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Teacher In-Service  
March 16: No School

March 19: No School

March 21: Regular Schedule

*An e-Newsletter for the  
Families of Notre Dame Academy  
March 14, 2012*

## **LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Greetings Parents,

Happy St. Patrick's Day to each of you. May the luck of the Irish be your special blessing this weekend.

Please remember that this Friday, March 16 is an In-Service day for teachers and there will be no school. Teachers will attend a diocesan wide technology conference for high school teachers. The day was planned and organized by a Diocesan committee representing all the high schools and Notre Dame is the host. We look forward to welcoming our Diocesan teachers and administrators to NDA. Also, please remember that Monday (March 19) is also a day off for students. There will be no faculty meeting on Wednesday (March 21) and school will begin at the normal time. (This is a change from the original calendar).

Next week will include several special events. On March 20 the juniors will take the ACT as part of the school day, this is a diocesan requirement as was previously announced. After the test they will attend a session on planning for the college search and application process. The seniors will participate in their Senior Mission Retreat at St. Joseph Heights. All should be at school by the regular start time. Seniors have been told to report directly to the main meeting room at the Heights. Freshmen and sophomores will have a regular schedule that day.

Finally, to continue our observance of Lent, reconciliation will be offered to all students this week as part of their religion classes. The Stations of the Cross will be held in the chapel immediately after school on March 23 and 29.

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

## **HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT NEWS**

On Saturday March 3, members of the History/World Affairs Club participated in the annual Model APEC

(Asia Pacific Economic Community) Conference held at the University of Cincinnati. Thirteen Notre Dame students, representing the country of Australia, negotiated international issues and hammered out resolutions with students from Ursuline Academy, Summit Country Day, and Villa Madonna. Congratulations to Aly Rauen, Anna Schuh, and Amy Williamson who were awarded the runner-up award for Best National Security Ministry.

### **SCIENCE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

Our JETS (Junior Engineering Technical Society) Club members competed in the TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science) Competition at the University of Cincinnati on Wednesday, March 7. Thirteen students (Emily Bautista, Chandler Clark, Amy Foertsch, Ellen Kendall, Monica McFadden, Maggie McLeod, Erica Morrison, Melanie Riley, Cassidy Ryan, Maria Schaefer, Cassandra Schoborg, Morgan Stenger, and Hannah Zieglmeyer) participated in taking a challenging test involving many engineering problems sets. Students could collaborate with others on their team, all while solving their problems.

Our Freshman-Sophomore Team members (Emily Bautista, Ellen Kendall, Maggie McLeod, Cassidy Ryan, Maria Schaefer, and Hannah Zieglmeyer) are on their way to being our future engineers! They placed second in Division III.

For the second part of the competition, our teams competed in the Egg-drop Competition, where the goal is to preserve an egg's fate as it was dropped three stories to a concrete surface below. Our egg delivery device, the Panda Parachute, managed to hold off the competitors and place in first place in the category of Leonardo Da Vinci, Most Original Device.

### **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS**

The Bowling Regional Tournament will be held at Super Bowl on Tuesday, March 13 (singles) and Thursday, March 15 (team competition). Both events begin at 4:00pm. The Pandas are vying for a berth in the first KHSAA sanctioned State Bowling Tournament. Congratulations to our basketball team on a superb showing in the Regional Tournament before losing a heart breaker in overtime to Boone County in the regional finals. The team finished with a superb 29-6 record.

### **2012 PERU MISSION TRIP**

Last year 14 junior and senior girls went on our first mission trip and I know that they enjoyed every minute of it. They formed close bonds with everyone that they met there. The girls painted a mural for the new library, prepared and served meals to the school children and danced and sang every night. They also were challenged to a volleyball game and realized that they needed a little extra practice time on the court. The girls raised money for the paint supplies that provided a fresh coat of paint for three buildings both inside and out, purchased many books to provide reading pleasure for the children and more importantly, formed lasting relationships with the Peruvian community.

This year we are fortunate enough to have this opportunity again and 23 girls will make the trip on June 10 and return on June 17. We are looking forward to working more closely with the children and continuing the painting of buildings and purchasing additional supplies for the new library.

### **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.](#) 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.](#) 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](mailto:hannekenp@ndapandas.org) if you have any questions.

## **ART DEPARTMENT NEWS**

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

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

## **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.

## **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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