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Educating Women to Make a Difference

There will be no school on
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,
Monday, January 16.

*An e-Newsletter for the
Families of Notre Dame Academy
January 11, 2012*

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Parents,

The third quarter began on Monday which also means the start of the second semester. Students in semester courses are starting these new classes at this time. Report cards for the second quarter will be distributed next Wednesday.

Important scheduling meetings for 2012-13 begin this week. These include meeting with students by grade level during long homeroom on the following Fridays. At these meetings, faculty will review course offerings for the coming year.

- 1/13 Juniors (class of 2013)
- 1/20 Sophomores (class of 2014)
- 1/27 Freshmen (class of 2015)

Parents and students are invited to attend evening sessions about the scheduling process and course selections. At this meeting our counseling staff will also provide information on interpreting standardized test scores (PSAT and PLAN) and college readiness. Meetings will take place in the auditorium at 7:00pm.

These dates are:

- 1/11 Juniors (class of 2013)
- 1/18 Sophomores (class of 2014)
- 1/19 Freshmen (class of 2015)

Congratulations to the following students and their sponsoring studios who qualified as semifinalists in the Overture Awards (http://cincinnatiarts.org/overture_awards):

- Sophomore Lindsey Franxman (musical theater) CCM Prep
- Junior Stephanie Hacker (dance) Expressions Dance Studio
- Senior Michaela Kamer (musical theater) Slater Music Academy

These girls are each active in our fine arts program and local arts community. Congratulations to each of them on this fine accomplishment.

Finally, just a reminder that the PTO could really use some Cafeteria volunteers. Please see information below about the process for signing up. Thank you to all of our volunteers.

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

GUIDANCE NEWS

Upcoming Parent Meetings:

The Guidance department will be having parent meetings to discuss scheduling for next year, PSAT (for juniors and sophomores), PLAN (for sophomores) and various other topics appropriate for the particular grade level. We ask that at least one parent attend these meetings, students are also welcome. If someone cannot attend, any missed materials (i.e. Standardized test results) will be sent to the student's homeroom the following day. Other handouts will be available in the office after the day of the meeting. The meetings for the different grade levels start at 7pm and are as follows:

Current juniors: Wednesday, January 11

Current sophomores: Wednesday, January 18

Current freshmen: Thursday, January 19

Current juniors will be having a meeting to discuss course options for next year during long homeroom this Friday. The various departments will present to the students at this time.

Springer School in Cincinnati has teamed up with Xavier to bring Russell Barkley, an internationally recognized authority in the field of ADHD, to speak to parents. He will present on April 16 and 17 from 7-9:00pm to parents at the Cintas Center. The first evening will focus on an overview of ADHD and the second will offer strategies at home for your daughter. For registration and more information visit the following link: <http://www.springer-ld.org/barkley>

COUNSELOR NEWS

Your daughter's time spent online can have an impact on her future. Check out this article (<http://blog.schoollibraryjournal.com/neverendingsearch/2012/01/02/facebook-admissions/>) to find out how colleges are using Facebook in the admissions process and other interesting facts about "e-reputations".

PTO NEWS

FATHER DAUGHTER DINNER DANCE will be held on January 27 at Drawbridge Inn from 7:00-11:30pm. \$25 per person by January 19, \$35 per person until January 23. Reservations required. [Go here for registration form and additional information.](#) Contact Dee Morris at deeseembroidery@insightbb.com if questions.

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

[Please go here to sign up for day\(s\) that you can work.](#) We would like to have 2 volunteers each day. Contact Kelly Micek at kmicek@insightbb.com or 859-992-3144 for more information. We need help on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in January and February. Critical for this week and next are January 12, 13, 18, and 20. Thank you so much for your help.

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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