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Families of Notre Dame Academy
January 25, 2012*

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Parents,

This week we are especially mindful of the gift of life and pray as a community to respect all life from conception to natural death. Nearly 100 students attended the March for Life in Washington, DC. On that same day our school community joined other Diocesan schools in a Prayer Service for Life that included saying the rosary and praying petitions. This prayer service was led by several of our student leaders.

This Saturday is Grade School Night at the basketball games (3:00, 4:30 and 6:00pm) against Holy Cross. Please encourage your grade school child, niece or neighbor to join us for a fun program with NDA students and grade school students from our area. Many thanks to our NDA parents who have planned this program.

Next week we celebrate Catholic School Week. The theme this year is Faith, Academics and Service. These are truly the gifts we have to celebrate in being a Catholic school. Our NDA community is grounded in faith that flows from the Sisters of NDA, is committed to academic excellence for each student and these find true meaning in our service to others. We will begin the week by honoring the Sisters of Notre Dame at our all school Mass. Throughout the week we will celebrate our Catholic faith and heritage, our faculty and students in their pursuit of knowledge and our commitment to service in our community.

We will also offer prayers of thanksgiving for our parents who demonstrate their commitment to Catholic education each day by sending their daughters to NDA. Speaking of parents, I hope all are looking forward to the Father Daughter Dance this Friday at the Drawbridge.

On March 20, our juniors will take the ACT during the school day as part of the ACT District Choice program. The Diocese has committed our high schools to participating in this program. An email communication will be sent home to junior parents describing this program. This will be a regular school day for all students. [Go here for more information about the ACT District Choice Testing Program.](#)

Finally, this is just a reminder that NDA offers a mentoring program for all students. The Mentor Center, located in Room 104, is open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons right after school. Peer mentors and teachers are available to students for assistance with questions about course content and homework. If your

daughter needs assistance with a course or assignments please encourage her to stop by. Walk-Ins Welcome.

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

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Poems written by Freshman Samantha Darpel and Junior Giannina Rokvic were chosen to appear in an anthology published by Creative Communications. According to the website, less than 50% of poems submitted are chosen for publication. Because of Samantha and Giannina's achievements, Notre Dame Academy received a Poetic Achievement Award and will also be recognized in the anthology.

ADVANCEMENT OFFICE

It's time to start planning the 2012 Autumn Gala, to be held September 29, 2012! We're looking for parents to help with the planning of this important event, and the proceeds will go towards the tuition gap. To volunteer, please contact Advancement Director Anna Hehman at 859-292-1851 or at hehmana@ndapandas.org.

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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. 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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