



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents!

Happy Catholic Schools Week! Our faculty, staff and students have been celebrating the gifts of Catholic education all week long. Our Student Council has done a great job of planning many activities this week to honor our Catholic heritage and school spirit. These students are a great example of women making a difference!

As we join with Catholic schools across the nation to celebrate this special week, we know we are truly blessed to be educators and students in a Catholic school and especially one guided by the SND charism. Our celebration this week began with "Nunday" Monday and mass celebrated by Bishop Roger Foys. Several of the Notre Dame sisters joined us for this mass and our students held a reception for them afterwards. It is fitting that we began our week acknowledging the vision and dedication of the sisters in making the Notre Dame education available to so many. Bishop Foys thanked the sisters for their commitment to education in our Diocese and acknowledged their many good works in our community. True to their spirit of giving, the sisters served ice cream sundaes to our students at lunch. They also distributed Mary medals to each of the freshmen and new students.

Tonight we will hold our annual student and faculty volleyball competition against CCH! This is a fundraiser for the Homeless Shelter of Northern Kentucky. It is a fun, spirit filled evening that supports a very important cause. Tomorrow is Student Appreciation Day. Students are permitted to wear their grade school uniforms or spirit shirts with their NDA uniform skirts. Friday is Decades Day and the annual Talent Show.

A special note to freshman parents – please remember the parent information meeting that was rescheduled for February 6 at 7:00 p.m. See information below about this important meeting.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl





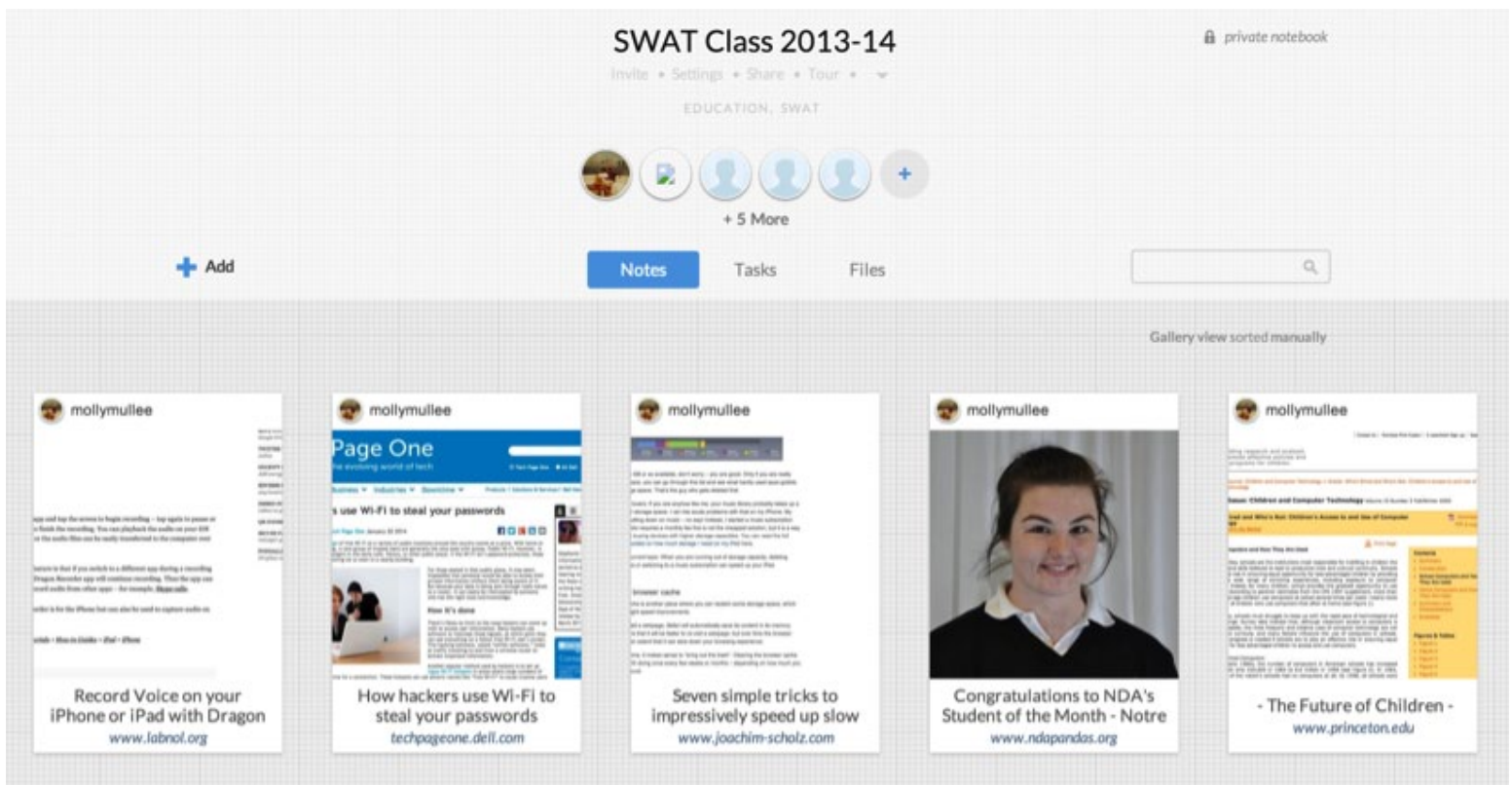
TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀



Things continue to be exciting for the SWAT team. We re-discovered an app called Springpad.

After we began using it for almost everything requiring a shared space, one SWAT student taking the SWAT course, Mia Shelton, reminded me that we had used this app, however fleetingly, two years ago when she was a student in my freshman technology class. We agreed that it has come a long way over the past two years, boasting a much more robust platform for student workflow.

Perhaps the most attractive quality is that of a shared notebook easily accessible from any mobile device, online from your browser, from the Chrome Web Store, and it also has a widget in your bookmarks bar allowing one to “clip” any website or article and quickly add it to the notebook of your choice. The SWAT course students are able to keep everything from recipes to classes organized. If one chooses to annotate a file in Notability or any such app that allows annotating, the file can easily be sent back to the notebook of choice in Springpad. An additional essential quality is that Springpad is a cloud-based application; in other words, your notes do not live only on your iPad, they are accessible from any computer or mobile device.



NDA & CCH PRESENT ◀

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 are Friday, January 31 and Saturday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 2 at 2:00 p.m. Arrive early and enjoy the looking at the NDA Student Art and listening to the NDA/CCH Jazz Band in Alumnae Hall! Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and senior citizens. Call 292-1863 to reserve your tickets or order them online [HERE](#).

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Dead Serious...About Life

According to the Center of Disease Control (2009), suicide is the third leading cause of death among teenagers, and one out of every 53 high school students (1.9%) reported having made a suicide attempt that was serious enough to be treated by a doctor or nurse. Research indicates that risk factors for suicide include depressive disorders, substance abuse or dependence, self-injury or personal feelings of hopelessness, low self-esteem or even social alienation.

The statistics are alarming, and the daily pressures and issues teenagers face are enormous; however, Notre Dame Academy has invited the group Mishpachah to perform a musical about the realities of teenage life. The musical, *Dead Serious . . . About Life* will make you laugh, cry, hurt, fear and feel . . . but most of all *Dead Serious* will make you take a second look at life. The final message that is communicated to the audience is that suicide only creates more problems than it really solves and that there is a better way to live!

Mishpachah is coming to NDA on Saturday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 9 at 3:00 p.m. Presale tickets are \$8 a piece and are on sale in the school office or online at <http://www.mish-inc.com/apps/welcome/>. Only a limited number are available! Tickets will also be available at the door for \$9 a piece.

[Click here to view a short trailer and short commercial about the production.](#)

NDA BASS FISHING TEAM INFORMATION ◀

The NDA Bass Fishing team will have it's first informational meeting of the season on Thursday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Alumnae Hall. Any interested students and their parents are invited to attend.



WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US... ◀



Parents, we would LOVE to have you join us in the cafeteria - even for just one day!

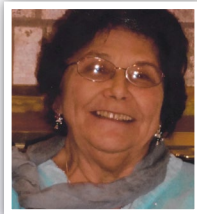
Volunteers are needed in the cafeteria on the following dates:

February 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26.

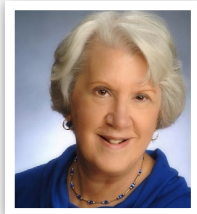
Shifts are from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. You can sign up to volunteer at [Volunteer Spot](#). Thank you to all of the parents who are already volunteering. We truly appreciate your help!

2014 Women Making A Difference

On Friday, February 28, 2014, Notre Dame Academy will honor four graduates who are living the mission of NDA and making a difference in the world. This year's honorees are:



Mary Ann Blewett Robinson '55



Marcia Klaene '61



Joan Kluemper, DMD '69



Gabrielle Summe '84

The 2014 Women Making A Difference Luncheon will be held on February 28, 2014, at Receptions in Erlanger, Kentucky. The event will begin with registration at 11:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon and program at noon. Tickets for the Women Making A Difference luncheon are \$55 and can be purchased by calling 859.292-7729.



AFTER PROM ◀

Great Advertising Opportunity!

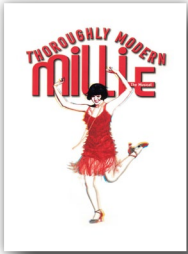
The After Prom committee is looking for corporate and individual t-shirt sponsors. Every girl who attends After Prom receives a t-shirt. For more sponsorship information contact kirnl@ndapandas.org.

Please consider donating it to this year's After Prom. The After Prom committee is collecting items for the April 25, 2014 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.



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).



ALUMNAE DINNER THEATRE ◀

The presentation of Thoroughly Modern Millie and the Alumnae Dinner Theatre will be held on Thursday April 3, 2014. Dinner will be at 5:30 in Alumnae Hall and the performance will start at 7 p.m. For more information, or to make reservations contact Emily Berling at 859-292-1852 or berlinge@ndapandas.org. Tickets are \$25. There is a registration form on the last page of the Notre Damian for this as well.

A REQUEST FROM The SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ◀

Dear Parents,

Members of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky (CCK) and the Kentucky League for Educational Alternatives (KLEA) have been reviewing the KY Transportation Budget.

The bus subsidy for Catholic/private schools has been left completely unmentioned. Though the funds are there, they are not specified as going towards a particular purpose, and right now they are in a pool of funds which has been cut 5%.

The CCK/KLEA are working diligently to gather legislators and votes. It is a high energy time for them and they need our help.

We need Catholic school parents to call their legislators and ask for money to subsidize the busing of Catholic/private school kids.

KLEA has written a blog post on the issue and on how supporters can locate and contact their legislators at kentuckyleague.blogspot.com.

If we succeed at energizing even a small group of Catholic school parents it will have a real impact on all of our initiatives.

Yours in Catholic education,

Michael Clines
Superintendent of Schools
Department of Catholic Schools
Diocese of Covington
859/392-1500



Attention Freshmen Parents

There will be a Freshman Parent Meeting on Thursday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Theatre. We will discuss scheduling for next year as well as touch on some information about college, ACT, standardized testing and many other topics. This is for current freshman parents.



Looking for student summer opportunities?

Please visit our NDA website to link to many different opportunities this summer. It is being updated as materials arrive at school. Some things include a Commonwealth Academy at Murray State for juniors interested in getting some free college credits, a Xavier Jump Start Program, and many other activities. [Click here for the website link.](#)

ACT for juniors: All juniors will be taking the ACT on March 18, 2014 during the school day. This Diocesan wide ACT will be like the other National tests and scores can be sent to colleges. We will register during long homerooms for the test, so there is no need to do so online. Students will need to pay the fee (\$36) for the test to the school office in March. Juniors and junior parents will receive more details in an upcoming email about this test.



Prepare Your Daughter for the Future!

During High School 101 Meetings with Mrs. Hildreth this week, Freshmen are setting up their Individual Learning Plan (ILP) accounts through the Kentucky Department of Education.

Through this account, students and parents can easily access a student's Individual Learning Plan by logging in using the student's user and password at: <https://www2.careercruising.com/my/login/ilp>.

The ILP has interesting features and exciting resources that involve students on a variety of levels, including:

- Exploring careers and finding careers that match their skills and interests
 - Creating, maintaining and changing resumes
 - Tracking their community services experiences, work experiences, honors, awards, and extra-curricular activities
 - Exploring colleges and postsecondary opportunities, scholarship information, and tuition assistance
 - Storing personal information like assessment results and educational history
- For more information about this multi-faceted and free tool, visit <http://education.ky.gov/educational/CCadv/ilp/Pages/default.aspx>.

Northern Kentucky Spring College Fair

Monday, February 24, 2014 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Thomas More College - Connor Convocation Center
For a list of colleges attending and more info: http://www.thomasmore.edu/admissions/college_fair_list.cfm
This is during the school-day. This is not a school-sponsored event.
Juniors and seniors will be allowed to use a "College Visit Day". See Mrs. Witt to pick up a College Visit Form.

Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE)

Due to school closings, the deadline to submit applications to the Kentucky Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE) has been extended until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2014. GSE is a three-week residential summer program where students, working in teams, take an idea for a product or service and utilize science, technology, engineering, art, math and business skills to design a product and develop a business model for it.

Required are:

- a two-minute video
- a completed application
- two recommendations

Descriptions and directions for everything are on their website: <http://gse.kstc.com>. Apply now!!

► Important Dates

January 29	7:00 p.m. - NDA-CCH Charity Volleyball Game at NDA
January 30	Student Appreciation Day!
January 31	Decade Day - SRs 80's, JRs 70's, SO 60's, FR 50's, Skyline & Talent Show
Jan. 31 & Feb. 1	7:00 p.m. - Spring Theatre Showcase
February 2	2:00 p.m. - Spring Theatre Showcase
February 8	6:00 p.m. - Dead Serious...About Life Production
February 9	3:00 p.m. - Dead Serious...About Life Production



The Notre Dame Life

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REGISTER ONLINE
@ www.ndapandas.org
Submit your online application and registration fee by February 7, 2014 to be eligible for our iPad Drawing!

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COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Evening to Treasure

Blessed Sacrament School cordially invites you to the 21st Annual *An Evening to Treasure* - Mardi Gras Style, Saturday, February 22, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at Cincinnati Airport Marriott. Cost is \$65/ticket. For more information visit www.eveningtotreasure.com.

St. Joe's Open House

St. Joseph School in Crescent Springs is hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 26, from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Part time dish room

The Sisters of Notre Dame are currently seeking a NDA parent to work part time as a dishwasher operator on Monday, Tuesday and every other Friday from 12:30 p.m. to approximately 2:30 p.m. in their Provincial House located in Park Hills, Kentucky. Although this position is run through the work study program, all families are eligible. Experience is not necessary. If interested in working in this loving, home environment please email us at humanresources@sndky.org, or call 859-291-2040.