



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

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents,

As Thanksgiving approaches, we have much to be grateful for this year as we journey together in hope. Next Tuesday we will have a prayer service for our students, staff and faculty to reflect as 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 am sure you and your family are looking forward to this special time of celebration.

Many thanks to all the members of PTO who made the Mother Daughter dance such a big success. We are especially grateful to Mimi Bradley who chaired the event. It was a great night that was enjoyed by many. The costume tradition continued on with some very creative renditions of "Games People Play."

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) begins tomorrow in Indianapolis. Several of our students are attending as part of the Diocesan group. Some are attending with their parishes and another group will be going with NDA religion teachers Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Van Auken. Please join me in praying for all the teachers and students who will be attending this annual event for our youth. It is a great moment in our Catholic church to see so many young people gathered to reflect on and celebrate our faith and tradition.

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

## 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 NDA FAMILIES ◀

Please continue to keep the Deatons, the Kossenjans, and the Williams families in your prayers.



## TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

### NDA SWAT Team Attends the 9th Annual Women in IT Conference sponsored by Interalliance of Cincinnati

Mrs. Mullee and Mrs. Goldcamp accompanied 20 SWAT Team members to the Kings Island Conference Center on Friday, November 15 for a day of IT immersion. The day began with breakfast and keynote speaker Lori Beer, Managing Director, L.A. Beer & Associates. She spoke about how technology and innovation will help achieve more

affordable and higher quality healthcare. Then students participated in IT Role Sessions with an IT group leader from a major corporation. Students were split into groups of eight and were challenged with planning a successful IT workflow.

Savannah Tucker and Josie Hammon were quick to contact Interalliance while still working at the conference, to apply for an NDA Interalliance Chapter. They are currently working on this with Kyle Gundrum of Interalliance. It's a very exciting time for women in technology!



## NDA STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE ◀

### St. Elizabeth Hospice Dove Project

For over 20 years St. Elizabeth Hospice volunteers have been delivering a special holiday remembrance, a white china dove, to caregivers who have lost a loved one in the past year. Each year, NDA students help out with the St. Elizabeth Hospice Dove project by helping them get the doves ready for delivery. This year the students helped to get 1,046 doves ready for delivery.

St. Elizabeth Hospice volunteer Julie Schuler thank Dr. Koehl saying, "God's loving work is truly being seen and felt by your students. Thank you so much for sharing your girls with our communities. They are really making a beautiful difference for so many!!!"

## 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.



## NDA and CCH PRESENT...◀

Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic High School proudly present their annual children's Christmas production, the weekend of December 14 and 15. Children and adults of all ages will delight in our Christmas Children's Theatre production of *The Only Christmas Pageant in Town*, a sweet yet funny story filled with memorable characters who combine to teach a gentle lesson – that Christmas is not found in the flash and glitter of modern day, but in the true gift of that holy night given so long ago. After the show, audience members will be invited to share hot cocoa and cookies with Santa and

the cast. Production dates and times are Saturday, December 14 at 1:00 p.m, Saturday, December 14 at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 15 at 1:00 p.m. Tickets can be reserved by calling 292-1863.

## 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](mailto:priceb@ndapandas.org) or 859-292-1836.

## ▶ Important Dates

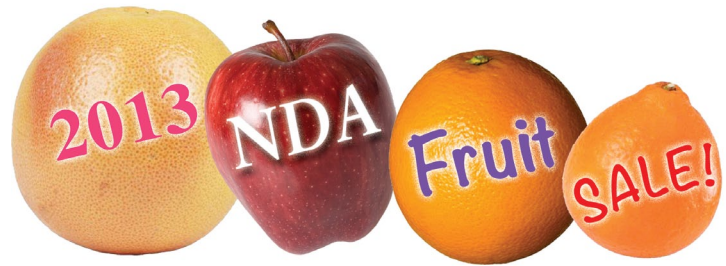
November 20	Freshmen Retreat
November 21	National Catholic Youth Conference Begins
November 22	Panda Sleepover for 8th Graders
November 26	Thanksgiving Prayer Service Parent / Teacher Conferences 2:30-8:30 p.m.
November 27	Thanksgiving Break Begins
November 30	Holiday Market 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
December 6	Fruit Sale Pick Up SR/JR Distracted Driving Presentation during long homeroom Choral Concert 7:00 p.m.
December 7	Fruit Sale Pick Up
December 8	Band Concert 1:00 p.m at Covington Catholic High School
December 9	No School
December 10	PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
December 13	Fruit Sale Collections
December 14	ACT 8:00 a.m. High School Placement Test for Eighth Graders 9:00 a.m. <i>The Only Christmas Pageant in Town</i> 1:00 p.m and 4:00 p.m.
December 15	<i>The Only Christmas Pageant in Town</i> 1:00 p.m
December 18	Exams Begin
December 21 - January 5	Christmas Break

## FRUIT SALE ◀

Congratulations to the Soccer & Volleyball teams, coaches, and parents on a great season.

The sign ups to work can be located at [2013 NDA Fruit Sale Link](#). There are two hour shifts for you and your daughter to sign up.

The dates and times for the weekend 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 10:0-3:30  
Sunday 12/8 10:30-1:30

Parents to help count money:  
Friday 12/13 7:00- 11:00

All the money is due on this Friday and needs to be counted. We need parents to help with this important job.

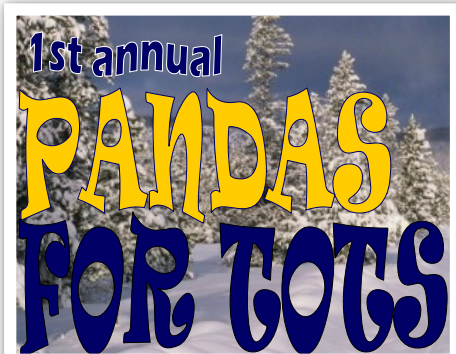
Please make arrangements to get the fruit during the weekend hours. The fruit needs to be stored in a cool place (not a car trunk) and not by a furnace. The fruit should be delivered to customers that weekend after checking it for bad pieces. There is no school on Monday, 12/9 but I will be here to exchange or sell extra fruit. All exchanges need to be done by the 12/12. I am here in the morning to sell, exchange, and replace fruit. I am not here after school.

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. All money is due 12/13. Checks are to be made out to Notre Dame Academy.

The verification sheets are still coming back. Thank you to those that went over the 17 boxes that needed to be sold. The fruit contract stated that you were to sell 17 boxes of fruit or pay \$20 for each box not sold. This will be added to the amount owed for the fruit sale.

Thank you for all your help with this weekend.

Janice Schmidt  
859.292.1831  
schmidtj@ndapandas.org



## 1st ANNUAL PANDAS for TOTS ◀

The 1st Annual Pandas for Tots will be held on Saturday, December 15, at 9:00 a.m. at Notre Dame Academy. The 2 mile run is sponsored by the NDA Cross Country Team. Registration is \$15 but if you bring a toy to support Toys for Tots, you will receive \$5 off of race registration. Get more information and the registration form online at [PANDAS FOR TOTS](#).

## PARENTS - WE NEED YOUR HELP ◀

Volunteers are needed daily to help in the dish room in NDA's cafeteria. Shifts are from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. You can sign up to volunteer at [Volunteer Spot](#).

# THE THOMAS MORE COLLEGE ANNUAL JURIED HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION ◀

Thanks to all of the Art students who submitted artwork to the Thomas More College Art Exhibition. NDA is always well represented thanks to your efforts. Also, thanks to the kind people at Thomas More College who offer this opportunity to our students. Congratulations to Hope Thelen, Gina Erardi, Sydney Lenhof, Hannah Deters, Hannah Good, and Maggie Flanagan for having your artwork selected to exhibit. Special Congratulations to Gina Erardi for earning 2nd Place and Hannah Deters for earning Best in Show. The show will be up from Monday, November 18 until December 6 ...ALL ARE WELCOME!!!



**Hannah Deters**  
**'Untitled' - Best in Show**  
**Mixed Media**



**Gina Erardi**  
**'Nostalgia Runs the Night' - 2nd Place**  
**Acrylic**



**Maggie Flanagan**  
**'The Face'**  
**Acrylic**



**Sydney Lenhof**  
**'One Person a Thousand Memories'**  
**Photo Collage**



**Hope Thelen**  
**'Baby'**  
**Colored Pencil**



**Hannah Good**  
**'Gas Station Coffee'**  
**Oil Pastels**

## ART PANDAS GET INVOLVED IN GLOBAL ART PIECE ◀

The Contemporary Art Center of Cincinnati is now exhibiting artwork by a graffiti style artist by the name of JR. He creates his work by taking portrait photographs of individuals and then pasting them on buildings. The significance of his show at the CAC is that it is the first time that his work has ever been shown indoors. However, the city of Cincinnati has embraced his work and has allowed him to paste his images in select locations around Cincinnati including Findlay Market, the new 21C, and on Fountain Square. The days that JR was shooting in Findlay Market and on Fountain Square, Notre Dame Art Students went to the sites, waited in line, had their picture taken and became part of JR's global art piece entitled 'Inside/Out'. JR's work will be hanging in the CAC until February and if you get the opportunity, I would HIGHLY recommend checking it out. You may even see some of our students faces pasted on the walls.

Below is a picture of Senior Art 3 student Hannah Dietz as she watches her printed image emerge out of the side of one of JR's mobile photo booths...way to represent the Art Pandas Dietzy!!!



If you are interested in learning more about JR's 'Inside/Out' project, please check it out at:

<http://www.insideoutproject.net/en>

Notre Dame Academy's  
8th Grade  
Panda Sleepover!

Friday, November 22, 8:00 p.m. -  
Saturday, November 23, 7:00 a.m.  
[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



## 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!

## NOTRE DAME ARBORETUM COMMITTEE ◀

The Notre Dame Arboretum Committee has been formed to address the loss of trees on the Notre Dame property due to age and disease. This committee is chaired by Notre Dame Academy Maintenance Director Pete Hehman. Other members include Notre Dame Sisters Ann Pflum, Mary Lea Paolucci and Mary Ethel Parrott, St. Joseph Heights Convent Facility Supervisor Jerry Hargett, Cincinnati Zoo Botanical Gardens Director Steve Foltz, Gayle Frazer, Registered Landscape Architect, Notre Dame Academy Principal Dr. Laura Koehl, and Notre Dame Academy teachers Ray Schlosser and Joe Gray.

We are developing a long-range plan to reforest the Heights and Notre Dame Academy properties and to develop an educational program to create an "arboretum" styled somewhat after the arboretum in Boone County on Camp Ernst road.

You may have noticed some of the changes already implemented on the two properties. We have established a tree nursery between the soccer field announcer booth and the softball field. This nursery will allow our tiny saplings to develop without predation by deer or other animals until they develop enough girth for eventual replanting elsewhere on the campus. The initial nursery is already full and will be expanded in the near future to accommodate more saplings.



A diverse set of saplings is especially noticeable along the drive to the front of the school donated courtesy of Notre Dame Academy graduating classes. We are also working to identify all of the healthy trees currently on the two properties. As of this date, more than 90 trees of at least 20 different species have been mapped. A future goal would be to create tags for some of these trees and a "tree map" of the entire campus.

We also plan on transplanting several "shade doomed" saplings that we have identified around the campus. In the next week you may notice the beautiful fall foliage of a pin oak sapling along the drive next to the soccer announcing booth. This tree was recently rescued from a cluster of bushes behind the school.

Look for the planting of five new trees at the road split at the top of the NDA driveway before Thanksgiving. In December, we plan on a massive honeysuckle removal from the tree cluster next to the softball field.

One of the goals of the committee is to plant 25 to 50 new trees per year. Funding is always a concern. If you would like to help, please contact [hehmanp@ndapandas.org](mailto:hehmanp@ndapandas.org).

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

You are invited to "A Few of Our Favorite Things" - A Ladies Holiday Night Out benefitting St. Agnes School, Friday November 22 - 7-11pm at the NKU METS Center, in Erlanger, KY. The cost is \$20 pre-registered and \$25 at the door. Enjoy holiday shopping, grand prize drawings, split the pot, etc. For more information and to make your reservations go to the St. Agnes School website or by clicking the following link: <http://school.saintagnes.com/ladiesnightout>.