



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings parents!

Our year is moving along and we are in the final week of classes before the end of the second quarter. Students and faculty are busy completing the semester work and preparing for exams. Exams will be next week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Information about exams and the exam schedule can be found in the announcements below. Students are dismissed for the day at the end of the last exam. Please make sure your daughter gets plenty of rest and eats a good breakfast for each exam day.

Congratulations to Senior Abby Schieman who is our December Student of the Month. Please read below about Abby's success in and out of the classroom. Her contributions at NDA and in our community show that Abby is a young woman making a difference.

Speaking of making a difference, many thanks to all who so generously supported our fundraisers for BeCon and St. Vincent de Paul. Because of your generosity our local pantries are much better equipped to assist those in need in our community over this holiday season.

A very special thank you to all the students and parents who came out this past weekend to support our annual fruit sale. It could not have been done without you! Also we are especially grateful to Ken and Jan Schmidt for the planning, hard work and infinite number of hours they contributed to making this fundraiser for our athletic program a success. They are truly a couple making a difference.

Here are some special events to be aware of as our Christmas break approaches;

- The Christmas Choral Concert is scheduled for Friday evening (12/12) at 7:00 p.m.
- The high school placement test is scheduled for this Saturday (12/13) at 9:00 a.m. All eighth-graders should register by contacting Mrs. Katie Caccavari at 859-292-1829.
- The NDA/CCH Band Concert will be performed this Sunday (12/14) at 4:00 p.m.
- Our students are hosting a Mothers Day out event on Saturday, December 20 from 1-5 p.m. Proceeds will go to the fund for Grace White and her family (please read more about this below).

I know this is a busy time of year and hope in this season of Advent that you have time for joyful preparation and peaceful reflection.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

"Turn now, your God is standing at your side. Reform your lives, God's kingdom is at hand." In an empty desert John said these things.

EXAMS ◀

Exams are next week on Wednesday (12/17), Thursday (12/18) and Friday (12/19). Your daughter has been given a schedule for her exams. It can also be accessed [HERE](#). There will be three exams on Wednesday starting at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 11:50 a.m. or 12:20 p.m. depending upon how long your daughter needs on the last exam. There are two exams on both Thursday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 10:20 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.

IN SUPPORT OF GRACE WHITE ◀

NDA students and Alums from the Class of 1994 will be hosting a **Mother's Day Out** event at NDA on **Saturday, December 20**, to benefit Grace White, a local young girl suffering from cancer. Grace is the daughter of NDA alum Amy Cobble White '94 and Covington Catholic alum Scott White '93. The event will be from 1-5 p.m. and plenty of fun and games will be arranged for the children (potty trained and up) that are dropped off for the day. The cost is \$10/child and \$25/family. The students will also be wrapping presents for anyone who would like to get some of those Christmas gifts wrapped. If any parent would like to help out that day or supply us with snacks/drinks or wrapping supplies, please contact Mrs. Monohan at monohanc@ndapandas.org.

We ask everyone in the NDA community to continue praying the rosary for Grace White and her family with us. Each day, the White family is remembered in NDA's chapel as Sr. Reina leads the community in a decade of the rosary before school begins. Also, rosaries are being sold in NDA's Bambootique or through the Alumnae Department for \$5 each with 100% of the sales going to support Operation Grace White.

UNIFORM ADDITION ◀

There will be an additional sweatshirt added to the allowed uniform. The sweatshirt is fleece with three quarter zip and can be personalized. The forms are available in the school office if anyone would like to order one. The order may arrive before Christmas but we cannot be certain.

HOLIDAY HYGIENE DRIVE ◀

Last week NDA students, faculty, staff and administration worked together collecting various items for a Holiday Hygiene Drive to benefit Be Concerned. Due to the generosity of the NDA community, the drive was very successful. With 93% participation in the drive, everyone gets a half-day off of school on January 9, 2015! Thanks to everyone who donated!



INTERACT CLUB NEWS ◀

In addition to our recent successful food and hygiene drives, the NDA Interact Club has several continual collections that have crossed various thresholds. The Interact Club collects and distributes Box Tops for Education for Saint Augustine's grade school and has now collected over \$700 in under 4 years. That means we have collected and distributed over 7000 Box Tops for Education! For the past 4 years, NDA Interact has sold used book covers and locker shelves to purchase polio vaccines through Rotary International's Polio Plus Program. This year NDA Interact bought \$135 worth of vaccines. Overall, NDA Interact has bought \$480 in polio vaccines contributing to Rotary's effort that has immunized 2.5 billion people against polio. Finally, NDA Interact collects Coke Rewards points to buy supplies for NDA and for the Notre Dame Urban Education Center. This week we bought a set of markers for NDA and a dry erase board for NDUEC. If you would like to contribute to any of these drives, send your Box Tops and Soup Labels for Education as well as Coke Rewards to Mr. Martin. Also, if your daughter would like to join NDA Interact, we are always accepting new members.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER ◀

NDA's December Student of the Month has a great outlook on life and according to her teachers, NDA senior Abby Schieman has quite an impressive worth ethic as well. "She is always so focused in class, participating and offering ideas. She is on top of her class work and homework," says one of Abby's teachers, Mrs. Stratman. "She works well with her peers in class, keeping them on topic during discussions."

If you see Abby in the hallways at NDA, you will notice that she is always smiling and very friendly. Abby is truly a young woman making a difference in the world. She has been quite involved in many co-curricular activities since her freshman year at NDA. She is a founder and co-president of the Photography club, a member of the National Honor Society, the National English Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society. Abby is a member of the Investment Club, FBLA, Mass Ministry and is currently President of LIFE club at NDA as well.

She has served as a Regional Private High School Ambassador, an NDA Student Ambassador, and a Pro-Life Ambassador for the Diocese of Covington.

When Abby is not busy with an NDA activity, there is a good chance she is performing community service. Over the last three years, she has volunteered as a tutor for NDA students, with the elderly at St. Charles Nursing Home, as well as helping out with vacation bible school and church festivals. She is currently working to assist the nursing staff at St. Elizabeth Healthcare/Hospice with patients' nonmedical needs.

Abby Schieman is a true witness to the Notre Dame Life. We are very proud of Abby, her involvement at NDA and the positive impact she has in our community. It is Abby's level of dependability, perseverance, integrity, and leadership that have earned her recognition as NDA's December Student of the Month.

Reminder to replenish your student's meal account:

Please check your daughter's cafeteria account balance as many currently have insufficient funds. Thank you!

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:

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



Order your **NDA ORNAMENTS** through the Bambootique! For order form and more information [CLICK HERE](#).



KENTUCKY FEDERATION FOR ADVANCED
MANUFACTURING EDUCATION



KY FAME (Kentucky Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education) is a company-sponsored partnership of regional employers who share the goal of creating a pipeline of highly skilled workers. Employers actually start training students while they are still in school. Students receive hands-on and classroom training that gives them access to high-paying advanced manufacturing jobs.

KY FAME is having an **OPEN HOUSE** for Parents, Students, and Educators on Wednesday December 17 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at NKU's METS Conference Center: 3861 Olympic Boulevard, Erlanger, KY 41018.

IMPORTANT SCHEDULING INFORMATION FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR:

We will start the scheduling process for next year with parent meetings. The meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Wednesday, January 14 - Current junior meeting for students and parents. Review of the schedule and PSAT.

Wednesday, January 21 - Current sophomore meeting for students and parents. Review of the schedule, PSAT and Plan.

Thursday, February 5 - Current freshmen meeting for students and parents. Review of the scheduling process.

ACT Bootcamp Info

Torch Prep Boot Camp: The ACT Bootcamp will be offered in February as a Weekend Warrior option (longer weekend times but no weekday times). Here are the times the class will be held:

Four Total Sessions:

Saturday, 1/24: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 1/25: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, 1/31: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 2/1: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Weekend Warrior Early Registration Deadline: 1/20/2015

SIGN UP HERE: www.torchprep.com | 888.382.8174 | Info@torchprep.com

GSE & GSA DEADLINES:



Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors interested in applying for the Kentucky Governor's School for Entrepreneurs - the deadline of December 12 is quickly approaching! The application consists of a 2-minute video, an application form, and two recommendations. (The recommendations may come from teachers, coaches, counselors, or other adult leaders of a club or activity in which you are involved.) All information is available on the GSE website: <http://kentuckygse.com/index.php/student-application>. All parts of the application are due by December 12.



Sophomores and Juniors applying for the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts have until December 31 to submit applications. All students who apply receive an interview. See the GSA website for information and details:

<http://www.kentuckygsa.org/students-parents-teachers/summer-program-application-process/summer-program-online-application>

Career Fair:

The students will participate in a Career Fair on March 19, 2015. It is the same day as The Women Making a Difference Luncheon and will be a half day of school. We need parent volunteers to talk about various careers. Please contact Mrs. Chrissy Monohan at monohanc@ndapandas.org if you are interested in sharing your career at the Career Fair.

PTO NEWS ◀

Every year the Notre Dame PTO hosts a Christmas luncheon for the NDA Faculty and Staff. This year we are asking for your help. We know that all of your daughters have a special teacher or staff member they admire or who has helped them in some way. Instead of sending in a gift, you could send in a donation that would help the PTO purchase gift cards for the entire faculty and staff. Your family name would be included on a card presented to them. We will have a box in the front of office collecting donations until Monday December 15. Thank you for your generosity!



Thanks to all that attended the Freshmen Moms get together "Cookies and Cocktails." It was a nice way to meet other Moms and some of our administration. There were plenty of cookies to go around!

The PTO would like to organize more grade level parent events in the future, so if you have any ideas or would like to help please contact Leanne Kirn at (859) 292-1827.



2014 FRUIT SALE ◀

Thank you to all that supported the fruit sale 2014. We are hoping that when all bills are paid, we will have made over \$70,000+. Thank you!!

Thank you to all those that worked this past weekend. When everyone does their part, things can be fun. If anyone one has some time on Friday morning starting at 7:00 a.m., I am still in need of workers to count money. We will be in the auditorium starting the process of collecting from the girls and making deposits.

Please remember that all exchanges need to be done in the morning. I am not there after school. All exchanges and additional purchases need to be done by Thursday, 12/11.

ALL MONEY IS DUE BY DECEMBER 12TH. WE START COLLECTING AT 7:00 AM IN THE AUDITORIUM.

Thank you for your help with this fruit sale

Janice Schmidt

▶ Important dates:

December 10	Jr./Sr. College Financial Aid Presentation in Theatre 6:30 p.m.
December 11	NEHS Induction in Chapel and Media Center 7:00 p.m.
December 12	Choral Christmas Concert in Theatre 7:00 p.m.
December 13	HSPT/ACT
December 14	NDA/CCH Band Concert 4:00 p.m. (at CCH)
December 17-19	Exams
December 20 - January 4	Christmas Break
January 5	School resumes
January 7	Incoming freshman HSPT Results Meeting 7:00 p.m.
January 9	Silver Bells
January 13	PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

KY FAME Open House

Class forming for new drivers with Streetsmartz

Are you caring for an aging parent or grandparent? St. Charles can help!

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

