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**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY**

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*Educating Women to Make a Difference*

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

Greetings Parents,

At the November meeting of the Board of Directors, we began a strategic planning process for NDA. The goal is to complete this process by June of this year. This also coincides with the accreditation process through AdvancEd which will begin in March and be completed during the 2012-13 school year. An important part of our strategic plan and accreditation process is getting feedback from the many constituents of NDA. That of course includes you, our parents.

This feedback will be gained through online surveys and focus groups. This month we will be holding focus groups at school. The focus groups will be conducted by our planning consultants; faculty from the Center for Excellence in Education Program at Xavier University. Focus groups for parents will be held at the following times:

2/16	3:00 pm
2/23	4:00 pm
2/23	6:00 pm
2/23	7:00 pm

Each session will last approximately 45 minutes. Discussion will focus on how NDA can continue to improve the academic and co-curricular programs. If you are interested in attending one of the focus groups please notify School Secretary, Mrs. Missy Witt at [wittm@ndapandas.org](mailto:wittm@ndapandas.org). Please include the date and time of the session you would like to attend. The online surveys will be done during the month of March.

If any parent is in the masonry/sign business, we are looking for assistance in making a marquee sign in brick for our track field, the "Buenger Sports Complex". If you know of a business that does this, please call Sr. Mary Lynette 859-292-1842 or email [sheltonl@ndapandas.org](mailto:sheltonl@ndapandas.org).

Next week NDA will present a Fine Arts Showcase featuring the talent of our many musicians, artists, dancers, choral group, actors and pom team. The shows will be February 16,17 and 18 at 7:00pm in the Fine Arts Complex. Please plan to join us for a fun evening of entertainment featuring some of the great hits from Broadway Musicals. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for others. For ticket information please contact [tixs4pandas@aol.com](mailto:tixs4pandas@aol.com).

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

### **NDA/CCH VOLLEYBALL MATCH**

Attention all NDA / CCH students, parents and alumnae. As an extended part of Catholic Schools' Week activities, the Colonels of Covington Catholic and the Pandas of Notre Dame will play a volleyball match, beginning at 7:00pm at NDA gymnasium. The first match will involve a select group of CCH students versus the varsity volleyball team from NDA in a best of three game series, followed by a randomly drawn team member match between the two schools. Each student who purchases a ticket, either presale or at the door, has the opportunity to enter their name into a drawing from which the team members will be selected.

Tickets for this event will cost \$3 for students, and \$5 for parents and alumnae. All proceeds will be donated to the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky from the two schools. Presale tickets will be available in the school offices beginning next week. Plan to join the fun, root for your favorite team, and help to support a great winter need in our area.

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The PSAS (Private School Aid Service) form for the 2012-2013 school year is now available on our web page, [go here for more information and to download the 2012-2013 PSAS Student Aid Form](#) . This Financial Assistance Form will need to be postmarked no later than April 20, 2012. Individuals asking for financial assistance, asking to become part of the work-study program or applying for a need-based scholarship will need to complete the PSAS form. Please contact Sr. Mary Paul Ann at 859-292-7736 or email her at [hannekenp@ndapandas.org](mailto:hannekenp@ndapandas.org) if you have any questions.

### **ADVANCEMENT OFFICE**

The [Annual Women Making A Difference event](#) is an opportunity to recognize NDA graduates who are making a difference in our world. Held on March 2 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center, the luncheon will be attended by over 400 people in support of NDA and these outstanding honorees. Tickets to the event are \$45 and proceeds go to our scholarship program. To attend, or for more information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Advancement Director Anna Hehman at 859-292-1851 or email [hehmana@ndapandas.org](mailto:hehmana@ndapandas.org).

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 email [hehmana@ndapandas.org](mailto:hehmana@ndapandas.org).

### **2012 YEARBOOK**

2012 Yearbook order forms are available on the [NDA web page here](#) . Yearbooks are \$60.

### **PTO NEWS**

Please **volunteer to work in the cafeteria**. We would like to have two volunteers for each day. [Go here to](#)

[sign up](#). Contact Kelly Micek at [kmicek@insightbb.com](mailto:kmicek@insightbb.com) or 859-992-3144 for more information. Thank you so much for your help.

We have no workers for these dates: 2/17, 2/23, 2/27, 2/29.

There will be a **PTO meeting** open to all parents on the second Tuesday of each month. Please try to attend and share your ideas and energy. Meetings will take place in the Faculty Lounge at 7:00pm. [Go here for more information](#).

### **After Prom Needs Your Help!**

After Prom is collecting prizes for raffles for the April 27 event. Welcomed are gift cards (restaurants, gas stations, theaters, car washes, clothing and electronics stores, etc.), gift items for a themed basket (summer essentials, college life, etc.), larger electronic items (cameras, earbuds, earphones, ipods, ipads, refrigerators, microwaves, etc.) and of course, cash! Basically anything your daughter enjoys would make a great gift for After Prom!

Remember you can use your Kroger card and Remke's card to buy gift cards, get gas points and provide rebates to the school. Send your gifts to the office marked "After Prom" or place it in the After Prom bin in the office. Contact Tricia Kennedy with questions at [tsktennis@yahoo.com](mailto:tsktennis@yahoo.com).

### **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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