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**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY**

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#### **LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Greetings Parents,

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends. We now turn to our celebration of Advent and preparation for the Christmas season. Our daily prayer is a special reflection for Advent that helps us focus on the importance of waiting for the gift of the Christmas season. Advent Reconciliation will be held the week of December 12. On December 16, Bishop Roger Foys will join our community for a special prayer service.

[Our students will continue with collections](#) through the Advent Season to benefit various service agencies on our area. These will include personal hygiene items and canned foods for this week.

Our Fine Arts program has several special programs planned as well. This Friday during school we will hold our Christmas Concert that will feature our Choral Ensemble, Band, Dance and Pom Teams. The Christmas Concert for parents, friends and relatives will be held this coming Friday evening at 7:30pm in the theater. The NDA/CCH Band holds a public performance at CCH Griffin Alumni Center on Sunday, December 4 at 3:15pm. Finally our special holiday theater production will be held on December 10 at 2:00pm and 4:30pm. This will be a special production of You're a Good Man Charlie Brown; the show will entertain everyone and include a special guest!

Several of our students who are members of the Life Club assisted with the St. Elizabeth Hospice Dove project. Their service was acknowledged in a nice note from the organization saying "It was such a wonderful site looking at all the girls working so hard and putting their heartfelt love in every dove that they wrapped." Many thanks to our students for making a difference in our community.

Please continue to support our entry into the Clorox/Skype competition "Power A Bright Future". We really need your vote to catch up to the leaders in our category! You can find more information and vote once per day until December 9 [here](#). The winner will receive up to \$50,000.00 in grant funds for technology. You can also vote easily by texting 44144 and sending the message Clorox5774. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.

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

## **ARTS DEPARTMENT**

Congratulations to students who were selected to show their artwork in the Mount St. Joe's High School Art Exhibition and several students for having their artwork juried and selected to show in the Thomas More College High School Art Exhibition. The Senior Art Students had the opportunity to visit Neusole Glassworks and Powerhouse Factory. [Go here for more information.](#)

All are invited to an art exhibition, NUMBERED NINE...a show of 9 local artists, in the Frances Kathryn Carlisle Gallery. The work will be on display, and for sale, until January 30, 2012. [Go here for more information.](#)

## **GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT**

[Go here for the midterm exam schedule](#) for December 19-21.

**Senior Parents** there will be a Financial Aid Meeting next Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00pm. [Go here for more information.](#)

There are **new scholarship opportunities** posted on the NDA web page. Go here to view the [Scholarship Bulletin, November 28.](#)

If any seniors have not had their student/parent meeting with Ms. Burgei, please contact her as soon as possible at [burgeik@ndapandas.org](mailto:burgeik@ndapandas.org).

## **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

The Fall Sports Award Program was held Tuesday November 15. Congratulations to our fall teams who all captured the Regional Championship and finished in the top seven at the state level including a Soccer State Championship! [Go here to view the list of award recipients.](#)

## **FRUIT SALE**

This weekend is the fruit delivery and pick up. Everyone is expected to pick up their fruit and deliver it to their customers. If there is a problem with being out of town, please make arrangements for someone to pick up your fruit and store it where it will be cool. All money is due on Friday, December 9.

Please check the fruit before delivering it, any spoiled fruit should be replaced. Bring the bad pieces in a plastic bag and have a bag for the replacement fruit. Starting on Monday, December 5, Mrs. Schmidt will sell any extra fruit in the lobby.

Thank you for your cooperation on working this weekend. When everyone does their part it is fun and we get the job done. If you have questions, please call Mrs. Schmidt at school at 859-292-1831 who is here until 1:00pm each day. Looking forward to a great weekend!

## **LIFE CLUB CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Life Club is selling Christmas Cards in room 302 before and after school. Each pack has ten cards displaying a variety of beautiful, religious artwork. The cost is \$5.00 for each pack.

## **LIFE MARCH**

If you have already sent in a check for your daughter to attend the Life March in January, know that it will not be deposited until the week of December 19. Also, if there may be a reason that your daughter cannot go on the March (change of plans, can't miss two days of school) and you have already paid, know that there will be a \$10 charge for those types of cancellations after January 3, 2012. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Gorton at [gortonj@ndapandas.org](mailto:gortonj@ndapandas.org).

## **BUSINESS OFFICE REMINDER**

Students will not be permitted to take first semester exams if their tuition and cafeteria accounts are delinquent. Tuition and cafeteria accounts must be current by December 9. If you have any questions or need assistance, please email Mr. Mike Meadows at [meadowsm@ndapandas.org](mailto:meadowsm@ndapandas.org) or call 859-292-1845.

## **PTO NEWS**

### **CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We really need your help in the dish room between now and the Christmas break as one of our employees is out on medical leave. We need two volunteers each day, on December 1, 2, 12-16. We need one more person on December 6, 7 and 9. [Please sign into www.volunteerspot.com](http://www.volunteerspot.com) and sign up for the day(s) you can work. You can also contact Kelly Micek at [kmicek@insightbb.com](mailto:kmicek@insightbb.com) or 859-992-3144. The calendar is open for January-May for volunteers to sign up as well. Now's the time to sign up so you can get your first pick of the dates you would like to work! Thanks so much for your help.

## **FABULOUS FURS EVENT FOR AFTER PROM**

Join us on Thursday, December 15 from 6:00-8:00pm at Fabulous Furs, 20 West 11th Street, Covington, KY. Gather a few friends, and come meet other moms from school too! \$10. [Go here for more details and to RSVP.](#)

## **PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

### ***You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown***

Saturday, December 10, 2011

2:00pm and 4:30pm

Tickets are \$10, and \$5

Please email your 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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