



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings parents!

This week we are celebrating National Red Ribbon Week and NDA joins with schools around our nation in advocating for a drug free lifestyle. The theme this year is "Love yourself and be drug free" – underscoring the idea of making healthy and wise choices. As a Catholic school we recognize that we are each made in the image of God and that calls us to love and respect the person God made each us to be - living drug free. The Drug Free Club has planned many awareness activities including their Membership Drive (see website [LINK](#)). Please encourage your daughter to join our Drug Free Club, it is a great way for peers to support one another in making the right choices.

Another important choice that our students make everyday is the choice to drive without texting. Texting while driving is extremely dangerous and has become a common occurrence for many drivers. It is important that our young people know how dangerous this can be. On November 11, NDA will host the Distracted Driving Program. Thanks to the generous support of St. Elizabeth Hospital, we are bringing this subsidiary of the National Save A Life Tour to our school community. The program will include education sessions during the school day for our students and a special presentation for parents in the evening. Please mark your calendar and watch for additional information.

This past weekend many enjoyed our fall production of *Almost, Maine*. Congratulations to Director Maggie Perrino, our talented actors from NDA and CCH, and the many students and parents involved in the production. The show was a big success and their talent and hard work are to be commended.

Congratulations to our Soccer Pandas who have claimed the regional championship title. Good luck to all the players and coaches in the State Tournament. Please support our soccer, volleyball and cross country Pandas as they continue in post season play.

Please note that Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on November 25 from 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. You can schedule these by visiting www.myconferencetime.com/nda. Conference sign up must be completed by Friday, November 21 at 5:00 p.m.

Panda Family Directories are being sent home with your daughter this week.

Please take note of several important announcements related to the following (See below for details);

Italy Trip Registration	October 30
ExtravaPANDAz	November 1
Mother Daughter Dance	November 14

Hope to see you at the ExtravaPANDAz on Saturday evening!

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

SAVE THE DATE:
November 11, 2014
Distracted Driving
Program

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

FRESHMEN ELECTIONS

Congratulations to our new Freshmen Student Council Homeroom Representatives. These students were elected on Friday of last week. They are as follows:

Maya Corts
Maria Danneman
Annie Muck

Bridget Wall
Lauren Judy
Emma Nurre



HALLOWEEN DANCE

There will be a Halloween Dance for all NDA and Cov Cath freshmen this Saturday, November 1 from 8-11 p.m. at Covington Catholic Gym. All freshmen are invited to buy a ticket in homeroom for \$5.00 (no ticket sales at the door). The dance is for Drug Free Club and students are encouraged to wear costumes. Students will need a parent note if they need to leave early from the dance.

COSTUME CONTEST

Students are allowed to wear costumes this Friday for Halloween. Student Council has some fun activities planned for the day. Please make sure students are dressed safe for school and in appropriate attire. All students have received an email about Friday activities and appropriate costumes, Students have had such creative past costumes and we look forward to this year.

the new event.

extravaPANDAz

celebrate the sisterhood



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- There are only 3 more days until the extravaPANDAz event!
- If you haven't already seen the incredible LIVE AUCTION items, including the adorable puppy above, you can do so [HERE](#) and view the SUPER SILENT items [HERE](#).
- Not sure what to wear? The chairs of the event suggest going with something "Dressy Casual" for a fun night out. So what does that mean? Basically, it means Church clothes - OR:
For Women: A blouse with tailored slacks or a skirt or a casual dress
For Men: Trousers, a collared shirt and a sport coat
- If you have a sporting event on Saturday, please feel free to arrive late and come as you are in your NDA fan gear - we'll keep your dinner warm!
- Tell the kids you'll be home late because you won't want to miss the After Party with Floyd and the Walkmen! Or, stay the night at the Doubletree for only \$89! (Room reservations can be made the night of the event.)
- Last minute reservations can still be made online at: <http://www.biddingforgood.com/nda/extravapandaz>.

*"Fairy Tales
Do Come True"*



MOTHER DAUGHTER DANCE ◀

Enjoy a great meal, great dance music and a costume parade complete with prizes for the top best costumes in each grade! Please join us Friday, November 14, 2014 at Receptions in Erlanger. R.S.V.P. required. You can find the R.S.V.P. form online [HERE](#) or you can pick one up in the office.

REGISTRATION FORMS DUE FOR ITALY TRIP ◀

If you are planning to join us for our Italy trip June 6-14, 2015, registration forms, including a valid passport and the \$500 deposit are due on Thursday, October 30.



Reminder: all checks should be made out to Notre Dame Academy. If you are still waiting for your passport to arrive please turn in the rest of your forms and your deposit. We will not send in registrations until we have received everyone's passport. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wagner at wagnerk@ndapandas.org.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

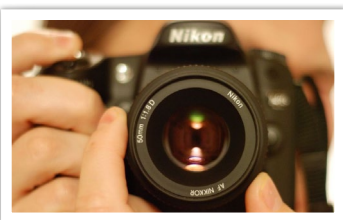


The NDA Cross Country Team finished 4th place as a team at the Conference meet on October 23 at Scott High School. Natalie Kleier finished in 2nd place overall in the 5k meet with a personal best 20:01 time!

The NDA Soccer Team won the Region Championship with a 3-0 win over Newport Central Catholic on Saturday, October 25, at Ryle High School. Mandy Arnzen, Macy Tranter, and Ellie Vandergriff were all selected to the All Region Tournament Team and Christin Sherrard was named Tournament MVP.



The Pandas continued their road to state with a 1-0 win over Dunbar Monday night at Dixie. The Pandas play Russell at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday at Lafayette High School in Lexington.



PICTURE RETAKE DAY ◀

Picture retake day will be Thursday, October 30. If your daughter would like her picture retaken she will need to bring the entire picture packet back that day and give it back to the photographer before her picture can be retaken.

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.



2015 WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

Do you know a Notre Dame Academy graduate who has made a difference? The nomination form for the 2015 Women Making A Difference is available online [HERE](#). Nominations are due November 14, 2014.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



PARENT MEETINGS:

There will be a parent meeting to discuss the results of the PSAT and Plan tests this January 21 at 7:00 p.m. for the sophomores.

We have received the results of the Plan test (practice ACT) but will not receive the PSAT (practice SAT) scores until later in November. Students can request to look at their scores prior to the meeting but we keep the score reports until we can go over these with students and parents. We also discuss scheduling at this meeting. The juniors will have a similar meeting for PSAT and scheduling plus college info on January 14 at 7:00 p.m.

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.



Love yourself,
Be Drug Free



Red Ribbon Week at NDA: October 27-31

Our community will unite to take a visible stand against drug abuse.

The 2014 Theme is: Love Yourself - Be Drug Free

Parents, did you know:

1. Children of parents who talk to teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't?
2. Only 25% of teens report having these conversations with their parents.
3. 70% of children who abuse prescription drugs get them from family or friends?

What can you do???

- Educate yourself and your child about the most commonly abused drugs.
- Talk to your children about the dangers of drug use and drug abuse; once is not enough.
- Set clear boundaries and rules, and monitor behavior.
- Secure your prescription medications in places your child cannot access
- Take inventory of the name and amount of medications you currently have and check regularly to see that nothing is missing.
- Properly dispose of old and unused medications. For guidelines visit www.lockyourmeds.org.
- Work with the parents of your children's friends to set common boundaries and monitor behavior so that rules are respected and enforced.
- Set a good example for your family and friends. Your children ARE watching!



Governor's School for Entrepreneurs

Student application available NOW! The online application deadline is December 12. All recommendations MUST be received by deadline. No minimum GPA. No test scores. No cost to the student to attend. GSE is a great opportunity for students in engineering, IT, biomedical, business & marketing, graphic design, robotics, and FBLA. Students may apply as an individual or as a team of 2, 3 or 4.

GSE 2015 Summer Program Dates: June 21 - July 11, 2015

For details, FAQs and more visit the GSE website: <http://kentuckygse.com>



2014-15 College Rep Visits at NDA

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch mods (M/T/Th/F 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Wednesdays 11:12 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) Parents are welcome to come in to speak with the college reps. Below is a list of upcoming visits.

November

- 3 **Dennison University**
- 14 **Brescia University**

► Important dates:

October 29	8:00 a.m. Open House tour guide training Christmas Play Auditions Begin
October 31	Halloween Celebration including costume contest
November 1	extravaPANDAz! Freshman Halloween Dance at CCH
November 4	Shadow Day
November 5	Remembrance Mass
November 9	NDA Fall Open House 12-2
November 10	National Honor Society Induction
November 12	Fall Sports Awards
November 14	Mother-Daughter Dance
November 19	Freshman Retreat
November 21	8th Grade Panda Sleepover

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

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](#).

