



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents!

While the snowy scenes and winter chill may interrupt our daily routines, I hope they are keeping the Christmas spirit alive in your hearts and homes. We are in the final week of classes before the end of the second quarter. Students and faculty are busy completing their work and preparing for exams.

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

- The Panda Tones will be performing at the PNC Pavilion downtown tomorrow (12/12) at noon.
- The Christmas Choral Concert is rescheduled for tomorrow evening (12/12) at 7:30 p.m. Please note the new date and time. All are welcome.
- The high school placement test is scheduled for this Saturday (12/14) at 9:00 a.m. All eighth-graders should register by contacting Sr. Paul Ann at 859-292-7736.
- Our annual Christmas show - *The Only Christmas Pageant in Town* - will be performed this weekend (12/14 and 15). The shows are Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Exams are next week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Information about exams and the exam schedule can be found on our website at <http://www.ndapandas.org/students/schedules/exam-schedule.aspx>. 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.

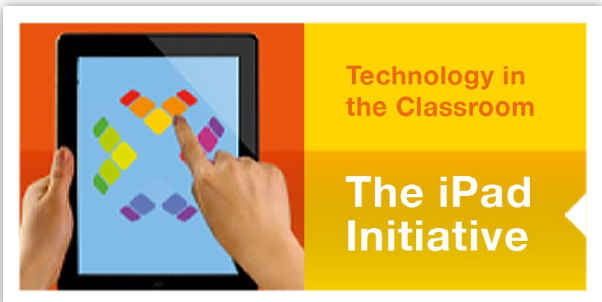
There is one final fundraiser before the end of the semester. We are currently collecting cans for BeCon. We are hoping that each student can bring two cans to school by Friday so that we can help stock BeCon's shelves for the cold winter months.

A very special thank you to all the students and parents who braved the snow and ice 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.

Finally, on behalf of our faculty and staff, I offer note of condolence for so many in need. As we move through Advent, our preparations for the joys of the Christmas season remind us that we are on this journey together. In that sense of community, we recognize that there are those among us who are struggling with illness and loss. This is always difficult but seems even more so at this time of year. Our hearts and prayers go out to all our families who are struggling and have lost loved ones recently especially the Williams, Kossenjans, Deatons and Besslers. Let us pray that this season of hope brings special comfort to all of those in need. May we each, in our own way, be a beacon of hope in the face of pain and loss.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



## TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Per the NDA handbook, students need to be enrolled in the the self-service app at all times. To ensure that all iPads are in compliance with the handbook policy, we will be calling those students who are not currently enrolled to the help desk after Christmas break to do so. Please be sure to back up your iPad and have it updated to iOS 7.4 before we return to school in January. This will expedite the process and help students stay in compliance with policy.

## 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.



## GUADALUPE MASS ◀

On Thursday, December 12, 2013, Life Club will be celebrating a mass in the chapel at 3:00 p.m. in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of pro-life. Miracles happen when we pray, especially when we pray as a community. In 1531 Our Lady appeared to St. Juan Diego in Mexico. She appeared wearing the native dress of a pregnant woman. Though he was Catholic, many of the people were still pagan and immolating their children to the gods. Within ten years of her apparition 9 million native Indians changed their hearts and minds and were baptized! So all are welcome to attend this special mass. Let us bring our hearts and souls together so that our nation will convert as did Mexico five hundred years ago.

## MATH FAX TEST ◀

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

**For Geometry:** Kelsey Sucher, Emily Walter, and Bridget Neltner.

**For Advanced Math:** Stephanie Hacker



## 1st ANNUAL PANDAS for TOTS ◀

The 1st Annual Pandas for Tots will be held on Sunday, 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](#).



## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH? ◀

Did you know that the lunch menu is on website? You can find it by going to [Quicklinks](#) or directly to the [Cafeteria page](#) (Students>>Policies and Procedures>>Cafeteria).

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

### December Student of the Month

#### Ana Calvopina



Faculty and students describe Senior, Ana Calvopina as a compassionate, respectful and thoughtful individual who is deeply committed to her community. For a person who offers so much to those around her, Notre Dame Academy gladly recognizes Ana as December's Student of the Month.

According to her Literature teacher, Ms. Dickman, Ana "seems to care more about community than competition. Ana's spirit doesn't need to shout and wave its arms to be seen and heard. It's more the kind that draws you in with quietness, conviction and care- much like the spirit of Christ, himself."

Volunteering weekly at Notre Dame's Urban Education Center and serving on Student Council, Life Club and Interact requires the humility and much of the quiet spirit that Ana possesses. From the many activities Ana partakes in, what she enjoys the most is knitting scarves as part of the Interact Club and creating a happy school environment through Student Council efforts. According to her Religion teacher Mrs. Gorton, Ana's "exceptional gift lies in her concern that all students feel they are a valued part of the larger school community." It is obvious that Ana believes treating people in a good way is very important, and Ana thanks her Ecuadorian culture and parents for this valued belief.

With future goals of serving in the medical field and caring for the marginalized populations of our society, Ana's true love of learning, positive attitude and academic achievements will serve her well. She readily accepts challenge and appreciates the value and opportunity education brings her. Congratulations, Ana Calvopina, on being named December's Student of the Month!

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



### Exams

The students will start with first semester exams next Wednesday. We will not have a delayed start that day due to exams. Each student was emailed an exam schedule before the Thanksgiving break. The exam days will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and the students will be finished before lunch time on all three days. Please visit the NDA website and click on Quick Links or click here for the exam schedule.

<http://www.ndapandas.org/students/schedules/exam-schedule.aspx>

### Updates on two Governor's School Programs:

#### **Applications for the Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) are DUE December 31, 2013.**

GSA strongly encourages students to apply online, though your method of application will in no way impact acceptance into GSA. Click here to download an application, if you prefer to fill out a paper copy. If you have not already reviewed Audition Guidelines for the art form(s) for which you are applying, please do so before completing this application.

Please review the entire application before starting. You will not be able to save the application or edit it once it has been submitted - be prepared to complete the application in one sitting. It is suggested that you use an external program such as Microsoft Word to write answers to the two open-ended questions so you can save your answers and then copy and paste your responses in the provided fields. There is a \$10.00 application fee for one art form and a \$ 15.00 fee for two art forms. Free and reduced lunch applicants have the opportunity to opt out of the application fee. Payment options are located at the end of the form.

Direct link to the application - <http://applications.kentuckygsa.org/program/application.aspx> and to the website - <http://www.kentuckygsa.org>

#### **Applications are now being accepted for the 2014 Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE)! The last day to submit an application is January 31, 2014.**

The [Application Portal](http://gse.kstc.com) for the 2014 Governor's School for Entrepreneurs is now open on the website at [gse.kstc.com](http://gse.kstc.com). The deadline is January 31, 2014. No applications will be accepted after that date. If you have questions that are not answered on the website, please send an email to us at [gse@kstc.com](mailto:gse@kstc.com).

## NEWS FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT ◀

### 2 Outstanding Art Viewing Opportunities This Weekend!!!

If you are interested in checking out some high quality Art over the weekend, Notre Dame Academy and NDA Art students are glad to provide you with that opportunity.

#### SHOW 1: Junior High Art Show in Alumnae Hall

This weekend, please stop by NDA to check out the production of *The Only Christmas Pageant In Town*. Showtimes are Saturday, December 14 at 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 15 at 1:00 p.m. Before and after the show, please check out the Junior High Art Show in Alumnae Hall. Artwork from Junior High Students from St. Pius, St. Agnes, St. Joe's Crescent Springs, and St. Joe's Cold Springs will be on display this weekend only. This is the first of what hopes to be an annual show featuring the talented artists from our local schools. Here is some of the featured work that you will see this weekend.



Jessica B.  
St. Joseph Crescent Spring



Olivia M.  
St. Pius



Lauren A.  
St. Joseph Crescent Springs



Will S.  
St. Pius



Rachel D.  
St. Pius



Greg M.  
St. Joseph Crescent Springs



Lindsey F.  
St. Joseph Crescent Springs



Kayla T.  
St. Joseph Crescent Springs



Lindsey F.  
St. Joseph Crescent Springs

## SHOW 2: Senior Rachel Birrer at the Carnegie Arts Center

Opening Friday, December 13, will be a new show at the Carnegie in Covington KY. Along with many other talented professional artists, the work of Senior Rachel Birrer will be featured in the show that opens this weekend, and will be on display until February 14. To give you an idea of what you will see in Rachel's work: ([from the description found on The Carnegie's website](#))

Rachel Birrer's work is primarily focused upon the different aspects of the horse racing industry. By capturing suspended moments of energy and tension her work communicates the dynamic expressions involved in racing. In order to emphasize her processes, oftentimes Rachel will not use the traditional painting tools, but rather she will use an instrument that is connected with the subject of the work. Her go to 'paintbrush' is a riding crop dipped in paint and repeatedly struck against the canvas or paper.



Information about the show and about other artists featured in the show can be found at:

<http://www.thecarnegie.com/exhibition.php>

The Reception is Friday, December 13, from 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 pm.

*One of Rachel's pieces using a riding crop as a paintbrush.*

## FRUIT SALE ◀

I want to thank all that helped this past weekend with the fruit sale. It was definitely a different scenario than normally. You all did a great job and deserve a round of applause!



This is a reminder that all money is due Friday, 12/13/2013, starting at 7:00 a.m. in the auditorium. If any parent is willing to help, the help is greatly appreciated.

Thank you again for a job well done. Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Janice Schmidt



## BAMBOOTIQUE OFFERS HOLIDAY DISCOUNT ◀

The Bambootique, would like to offer all Pandas - past, present, and future, a discount this holiday season! You can download your coupon and get more information [HERE](#).

Monday - Friday 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



## ▶ Important Dates

December 12	Choral Concert 7:30 p.m. (Rescheduled)
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 20	End of 2nd Quarter
December 21 - January 5	Christmas Break

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

### Part time dish room

The Sisters of Notre Dame are currently seeking a NDA parent to work part time as a dishwasher operator on Monday, Tuesday and every other Friday from 12:30 p.m. to approximately 2:30 p.m. in their Provincial House located in Park Hills, Kentucky. Although this position is run through the work study program, all families are eligible. Experience is not necessary. If interested in working in this loving, home environment please email us at [humanresources@sndky.org](mailto:humanresources@sndky.org), or call 859-291-2040.

### **Cathie Deaton Kids' Memorial Fund & Meals:**

As many of you know, Cathie Deaton, young mother of 3 (including Junior, Alexandra), passed away on December 2. A memorial fund for her and Tim's children has been set up at the Bank of Kentucky. You may donate at any location to the "Catherine R. Deaton Children's Memorial Fund" or mail directly to her husband, Tim Deaton at 102 Morris Rd., Ft. Wright, KY 41011.

To assist Tim and the kids during this difficult transition back to work and school, the meals website will remain for a little longer. If we can aim for even just a couple of meals a week, that would be a huge help. Restaurant and Kroger gift cards are also appreciated and can be mailed directly to Tim.

Details are: [www.carecalendar.org](http://www.carecalendar.org)

Calendar ID: 148339

Security Code: 6097

Thank you so much for your support and prayers. Cathie herself was so very touched by all the acts of kindness from so many people - those she knew and those she didn't. You've been the face of Jesus for this deserving family. "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'" Matthew 25: 40

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Ann Rospert, [annpaul@twc.com](mailto:annpaul@twc.com), 344-1162

Sherry Feinauer, [asf410@fuse.net](mailto:asf410@fuse.net), 578-9144

### **St. Agnes Prayer Service**

There will be a prayer service tomorrow evening (Thursday, December 12) at St. Agnes Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. to pray for those the recently deceased from the parish and their families. All are welcome.

### **Piano Lessons - Winter/Spring 2014 Classes - January 7 - April 22, 2014**

#### **Adult Group Piano I**

Have you always wanted to learn how to play piano? This weekly class will cover the basics of piano: proper technique, note reading, rhythm, articulation, chords, and more. At the end of the course, students will enjoy a night of good friends, food, and musical fun. Class size is limited; register early to reserve your seat!

Day/Time: Tuesdays 5:15-6:15pm

Cost: \$230 (book included; \$30 due at registration)

#### **Adult Group Piano II**

This class is for adults who can already read music and understand basic rhythms, but would like to expand their musical horizon. Students will cover more advanced technique, various key signatures/chords, playing from lead sheets, 12-bar blues, and some improvising. As with the first section, this course will conclude with an evening of friends, food, and musical fun! Due to the nature of this course, it is strongly recommended that students discuss placement with the instructor before registering. Class size is limited; contact the instructor early to reserve your seat!

Day/Time: Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Cost: \$200 (students having taken Piano I @ NDA) | \$230 (all other students) (\$30 due at registration for all students)

For more information and to register contact Nell Schaffer (see above)

**Registration Deadline: December 31, 2013**

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*Let us Journey Together in Hope*