



*An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy*

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents!

Happy New Year! I hope your Christmas Season was filled with much joy and relaxation and that the New Year promises many blessings for you and your family. It was so nice to have all the students back on Monday and get back our school routines. It is also a relief to see we are climbing out of the deep freeze!

As we begin the second half of our school year, we also begin our second semester and third quarter. Students taking semester courses are starting new classes at this time. Any student who needs assistance with her schedule can check in at the school office.

Speaking of schedules, the scheduling process for the 2013-14 academic year begins this week. This includes meetings with parents as indicated in the previous listings of important dates. We are also meeting with each class during the long home-rooms to review the process and course options. This begins with the junior class this Friday.

Our Student of the Month for December was Ana Calvopina. Congratulations to Ana who has been a dedicated leader on our Student Council and regular volunteer at the Notre Dame Urban Education Center. Ana's story was featured in our 12/11/13 newsletter. This month congratulations go to Savannah Ticker - our January Student of the Month. Savannah has been making a difference at NDA as a member of the S.W.A.T. team. Please read more about Savannah in the section below.

Finally, this Friday we will hold our annual **Silver Bells Dance** sponsored by the sophomore class. It is a fun-filled evening for sophomores through seniors. Typically, students dress up for this dance and have been informed that anyone who is not dressed appropriately will not be admitted to the dance. Dresses should be of an appropriate length and provide adequate coverage of legs, stomach, chest, and back areas. Extremely tight dresses like tube dresses are not permitted. Students who choose to wear tights should make sure these are covered with an appropriate length tunic or dress. If you and your daughter are not sure about the choice of attire, feel free to email a picture to Assistant Principal Mrs. Grayson ([graysona@ndapandas.org](mailto:graysona@ndapandas.org)) and she will provide her feedback. Our dress code reinforces what is appropriate for a social function at a Catholic school and demonstrates respect for self and others. We appreciate your support of this policy.



May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



## TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

### NDA Spreads iPad Technology

Below Kelsey Michael is preparing 10 iPads for our sister school in Uganda. We are loading them with great apps and curricular content for NDA Uganda. The content we are loading does not require network access, which is unavailable at the Ugandan school.



Next, NDA's SWAT Team will prepare more unusable iPad 1's to be donated to Notre Dame's Urban Education Center.

If you have an iPad 1 that you are no longer using and would like to donate to NDA to be prepared and donated to our sister school in Uganda or the Notre Dame Urban Education Center, please contact NDA's Director of Instructional Technology, Molly Mullee at [mulleem@ndapandas.org](mailto:mulleem@ndapandas.org).



## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 27-31) is rapidly approaching, and this year we celebrate communities of faith, knowledge and service. There are many activities scheduled for Catholic Schools Week with one being the annual Talent Show on Friday, January 31. Student Council invites all Pandas who are interested in participating to complete a registration form. The forms are available for pick up in the office or on NDA's website [HERE](#) and must be completed and returned to Mrs. Grayson by Tuesday, January 21.

Don't forget about Silver Bells this Friday! Tickets are currently on sale for \$12 each and contracts for those bringing guests are available to download from the school's website under the Student Council tab or you can access it [HERE](#).

## DVD's ON SALE NOW ◀

Orders for the "The Only Christmas Pageant In Town" DVD will be accepted until January 10. DVDs are \$20.00 a copy; please make checks payable to NDA and send to Nancy Stratman at Notre Dame Academy.



## A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION SUGGESTION FOR PARENTS ◀

Parents, would you consider making a New Year's resolution to help out at NDA's cafeteria once a month in 2014? Volunteers are needed in the cafeteria on the following dates:

**January - 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 23, 27, and 29.**

Shifts are from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. You can sign up to volunteer at [Volunteer Spot](#). Thank you to all of the parents who are already volunteering. We truly appreciate your help!



## 2014 NDA Father-Daughter Parisian Night ◀

**Don't miss this year's Father-Daughter night!**

The theme for this year's Father-Daughter night is *Parisian Night*.

The event will be held on Friday, January 24, 2014 at the Newport Syndicate from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:45 p.m.

The cost is \$25 per person and checks can be made payable to Notre Dame Academy.

You can find more information and a reservation form online [HERE](#).

Please make your reservations by Friday, January 17, 2014.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

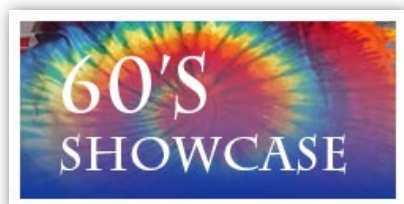
**January Student of the Month  
Savannah Tucker**

You may have seen Notre Dame's January Student of the Month working to support technology in the classrooms and beyond. Junior Savannah Tucker's interest in technology began her Freshman year, and since she has been very active in the SWAT Team. When asked why she is so committed to the SWAT Team, Savannah admitted that she "enjoys the progression of technology, and her role in SWAT allows her to help and give back to the school." According to Mrs. Mullee, NDA's Director of Instructional Technology, Savannah is "exceptionally-able, bright and humble, and she has truly blossomed in her use of technology since Freshman year."



Mrs. Mullee adds that Savannah takes initiative and has the ability to lead others in a positive way. It comes as no surprise that our January Student of the Month has spearheaded SWAT Team's involvement with INTERalliance of Greater Cincinnati – a group that exists to bring together business leaders and educators who identify and support the area's best IT talent. Savannah is clearly a woman making a difference in her school and the greater community.

For the past two years, Savannah has participated in Science Research, which continues to challenge her. She is a member of Life Club and the Student Ministry Team and further serves her community by tutoring several days a week. Savannah is able to manage many leadership roles, AP and Honors courses and a part-time job, and she believes her strength is in organization and using tools to manage her time and tasks. Savannah engages herself in activities and classes that fulfill her desire to learn and to develop her talents. Congratulations Savannah Tucker on being named NDA's January Student of the Month!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR ◀

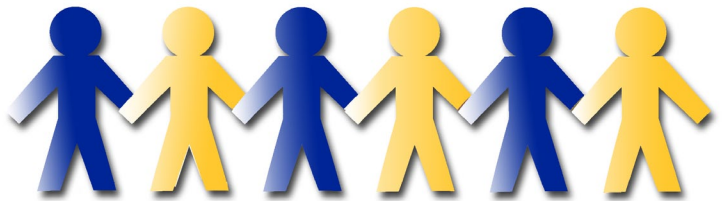
Join the students of NDA and CCH as they relive the 1960s with a fast-paced and lively celebration of songs, dance and comedy skits. From Motown to the Beatles, we will remember the 60s with fun, poignancy and all the kitsch you can stand.

Production Dates: Friday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 2 at 2:00 p.m.

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



### FABRIC DRIVE

The Teen Leadership Club is doing a Fabric Drive to benefit the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home. If you have any unused fabric hanging around, please hang on to it and bring it to NDA January 13 - 17. There are bins in the foyer for collection. TLC will be using the fabric to make pillowcases for DCCH.

**Applications are now being accepted for the 2014 Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE)! The last day to submit an application is January 31, 2014.**

The [Application Portal](http://gse.kstc.com) for the 2014 Governor's School for Entrepreneurs is now open on the website at [gse.kstc.com](http://gse.kstc.com). The deadline is January 31, 2014. No applications will be accepted after that date. If you have questions that are not answered on the website, please send an email to us at [gse@kstc.com](mailto:gse@kstc.com).



### AFTER PROM ◀

After Prom will begin collecting items for the April 25, 2014 After Prom. If you received a Christmas gift that you can't use, please consider donating it to this year's After Prom. Gift cards, gift items for themed baskets, electronic items, and accessories would all make great gift ideas for After Prom. Please send in your donations (marked "After Prom") to the school office. Thank you!

## ▶ Important Dates

January 8	7:00 p.m. - Class of 2015 Scheduling Information (Parents)
January 10	8:00 p.m. - Silver Bells Winter Dance
January 11	5:30 p.m. - "Dead Serious...About Life" dinner preview
January 14	7:00 p.m. PTO Meeting
January 15	7:00 p.m. - Class of 2016 Scheduling Information (Parents)
January 20	No School (Martin Luther King)
January 22-23	March for Life (Washington D.C.)
January 23	7:00 p.m. - Class of 2017 Scheduling Information (Parents)
January 24	Father Daughter Dance
January 29	7:00 p.m. - NDA-CCH Charity Volleyball Game at NDA
January 31	7:00 p.m. - Spring Theatre Showcase
February 1	7:00 p.m. - Spring Theatre Showcase
February 2	2:00 p.m. - Spring Theatre Showcase



### WHAT'S FOR LUNCH? ◀

Did you know that the lunch menu is on website? You can find it by going to [Quicklinks](#) or directly to the [Cafeteria page](#) (Students>>Policies and Procedures>>Cafeteria).

# NOTRE DAME ACADEMY - CLASS OF 2018

If you know someone who is interested in applying as an incoming freshman at NDA for the 2014-2015 school year, please let them know that the **NDA Freshman Application Period** is from **January 7, 2014 – February 7, 2014**. Incoming freshmen must submit their online application and registration fee by February 7, 2014 to be eligible for scholarship consideration and our iPad drawing.

The online application form can be found on our website [HERE](#).

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

### **FUNdraiser for the Deaton Family**

The St. Agnes 6th grade families invite you to join them on the evening of Friday, January 10 for a FUNdraiser for the Deaton family. The highlight of the evening will be the boys' 6th vs. 6th grade basketball game at 7:00 p.m., with entertainment and fun before, during and after the game. St. Agnes principal, Mr. Rich Hoyt, will be calling the game, so you'll be able to follow every play! There will be food from Substation, Panera Bread and other local eateries, plus drinks and homemade baked goods for sale. Bring your checkbook or cash as the evening will feature silent auctions and other fun games etc. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and suggested donation/admission is \$3 for adults. Please come and join us and show your support for the Deaton family. See you on Friday! For questions, to volunteer to help, or to make a donation, please contact Carol Allison at [carolallisonky@gmail.com](mailto:carolallisonky@gmail.com) or Jacquie Bauereis at [bauereisj@yahoo.com](mailto:bauereisj@yahoo.com).

If you can not attend and would like to make a donation, please send your check, made payable to: The Catherine R. Deaton Memorial Fund. Send to St. Agnes School, 1322 Sleepy Hollow Rd., Ft. Wright, KY 41011 c/o Matthew Allison 6S. All donations and funds raised will be presented to the Deaton family on Friday.

### **Dress FanAttic**

Looking for a dress for Silver Bells? Consider shopping at Dress FanAttic in Newport, KY which is a dress rental boutique. With over 100 unique semi-formal and formal dresses available, the Dress FanAttic provides an inexpensive alternative to purchasing expensive dresses for Silver Bells and other special occasions. Visit the boutique at 2106 Monmouth St. Newport, KY 41071 or call at 859.468.8131.

### **Streetsmartz Program**

Streetsmartz is a comprehensive vehicle familiarization class held at 2962 Ariens Drive, Hebron, KY every Monday and Wednesday evening from 7-9 p.m. beginning January 13, 2014. Streetsmartz, sponsored by KOI Auto Parts, and designed by Dan Bosch (CCH 1985 grad), is a must for the new and veteran driver. The class cost is \$30/student and includes learning how to properly change a tire, change engine oil, preventive maintenance tips, and much, much, more. The class covers a car in it's entirety in a clean, climate controlled shop with the simple goal of creating informed motorists. This opportunity to learn from Dan Bosch's 30 plus years of automotive experience should not be missed. Please contact Dan by email at [Learn@StreetSmartz.net](mailto:Learn@StreetSmartz.net) or call him at 859-581-0767 with any questions.

### **Piano Lessons**

Have you always wanted to learn how to play piano? Did you take lessons as a child but can't remember much more than Middle C? This class is for you! Join other adults in a fun and relaxed, yet learning-filled environment of recreational music making! This weekly class will cover the basics of piano: proper technique, note reading, rhythm, articulation, chords, and more. At the end of the course, students will enjoy a night of good friends, food, and musical fun. Class size is limited; register early to reserve your seat!

Saturdays 10:00-11:00 a.m.

January 25th - May 10th

\$230 (book included)

Registration Deadline: January 17th

Contact: [schaffern@ndapandas.org](mailto:schaffern@ndapandas.org) OR 859-292-1858

