ash borer. Trees likewise had to be sacrificed to the construction projects of the last two decades. The committee began discussions of how to “reforest” the campus. The discussion expanded to the entire Dixie Highway property when it was noted that many dead or dying trees were being removed from the Sisters of Notre Dame’s St. Joseph Heights property.



Tree Marked for Removal November 2013



Notre Dame Tree Nursery November 2013

Peter Hehman took on the leadership of the committee and promptly enlisted the help of Steve Foltz who heads the botanical gardens at the Cincinnati Zoo. A nature trail for educational purposes is under construction at the Heights property and it seemed a ripe time for collaboration with the Sisters of Notre Dame on the arboretum effort. Science students working with Joe Gray are identifying trees. Eventually more trees will have identifying plaques for educational purposes. Their GPS locations will be recorded and added to the property master plan. This survey will enable Steve Foltz to offer advice on what additional species should be introduced.

The committee had no budget for the project but believed it could access the resources to plant at least ten trees a year. Two yearly plantings were settled on: one in November and one in the spring. Memorial or

commemorative trees had recently been planted on both the NDA and Heights properties and there were plans already in place for several more.

Besides seeking contributions to purchase a variety of good quality trees, the committee developed plans to also start a tree nursery. This was promptly initiated in the area between the athletic concession stand and the softball complex. A number of saplings fill the space, fenced in for protection against deer.

The tree committee consists of Peter Hehman, Dr. Laura Koehl, Sr. Mary Lea Paolucci, Steve Foltz, Joe Gray, Raymond Schlosser, Sr. Ann Marie Pflum, Jerry Hargett and Sr. Mary Ethel Parrott. Meetings have been held monthly. The first planting on the NDA campus will take place on the hillside property between the parking lot and the exit road to Hilton Drive. Several commemorative trees are likewise being planted on the Heights property. Anyone wishing to donate a tree or contribute to the effort can contact Pete Hehman of NDA (hehmanp@ndapandas.org, 859-609-9669) or Jerry Hargett of the Sisters of Notre Dame (jhargett@sndky.org, 859-291-2040). The first planting is planned for Thanksgiving week.



FRUIT SALE ◀

In homeroom this morning the GAA girls received a verification sheet with their number of boxes of fruit sold, prepayments and amount still owed. Please check this against your daughter's tally sheet. If there are problems, have your daughter bring her tally sheet in when she turns in the verification sheet so I can find the problem. The verification sheets are due on Friday, 11/15.

If your daughter has not turned in at least 17 boxes of fruit, you will need to either purchase more fruit or pay \$20 for each box that she is short of the required 17 boxes. This needs to be done by Friday, 11/15, also.

The sign up for the fruit weekend is at <http://www.timetosignup.com/ndafruitsale/>

The dates and times are:

The fruit trucks arrive, unloading, mixing fruit:

Friday 12/6 3:00 - 9:30 (or until finished)

Work :

Saturday 12/7 10:00-3:30

Sunday 12/8 10:30-3:30 (or until finished)

Pick up times:

Saturday 12/7 10:00-3:30

Sunday 12/8 10:30-1:30

Parents help counting money

Friday 12/13 7:00-11:00

Please make arrangements to get the fruit during those hours. The fruit needs to be stored in a cool place (not a car trunk). The fruit should be delivered to customers that weekend after checking it for bad pieces.

Remember that I will replace any bad fruit even pieces. Bring the bad fruit in a plastic bag and a clean bag to take the good fruit home. On the Monday, 12/9, I will start to sell any extra fruit if you have people who would like to purchase more. All money is due 12/13. Checks are to be made out to Notre Dame Academy.

Thank you for all your help with this weekend.

Janice Schmidt

▶ Important Dates

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| November 15 | SWAT Team at Women in IT ALICE Training for All Students 8:45 a.m. Mother Daughter Night - 7:00 p.m. |
| November 18 | Fall Sports Awards |
| November 20 | Freshmen Retreat |
| November 21 | Buenger Speaker Series National Catholic Youth Conference Begins |
| November 22 | Panda Sleepover for 8th Graders |
| November 26 | Thanksgiving Prayer Service Parent / Teacher Conferences |
| November 27 | Thanksgiving Break Begins |
| November 30 | Holiday Market 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. |

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Tracy Guidugli Scheiner, Class of '95, is asking for our Panda community's help. Her son, Evan, has been diagnosed with a rare immune disorder, Chronic Granulomatous Disease. This life-threatening disease requires that Evan have a bone marrow transplant. Tracy and her husband, Carl, are working with Be the Match national registry to find a donor for Evan. There will be a bone marrow registry event on November 14, 2013 from 2:30-7:00 p.m. at Covington Catholic High School. Anyone between the ages of 18 and 44 is able to donate. The testing done at the event will be a cheek swab. If you would like more information about the registry, please go to www.BeTheMatch.org. Please spread the word and consider participating in this life-giving opportunity. Thank you!