



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings Parents,

This week we are acknowledging Vocations Week through our morning prayers and reflection. This is an annual celebration in our Catholic Church dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. Today we gave thanks for the dedicated women who have chosen their vocations as Sisters of Notre Dame. Everyday each of us benefits from their tradition of academic excellence and commitment to serving others. During Catholic Schools Week we will also honor the sisters at a special liturgy and provide the students with additional information about vocations to religious life. Please remember our Notre Dame sisters in your prayers this week.

As a reminder, scheduling meetings are being held this week and next. Thanks to all who attended the session for current juniors last night. For current sophomores, the meeting is Thursday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. For current freshmen, it is Wednesday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. Also, on January 22, there will be a Financial Aid meeting at 6:30 p.m. All meetings are held in the Auditorium. Parents and students are encouraged to attend.

On Thursday this week will have a Lockdown Drill. In case your daughter mentions this, I want to make sure you know it was a drill. The drill allows us to evaluate our procedure and make sure faculty, staff and students are aware of what to do in the case of an emergency requiring a lockdown.

Finally, on Monday we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and there will be no school. The Diocese will hold a special prayer service commemorating Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Cathedral at 7:30 p.m. Junior Abigail Martin will read an essay she wrote for a contest the Diocese held to honor this special day. Congratulations to Abigail whose essay, titled "Change", was selected as the best from the group of Diocesan students who participated. All are welcome to attend.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

*I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.*

*Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
August 28, 1963*

# NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE

## Looking to print a copy of the school's calendar?

Here's how you can do it!

Visit NDA's home page at <http://www.ndapandas.org/> and click on calendar.

Scroll to the bottom of the calendar page and click on the icon entitled "Go to Advanced View" which is at the bottom right hand corner of the screen.

Scroll to the bottom of this screen and click on "Generate Report."

The first screenshot shows the 'Notre Dame Academy Calendar' page. At the bottom right, there is a link labeled 'Go to Advanced View'. A yellow arrow points to this link.

The second screenshot shows the 'Notre Dame Academy Calendar - Advanced View' page. At the bottom, there is a button labeled 'Generate Report'. A yellow arrow points to this button.

The third screenshot shows the 'Calendar Report' for August 2012. In the top right corner, there is a button labeled 'Print'. A yellow arrow points to this button.

From here, you are able to view and/or print a list form of NDA activities or you are able to change it to "Month View" in the upper right hand corner of the screen and through the use of a drop down menu.

Updates are sometimes made to the calendar, so check back often!

## ALSO:

Visit NDA's website and click on "Quick Links" to view a list of NDA's second semester **vacation days** and a weekly **lunch menu**.

**This Friday, NDA will host an Out of Uniform Day** benefiting this year's After Prom. If all students participate and pay \$3, NDA will raise about \$1,700 for After Prom! On behalf of the junior and senior classes, thank you in advance for supporting this event!

**Covington Catholic High School has once again challenged NDA, but this time, it is on the volleyball court!**

On Wednesday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m., NDA will host a volleyball game with our volleyball team, student volunteers, and faculty members taking on students and faculty members from the school across the street. Please join us! Cost is \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. All proceeds will benefit the Northern Kentucky Emergency Center. Go Pandas!

**NDA will showcase its many gifted students at the annual Talent Show on Friday, February 1.**

Student Council invites all Pandas who are interested in participating to complete an informational form. The forms are available for pick up in the office and must be returned to Mrs. Grayson by Wednesday, January 23 – the first day of Talent Show previews.

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

**College Financial Aid Presentation at NDA:** Paul Calme will return to NDA on Tuesday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m. to give a College Financial Aid Presentation. This is the same presentation that was given back in mid-December. Along with Paul explaining the Financial Aid process, parents have a chance to ask any questions they have related to filling out the FAFSA, college scholarships, and any other questions they might have about paying for college. Any parents are invited to attend and Senior Parents are highly encouraged to attend in light of filling out the FAFSA for students entering college in the Fall of 2013. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Ms. Burgei at [burgeik@ndapandas.org](mailto:burgeik@ndapandas.org).

### Cincinnati State Parent Student Night

Cincinnati State is hosting its annual Parent Student Night on Thursday, January 31, 2013. The event will start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. This is a fantastic opportunity for students and parents to get to know what Cincinnati State has to offer. There will be a presentation by the Director of Admissions. She will speak about the admissions process, the services offered at Cincinnati State, and financial aid opportunities including the College's scholarship program and FAFSA. There will also be breakout sessions hosted by each academic division. Students can meet with representatives from the program they are interested in. All of the associate degree programs will present information about job placement, co-op opportunities and potential salary. Reservations are recommended but not required. Students may register online at [www.cincinnatiastate.edu/futurestudent](http://www.cincinnatiastate.edu/futurestudent).

## LIFE CLUB ◀



Life Club would like you to bring your appetite to Max and Erma's (Crestview Hills) on Thursday, February 7, 2013. Dine in or carry-out is accepted (cannot do gift certificate sales) and 20% of the bill will go to N.D.A. Life Club. Our funds will benefit local pregnancy centers, educational groups, and our mission in Uganda. So come hungry and come often (on Feb. 7) to Max and Erma's. Don't forget the paper ticket you need to show the waiter on that day. They will be given to the students and some will be in the front school office. Thank You for your support!

## GOOD NEWS! ◀

**Congratulations to Lindsey Hothaus**, a current NDA senior, for winning the 2012 Study Programs International photo contest on Facebook. Lindsey received \$100 for this winning photo of her zip lining over the Costa Rican mountains while she was participating in the NDA summer immersion program in Monteverde, Costa Rica.

**Two members of the NDA/CCH Band were chosen for the Northern Kentucky Select Band.** NDA's Szofia Komaromy-Hiller made the flute section of the band and CCH's Justin Schmitt made the trombone section. Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic High School are the only two Catholic Schools with representation in the Northern Kentucky Select Band. Congratulations to both students!



## TEENS FOR JEANS ◀



Did you know that 1/3 of all homeless people are under age 18? Beginning next week, NDA's National Honor Society will be sponsoring a **Teens for Jeans** drive in which you will have the opportunity to clean out your closet, help homeless teens, and support NDA!

Teens for Jeans is a nationwide drive to collect new or used jeans – any condition, size, brand, or style – for local homeless shelters. Additionally, if NDA collects the greatest number of jeans out of all the schools participating, we will win \$10,000, customized hoodies for every student, and a school-wide pizza party! Last year, NDA participated in this drive and collected over 200 pairs of jeans in only five days; the winning school collected just over 1,000 pairs. With a generous community like ours, the goal of collecting the most jeans is definitely within reach.

If you choose to donate, please place your jeans in the bins in the school foyer anytime until Friday, February 8.

## DISH ROOM NEWS ◀

Hello, Volunteers!

We are in serious need of volunteers in the dish room. Very few people have signed up for this month, with the following dates being “unmanned”: Jan. 16, 17, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, and Feb. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

If you are able to volunteer, the shift is from 10:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. After you are finished, you can enjoy a complimentary lunch! Please click the link below if you are able sign up to help. As stated previously, you can sign up once a week, twice a month, once a month...the choice is yours. The students, faculty and staff are grateful for your help.

[CLICK HERE FOR VOLUNTEER SPOT SIGN-UP](#)

Thank you so much for your time and for helping out NDA!



Shari Buckley



## A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES ◀

NDA President, Sr. Mary Lynette Shelton, has been working with [Family Promise](#) and the [Emergency Shelter](#) to put together a fundraiser/awareness of homeless in our area. On February 22 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. there will be a program in the NDA theatre to raise awareness and funds for local homeless called *Homeless to Hopeful*. The evening will include raffles, split-the-pot, refreshments, and a look at what's going on in our community. Tickets are \$15/adults and \$5/students and can be purchased by calling 859.431.6840 or at the door the night of the event. We hope to see you there!

## WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

The 2013 Women Making a Difference event is honoring three graduates who are living the mission of NDA and making a difference in the world. This year's honorees are Kara Middendorf '96, Janet VonHandorf Schmidt '81 and Kathy Thamann '69. In addition, we are honoring Dick and Jeanne-Marie Tapke with the Sr. Reina Arlinghaus Award, an honor for a non-alum individual or couple working in our NDA community to make a difference.

The 2013 Women Making a Difference luncheon will be held on March 7, 2013, at Receptions in Erlanger, Kentucky; registration begins at 11:00 a.m. with the ceremony and lunch to follow at noon. Tickets are \$55 and can be purchased by calling (859) 292-7729.