



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

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings parents!

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and we have much to be grateful for this year as we celebrate our sisterhood at NDA. Next Tuesday we will have a prayer service for our students, staff and faculty to reflect as a community on the many blessings we enjoy each day at NDA. School will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. that day and our Thanksgiving holiday begins on Wednesday. I hope you and your family are looking forward to this special time of celebration.

Our sisterhood was recently celebrated at the Mother Daughter Dance held last weekend. We are grateful to all the members of PTO who made the event such a big success especially event chair Mimi Bradley. It was a great night that was enjoyed by many. The costume tradition continued on with some very creative and artistic renditions of the theme "Fairy Tales Do Come True."

Congratulations to NDA senior Mandy Arnzen on being selected as LaRosa's MVP of the Week! Please read more about this outstanding soccer Panda and her accomplishments in the section below.

During the holiday seasons we sponsor several collections to try to support those in need in our area. In case you haven't heard - our annual "Can the Colonels" competition has returned. Our Pandas hope to collect more nonperishable food items than CCH in this competition. All items collected at NDA will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. There will be a special dress down day this Friday. Students are required to bring in 7 canned or nonperishable food items to participate. In December we will sponsor a personal care items collection. This collection will benefit Be Concerned. We are grateful to both of these agencies who provide such a valuable service to our community.

Finally, many thanks to all of our parents who support NDA in so many ways. We are grateful for all you do and especially for your commitment to sending your daughter to our school. On behalf of the faculty and staff at NDA, I wish you and your family a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



### PLEASE NOTE:

There will NOT be a Panda Press Weekly next week due to the holiday.

## 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!



## MATH FAX TEST ◀

Congratulations to Kelsey Sucher for a perfect score on the first Math Fax Test. Also, congratulations to Julia James and Audrey Field for high scores. The Math Fax Test is a competition that takes place four times a year. It consists of 25 multiple choice questions and is course specific. The next test date is December 3.



## MANDY ARNZEN - LaROSA'S MVP OF THE WEEK ◀

Congratulations to NDA senior Mandy Arnzen on being selected as LaRosa's MVP of the Week! Mandy helped lead the Pandas' soccer team to a 20-5-1 record, a district and regional title and a semi-finalist finish in the Kentucky state tournament. She was a key player on the Pandas' Kentucky state champion team her junior year. Mandy will continue her soccer career collegiately at Ohio University.

"Mandy is an excellent soccer player and the ultimate teammate. She works hard every day and is not worried about any of the individual accolades." – David Gronotte, Soccer Coach.

To read more about Mandy click [HERE](#).

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## PANDA FAMILY DIRECTORY ADDENDUM TO BE PUBLISHED ◀

We will be publishing an addendum to the Panda Family Directory that was sent home recently to update any information that has changed since the information for the directory was collected. This also would include anyone who was omitted but would now like to be included. Please either e-mail Raymond Schlosser at [schlosserr@ndapandas.org](mailto:schlosserr@ndapandas.org) or call him at (859) 292-1846 with any updates by Wednesday, November 26, if you wish your information to be included in the addendum.



## 2014 FRUIT SALE ◀

The fruit will be here soon. Fruit trucks will arrive at school December 5th for unloading and packing the mixed boxes with pickup and delivery to customers 12/6 & 12/7. The fruit needs to be picked up on either Saturday or Sunday (by 2:00 PM). Exchanges and additional purchases will be made through 12/11/14. All money is due by 12/12/14.

All the athletes are asked to work a two-hour shift on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. We ask parents to also work either that weekend or there are spots open on 12/12/14, the following Friday, for counting money. On the 12th we start at 7:00 AM. That is the day all fruit money is due. There is a lot to do on that day.

The site to go to sign up one of the times is: <http://www.timetosignup.com/ndafruitsale/>

This weekend can be fun with everyone helping. Thank you for your cooperation.

## 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. TOMORROW - 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](http://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.

## 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](mailto:hodsonj@ndapandas.org).

A poster for NDA's Holiday Market. The background is green. A border of colorful Christmas lights (red, yellow, green, blue) surrounds the text. The text is as follows:

**NDA's**  
*Holiday*  
**MARKET**

November 29, 2014  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
at  
Notre Dame Academy  
1699 Hilton Drive, Park Hills, KY  
We hope to see you there!

## 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:

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



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

### ▶ Important dates:

November 19	Freshman Retreat
November 21	8th Grade Panda Funfest
November 25	Prayer Service
	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
December 17-19	Exams
December 20 - January 4	Christmas Break

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- St. Pius X Holiday Bazaar
- 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](#).

