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**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY**

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Families of Notre Dame Academy  
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**LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Greetings Parents,

May is a very busy month as our students and teachers work towards completion of their courses and preparation for final exams. It is a time for many celebrations as well. This Friday we will celebrate the May Crowning and sophomore ring ceremony at the final Mass of the school year. This is a special event where we honor our patroness Mary and present the sophomores with their school rings. We also look forward to welcoming parents of our sophomores who are able to be here for the Mass and reception that will follow.

Our Spring musical opens tomorrow night and will run through May 6. Please see information at the end of this newsletter for times and ticket information. We hope you can join us for this special production of "Once On This Island". I know Ms. Creason, Ms. Mosko, Ms. Stratman, our students and many parents have been working hard to produce an enjoyable and memorable play for all.

Congratulations to many of our students who have excelled in academic competitions recently. Junior Monica McFadden is the Commonwealth of Kentucky winner of the prestigious U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize for her science research project. Monica will compete at the national level this summer. Sophomore Abigail Martin did an outstanding job on the National Latin Exam and qualified for a Gold Summa Cum Laude Honor.

Several student projects have received accolades as well. Ms. Gronotte's Accounting class participated in Entrepreneurship Competition sponsored by Northern Kentucky University. Out of 60 teams who participated from the tri-state area, six were selected as winners and two of these were from NDA! Congratulations to the Accounting students on their winning business ideas. Our history classes also did well in the Kentucky National History Day Competition. See below for more information about student groups who won in several categories. We were excited to receive first place in the Outstanding Women's History Project created by sophomores Maggie Flanagan and Amanda Macke.

All students (freshman-junior classes) who qualified for academic excellence awards will be acknowledged at our Academic Awards Ceremony on May 17. Invitations to those students who qualify will be sent at the end of this week. Seniors will be acknowledged at the Senior Awards Breakfast on May 23 and all seniors should have received an invitation to this event.

We are certainly blessed to have so many talented students and teachers at NDA!

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

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

On Saturday, April 28, NDA students participated in the National History Day state competition in Frankfort. It was the largest competition in the fifty-year history of Kentucky's participation in the competition. [Go here to view the many awards](#) and those qualified for the national competition at the University of Maryland in June.

### **LOOKING AT THE END OF THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR BUSINESS OFFICE REMINDER**

Students will not be permitted to take final exams until their tuition, unpaid fines, negative cafeteria balance or graduation fees (if applicable) have been paid in full by May 18. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Mike Meadows at [meadowsm@ndapandas.org](mailto:meadowsm@ndapandas.org) or call at 859-292-1845.

### **CAFETERIA PAYPAMS ACCOUNT INFORMATION**

- Funds left over in the PayPams account after the end of the school year will carry over into the next school year. Negative Balances will be treated as an "Unpaid Fine" at the end of the school year.
- Seniors: If you have a sister attending NDA you may transfer your funds to her account. You may also ask for a return of your funds. See Mrs. Brungs on May 17.
- Freshmen, sophomores and juniors: If you do not wish to carry over your balance into next year, please send a written request to Mrs. Karen Brungs by May 25. Include your name, student number and parent name. Funds will be distributed on May 31.
- Contact Mrs. Brungs at [brungsK@ndapandas.org](mailto:brungsK@ndapandas.org) with any questions.
- [PayPams information on our web page is here.](#)

### **SUMMER PROGRAMS**

[Summer programs are on web page here.](#)

### **SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAMS**

[Sports camps are on web page here.](#)

### **SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES**

[Summer opportunities are listed on web page here](#)

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR SCHOOL CALENDAR**

2012-2013 [School Year Calendar is available on our web page here.](#)

### **TUITION INFORMATION**

[Tuition information can be found on our web page here.](#)

## 1:1 INITIATIVE INFORMATION

1:1 iPad Initiative information can be found on our web page [here](#).

An iPad Purchase Payment Plan is available. Applications are due May 25. [For details and application go to our web page here](#).

## FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

In preparation for the upcoming school year we are making plans for improving the content and quality of our programs at NDA. In a review of our operations, we have been studying our method of handling tuition payments.

Our school and the quality of its programs are of the utmost importance, we are always seeking ways to make improvements to benefit everyone. After much research and investigation, we have contracted with FACTS Management Company to help us manage our tuition payment program. FACTS is used by over 5,000 schools nationally. We are excited to be working with them and are confident this program will be successful.

Please note the following advantages in using the FACTS system for tuition payment handling:

- Convenient online payment plan sign-up
- Maintain your demographic and financial account information online
- Receive e-mail payment reminders before your payment is due
- Multiple payment options
- Web-based interface for account viewing

Look for more details to follow in the coming weeks. As always, we thank you for your continued loyalty to Notre Dame Academy and for your support.

## SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS

Summer requirements for the following will be available here soon.

- [English](#)

## NEW YORK CITY TRIP

Notre Dame Academy will be offering a trip to New York City for all juniors and seniors next school year. We will be traveling March 7-10, 2013. The trip will be jammed packed with educational opportunities and cultural experiences. Students will see the Statue of Liberty, a Broadway show, National 9/11 Memorial and St. Patrick's Cathedral just to name a few. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30pm in Alumnae Hall for students and parents. The details about the trip will be discussed with a question session. For more information please contact Mrs. Heiert at [heiertl@ndapandas.org](mailto:heiertl@ndapandas.org) or Ms. Sampson at [sampson@ndapandas.org](mailto:sampson@ndapandas.org).

## PTO NEWS

Volunteer to work in the cafeteria. Dirty dishes still need to be washed in the springtime! We would like to have two volunteers for each day. Please go here to [sign up](#) and pick a day or two to help us out! We need workers on May 3, 4, 7, 8, 10 and 11. Thanks for your help! Contact Kelly Micek at [kmicek@insightbb.com](mailto:kmicek@insightbb.com) or 859-992-3144 for more information.

Are you interested in coordinating volunteers for the cafeteria next year? This is not a big time commitment and most of the work can be done via email. Contact Kelly Micek at [kmicek@insightbb.com](mailto:kmicek@insightbb.com) if you're interested.

### **AFTER PROM**

A HUGE "Thank You" to all the parents who worked After Prom this past Friday. We had 372 attendees and 40+ volunteers involved in the event! We did give away two iPads (one to senior Emily Wilcox and one to junior Julia Johnson) in addition to several other prizes and gift bags. We need parents to help plan next years After Prom - and you will have wonderful notes and willingness to help from this years committee members. Contact Kelly at [kmicek@insightbb.com](mailto:kmicek@insightbb.com) to volunteer or for more info!

### **PERFORMING ARTS CENTER NEWS**

ONCE ON THIS ISLAND

Thursday, May 3, 7:00pm

Friday, May 4, 7:00pm

Saturday, May 5, 7:00pm

Sunday, May 6, 2:00pm

Tickets are \$10 and \$5.

Please email ticket orders to Mrs. Laura Hehman at [tixs4pandas@aol.com](mailto:tixs4pandas@aol.com). [Go here 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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