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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,

This is a special week at NDA as we will celebrate our Women Making a Difference Luncheon on Friday, March 2. This annual event honors NDA graduates who have truly made a difference in our community. See Advancement Office News below.

We will have a special day for our students on Friday with a program that will focus on leadership and service. Students will hear from women who have taken on an important cause and dedicated their lives to bringing about positive change. Our speakers will be Theresa Flores who will discuss Human Trafficking and Judi Gerding, the founder of The Point/Arc of Northern Kentucky. The program will also include profiles of the 2012 honorees and a prayer service. Students will report to homeroom at 8:00am before the program begins. The program will conclude at 11:15am at which time all students will be dismissed. This is a required school day and I hope the students will find our program to be educational and inspiring.

Congratulations to our science students who participated in the Science and Engineering Fair of Northern KY. Second place overall in the life sciences division went to freshman Cassidy Ryan and first place overall to junior Laura Irons. In the physical sciences, freshman Josie Hammon placed second and junior Cassie Schoborg placed first. Cassie Schoborg was ranked second overall in the entire fair. First place overall went to Laura Irons. With 21 students all winning points, NDA won the overall high school award.

Congratulations to our swim team for getting third place in the State Swimming championship. See Athletic Department News below.

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

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Sophomores: The Chamber of Commerce has a **Regional Youth Leadership Program** and is seeking participants. This is a competitive competition and this program only accepts one or two students from each

participating school in the area. If you are interested in applying for this program, please visit the [Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce web page for more information and to access the application here](#).

These applications can be entered on line and printed out to be given to Mrs. Monohan no later than March 27. If there are a large number of internal applicants, several will be selected from our school to be sent for judging at the Chamber level. [Please see the Guidance News web page for more detailed information](#).

Juniors : The **Diocesan ACT** will take place at NDA on March 20. A previous letter about this was sent out on January 31 that indicated the need for the students to pay the \$34 fee for the test by March 1. This fee can be dropped off in the school office. If a student will be participating in the trip to Washington or needs to be out that day due to another conflict, that student will be able to make up the test on April 3. The students will be pre-registering in long homeroom on Friday, March 9.

QuestBridge, an organization that assists lower income students that are high achieving to be connected to selective colleges in the country, is seeking high school juniors to become College Prep Scholars. These Scholars need to have family incomes lower than \$60,000 and have a high GPA (3.5 or above). If you may qualify for this program, [please visit the QuestBridge web page](#) or see the [Guidance News web page](#) for more detailed information.

[ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS](#)

Congratulations to the Aqua Pandas who placed third in the State Swimming and Diving Championship. Senior Caitlyn Forman, captured a state championship title in the 100 backstroke and set a new state record with a time of 53.89! Caitlyn also earned the prestigious honor of Female Swimmer of the Meet, and finished her high school career with a total of FIVE state championship titles!

The Basketball Pandas captured the District Championship Title. The team advances to the Regional Tournament held at the Bank of Kentucky and will play Highlands on Tuesday, February 28 at 7:30pm. The semi-finals will be held on Friday evening with the finals Saturday at 7pm. Pre-sale tickets are available in the athletic office for \$6.

NOTE FROM FRONT OFFICE

We are having many instances where the absence and early release policies are not being followed. Please review the information below. As stated in the NDA Parent/Student Handbook on pages 4 and 5

ABSENCE POLICY:

If a student must be absent from school, a parent/guardian should call the school office by 8:00am. The student should bring a note upon her return stating the date of the absence and the reason for missing school. Other documentation, such as a doctor's note, is also very helpful. These notes are kept in the student's file.

EARLY RELEASE :

Notes from parents requesting that students be permitted to leave school early are brought to the school office before school so that an Office Permission Slip can be issued. It is required that the student take care of this when she arrives at school for attendance purposes. The student is to present the slip to the teacher at the beginning of the class she is in at the time of dismissal. She may leave five minutes prior to the time stated on the slip. All students must be signed out of the building in the school office before they leave. A student can sign herself out if she is driving. If the student returns to school she must report to the school office so she can be readmitted to classes.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

[Scholarship descriptions, requirements and applications for our current students are now available on our web page here.](#) Applications will also be available at the front office. All applications are due May 1.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

[The PSAS \(Private School Aid Service\) Form is available on our web page here.](#) This form will need to be postmarked no later than April 20 to apply for financial assistance, work-study program and some scholarships. Please contact Sr. Mary Paul Ann at 859-292-7736 or email her at hannekenp@ndapandas.org if you have any questions.

ADVANCEMENT OFFICE NEWS

Congratulations to our [2012 Women Making A Difference Honorees](#)! Sr. Mary Sebastien Schmidt, SND, Class of 1945; Cathy Toebbe Ficke, Class of 1969; Debbie Moore Shaner, Class of 1979. The event will be held on March 2 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center, tickets are \$45. For more information, please contact Advancement Director Anna Hehman at 859-292-1851 or email hehmana@ndapandas.org.

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

[The Summer Art Studio Course information is available on our web page here.](#)

Co-Ed Junior High Summer Art Camp is open to anyone currently in the 6, 7, or 8 grades, [information is available here.](#)

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 or 859-992-3144 for more information. We have NO workers signed up for March 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 or 8. Please, we need your help.

After Prom is collecting prizes for raffles for the April 27 event. Please 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.

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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