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*An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy
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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Parents,

This Saturday, October 1, the Sisters of Notre Dame will celebrate the anniversary of the founding of their order. In 1850, Hilligonde Wolbring and Elisabeth Kuhling became the first novice Sisters of Notre Dame in Coesfeld, Germany. Today the Sisters of Notre Dame, Covington Province sponsor our own Notre Dame Academy and five other ministries that support the needs of our community in many ways. [For more information about the SND's ministries and their Founding Day please go here](#). Our students will honor SND Founding Day on Monday, October 3, with prayers during homeroom. We all give thanks for the many gifts these amazing women have shared with our community!

Congratulations to Senior Emily Watson who qualified as a National Merit Semifinalist. Emily received this honor because of her score on the PSAT test during her junior year. Emily will go on to compete for the distinction of National Merit finalist.

On Wednesday of this week, all the sophomores took the PLAN test. This test is a precursor to the ACT and helps to gauge student progress to this point as well as provide career information based on their responses to an interest inventory. The results of this test will be shared with you and your daughter at a meeting in January. More information will follow.

This Friday, September 30, is an In-Service Day and the students have no school. Our teachers will attend a Diocesan sponsored In-Service Program on the new Roman Missal.

May you know God's goodness each day,
Dr. Laura Koehl

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

There will be a Governor School for the Arts (GSA) informational meeting for interested sophomores and juniors Wednesday, September 28, after school in Room 104. We will have an identical meeting the next Wednesday, October 5, for those students that cannot attend the first meeting. See Mrs. Monohan for

information or visit the [GSA website](#).

The sophomores took the PLAN test on Wednesday, September 28. The sophomores and juniors will be taking the PSAT on October 12. Any student interested in a PSAT test taking strategy course should contact Mrs. Monohan through email at monohanc@ndapandas.org.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PARENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP

Thank you to everyone who attended the informational meeting about the educational trip to Washington, D.C. (March 16-19, 2012) for the 11 and 12 grade students of Notre Dame Academy.

For those of you who were unable to join us at the meeting, I encourage you to watch the WorldStrides' online parent presentation and video. The presentation covers similar information to what we discussed at the meeting, and hopefully it will answer most of your questions, [more information is available on our web page here](#). To supplement the presentation, a sample itinerary and pricing information can be found in the Invitation Packet your student brought home from school. Please email Mrs. Lisa Heiert for more information at heiertl@ndapandas.org.

AUTUMN GALA

Don't forget to make your reservations for the 2011 Autumn Gala!! The Autumn Gala has a goal of \$100,000 and is an important fundraiser to support our efforts to fill our tuition gap.

The Gala is October 8 at 6pm at NDA and will include dinner by Jeff Thomas Catering, open bar, live super-silent and silent auctions, and many fun activities the night of! Tickets are \$75 per person. Also, get your tickets for our Major Raffle (tuition for a year or \$5,000 cash). Raffle tickets are \$10 a piece. For more information, call the Advancement Office at 859-292-7729. [Go here for more information on the live and silent auction items](#).

DrugFree CLUB

There is still a little time left to sign up for NDA's DrugFree Club. Help your daughter to make positive choices and get rewarded for saying no to drugs! [Go here for more information and to print the registration form](#).

CALENDARS...UPCOMING EVENTS

[Check our calendars on our webpage for the latest on all the upcoming events. The calendars are separated into many different areas.](#)

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