



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

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings parents,

Today is a special day for the Sisters of Notre Dame as they celebrate their patronal feast day. The Annunciation is their feast as it reflects their devotion to Mary and their commitment to saying “yes” to God’s call. We began our school day with a special prayer remembering the feast of the Annunciation and giving thanks for the sisters and all they do to make a Catholic education possible for so many young women. May we, like them, be open to God’s call.

This week is our annual Body Peace Week. During this week we take time to promote awareness about healthy lifestyles and choices for our students. This year we have a special emphasis on heart health emphasizing the importance of good exercise, adequate sleep, positive relationships and a healthy diet. Students can easily get lost in the demands of their lives especially at this time of year. I hope this week will allow them some time to think about taking good care of their bodies and minds - first and foremost. See more information below about programming for the week.

As part of the Career Fair last week, Lieutenant Governor Crit Luallen spoke to our student body. It was an honor to welcome Mrs. Luallen to NDA. Her speech was truly an inspiration for many. As she shared her own personal journey to her position as a leader in our Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor Luallen encouraged the girls to have faith in their own dreams and abilities and consider the importance of service to our communities. She said to our audience; “...you don’t have to run for office to be a leader – you can be leaders in your lives – your careers – your communities. You girls have a head start because you are attending a school that gives you such a strong foundation.” Our students gave her a standing ovation!

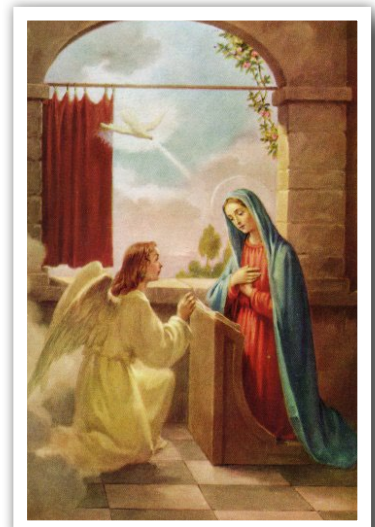
It is hard to believe that we are in the fourth quarter already and that Spring break starts next week. I hope our students will find time to relax with family and friends. As the Easter season approaches, I hope that each of you are looking forward with glad hearts to this celebration of new life and the promise of hope that is the foundation of our faith.

May you know God’s goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

*Today we celebrate the Annunciation of the Lord. This feast of Mary is the patronal feast for the Sisters of Notre Dame.*

*Let us pray that we can all be open and ready to say “yes” to whatever God asks of us!*





## INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

In the past few issues of the Panda Press we have featured The Technology Evolution Series, a Senior Perspective. Written by some of our NDA seniors, this is a series of descriptions illustrating how technology has changed at Notre Dame Academy during their four years. Read week 8 by Megan Heuker [HERE](#).



## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Prom and After Prom

Tickets sales for both Prom and After Prom began this week. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the Prom information sheet and After Prom registration form.

### T-Shirt Sales

On the day of Prom, classes will be in session for just half of the day. Student Council, with the help of other students and faculty, are planning fun activities for this half-day that celebrate our theme for the year – Sisterhood. Students are encouraged to wear special t-shirts on this day, which will be sold during homeroom beginning next week and through April 10.

### Student Council Elections

The election process for the 2015-2016 school year is underway. Student Council officer applications can be found [HERE](#), and election information is also posted. Good luck to all students running for office!



## AFTER PROM ◀

**After Prom** is a fun part of the prom experience for our Juniors and Seniors. We need many parent volunteers to make the event a success! Please consider signing up to volunteer or chaperone on Friday, April 24th! We're using VolunteerSpot (the leading online Sign-up and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming Sign-ups.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our Sign-Up on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/NH9QuS>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on VolunteerSpot.

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone.



## VOTE FOR LILLY MORGAN FOR LaROSA'S MVP ◀

Lilly Morgan has been nominated for LaRosa's MVP of the Week! Please take a minute to vote and make Lilly a winner [HERE](#). Good luck Lilly!

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT? ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2015 enrollment. We are working with our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta) to arrange for 2 German exchange students. We are also working with the Cambridge Institute to recruit students from China, Korea and/or Viet Nam. We are hoping to enroll 3-4 students through this program. At this time we are seeking families who would consider hosting any of these students. Please email Mrs. Katie Caccavari at [caccavarik@ndapandas.org](mailto:caccavarik@ndapandas.org), if you would be interested in more information about this opportunity. Your reply is not a commitment, but would help us to know which families would consider supporting our international student enrollment by serving as a host family. Thank you for your interest.

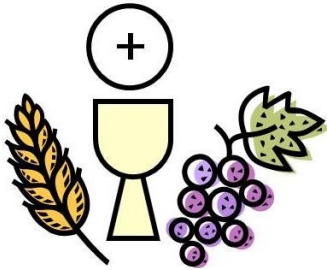
# CONGRATULATIONS!

## GOOD NEWS FROM THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT ◀

Congratulations to the following students who competed at the regional National History Day competition at NKU on March 7, and qualified to move on to the state competition on April 25 at UK:

Lauren Bracken  
Lauren Darpel  
Jamie Farwell  
Sam Glass  
Julia James  
Ellie Kathman  
Jordan Kreutzkamp  
Harper Lamb  
Claire Lonneman  
Elizabeth Lonneman  
Natalie Martin  
Catherine Meadows  
Josephine Meyer-Hogan

Paige Montfort  
Haley Muth  
Bridget Plunkett  
Alecia Radford  
Kayla Rankin  
Lauren Reinersman  
Dymond Robinson  
Malea Rolfsen  
Brooke Schulte  
Amanda Smith  
Hannah Sullivan  
Liz Urban



## JOIN US FOR MASS ◀

Please join us for Mass on Friday mornings at 7:15 a.m. in our Chapel. This is a wonderful opportunity for our NDA community to celebrate the Mass together. We welcome students, faculty, staff and visitors from our community!

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



### Body Peace Week.

This week we are celebrating healthy living with Body Peace Week.

Our week will end with a day partnered with the American Heart Association on Friday. There will be a speaker and a Health Fair for all students to attend. Students are encouraged to wear red shirts and red accessories with the uniform skirt in support of Wear Red Day.

See this flyer [HERE](#) for more info. We also hope that you will have a conversation with your daughter about your family's health history. You can use [this Family Tree](#) as a guide. Thanks for being "On a Nutrition Mission" this week with us!



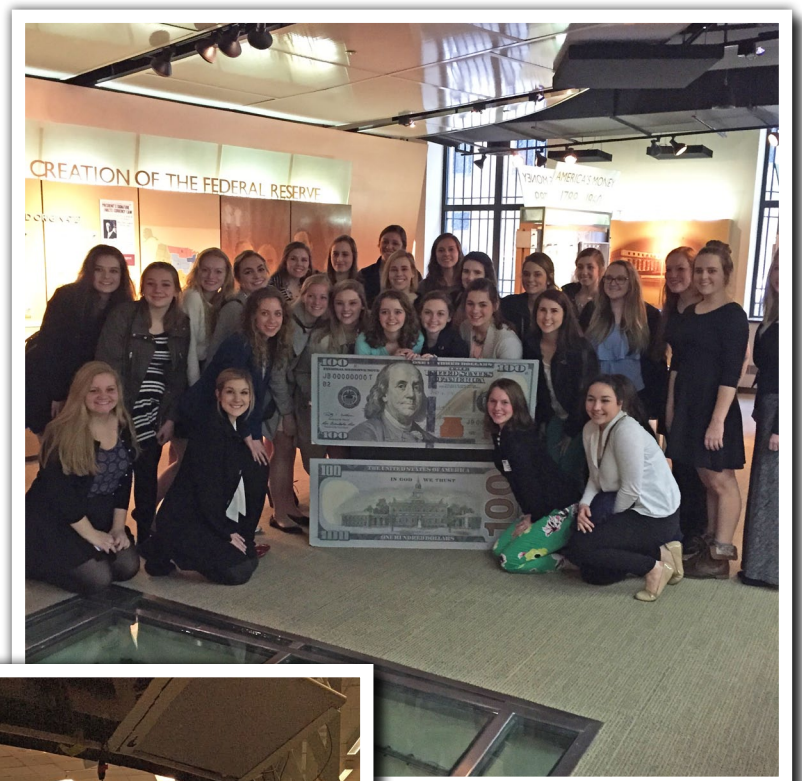
## INVESTMENT CLUB NEWS ◀

On March 21-23, the annual Notre Dame Academy Investment Club Trip commenced in Chicago, Illinois. Twenty-eight Investment Club members attended with the guidance of 6 parent chaperones and the club moderators, Ms. Hillary Johnson and Mike Dempsey.

The attendees were also able to explore much of the city and it's many landmarks such as the Navy Pier, Willis Tower, and the Cloud Gate ("The Bean"). The students also visited the Cadillac Palace Theater to see The Illusionists preform the last show of their Chicago tour. The group was also able to fine time to invest their money in the many stores along Chicago's Magnificent Mile, as they shopped until they dropped.

The Investment Club was also lucky enough to visit the Chicago Board of Exchange that included a private tour of the building and a special floor viewing of the "trading pits." Right next door to the CBOE is the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago that is home to the Money Museum. As they toured the museum they not only learned about the financial and economic state of our nation, but also the state of our world.

The 28 attendees and the chaperones had a wonderful weekend as they explored Chicago and learned a lot about investments, even as it snowed 3 inches the day they left!



## 2015 YEARBOOK ◀

Attention parents: Time is running out to buy yearbooks at the low price of \$60. The price rises to \$70 after April 15. Also, senior parents, you can congratulate your daughters with a yearbook recognition ad, on sale now through April 17. Space is limited, so buy yours now. Both yearbooks and ads can be purchased through this link:

<http://www.ndapandas.org/students/yearbook-order-information.aspx>



## BASS FISHING NEWS ◀

The Bass Fishing team is looking for people who own boats to be boat volunteers for tournaments. If you can help them out, please contact Pete Salkowski, Bass Fishing Team Coach, at [salkowskip@ndapandas.org](mailto:salkowskip@ndapandas.org).

## POSITION AVAILABLE ◀

Notre Dame Academy is seeking a substitute teacher in our music program for the period of May 4 - May 29, 2015. This position includes teaching 2 courses per day and serving as the Chorus Director. Please submit resume and letter of interest to [ndahr@ndapandas.org](mailto:ndahr@ndapandas.org).



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/WORK STUDY

**In order to be eligible for Financial Assistance and the NDA Work/Study Program one must follow a 2-step process:**

1. The family must apply online for the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by **April 1, 2015**. The application cost is \$30 per family and can be paid online after completing the application.
2. Families who are eligible for FACTS money must also apply for a school job by **April 15, 2015**. A job application form can be downloaded from NDA's website or a copy can be found at the school office. Jobs are assigned during the summer and families will be notified about their acceptance in the program toward the end of the vacation period.

**Both the FACTS Application and the Work/Study Job Application can be found on the NDA website at:**

<http://www.ndapandas.org/admissions/prospective-students/financial-assistance.aspx>

Limited need-based scholarships are available to students through the generosity of several benefactors. An application for these Tuition Assistance Scholarships can be found on the website [HERE](#). The deadline for all scholarship applications is **April 15, 2015**.

**PLEASE NOTE:** FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment is required on file in the school office before a student is considered for eligibility of a Tuition Assistance Scholarship. Families must apply online for the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by April 1, 2015.



## at NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Whether you are **Artistic** **ATHLETIC** **Musical** **Dramatic**  
or you are just looking for **Something Fun**  
to do this summer, NOTRE DAME ACADEMY has all  
sorts of opportunities for you! Check them out at:

[www.ndapandas.org](http://www.ndapandas.org)

### ► Important dates:

March 27	American Heart Association Assembly
April 1	Holy Week Prayer Service
April 2-8	Easter Break
April 9	School Resumes
April 16	Alumnae Dinner Theatre
April 17-19	Spring Play
April 18	Language and Math Placement Tests for Incoming Freshmen
April 22	Spring Athletic Signing
	Sophomore Ring Ceremony
April 24	Early Dismissal - Prom
May 4	AP Testing begins

### COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Part-time Position for Students
- St. Agnes Big Blue Bash
- Stem Camps now open
- Sisters of Notre Dame Women's Weekend Retreat
- 2015 Hillenmeyer Lecture

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

