



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

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings parents!

I want to begin this week's letter by thanking all those who helped to make our Catholic Schools Week such a huge success. Thanks especially to our Student Council and their moderators for planning a wonderful week that provided so many reminders of why it is a blessing to teach and learn in a Catholic school. From the opening mass on Nunday Monday to the annual Talent Show on Friday and all events in between, there was much to celebrate about our school community.

Speaking of celebrating, I am very pleased to report that we have a record number of Scholastic Awards this year. There were 70 award winners with a total of 115 awards in Gold, Silver and Honorable Mention categories. Please see more information below about this amazing accomplishment for our writers, artists and their teachers. Our faculty members are to be congratulated for their commitment to teach the skill of writing and to awaken the amazing talent that can be found in our students. Please see more about our student accomplishments in the articles below.

Our Annual raffle is underway and we ask each family to support this effort by buying/selling at least five tickets. The tickets were given to your daughter last week in homeroom. Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Rachel greet them every morning to collect what they have sold the previous day. The raffle helps to cover our educational costs including tuition assistance. In addition to those benefits, there are incentives for students and for each grade level. Please encourage your daughter to sell at least five tickets. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Please join our NDA community I praying for and remembering Sr. Renee Nienaber (Class of 1964). Sr. Renee died this past Sunday after a battle with pancreatic cancer. She was a dedicated educator and well known to many in our community. Sr. Renee was recently named the Assistant Provincial for Covington. Prior to that she worked in religious education at St. Mary's in Alexandria. She taught religion at NDA from 1980-86. She is at peace with God and free from her suffering. Sr. Renee will be greatly missed by all those who were impacted by her love for God and others. May she rest in God's eternal peace.

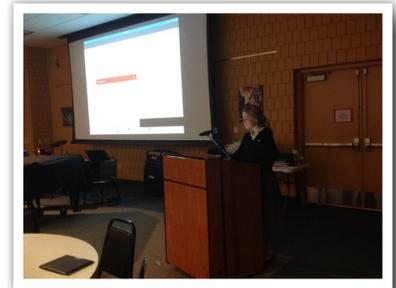
May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



## INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

This morning, some SWAT Class members presented “Canvas Tools; A Student Perspective”.



Cassidy Ryan ‘15, Francie Case ‘16, Josie Shriver ‘15, Sarah Williams ‘16, and Brooke Schulte ‘17 all presented on the different aspects of their Canvas LMS. Topics included “Announcements” “Quizzes” “Signing In” and much more. The students engaged with Faculty fielding questions and eloquently presenting.

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## NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE ◀

### Charity Volleyball Game

A huge thank you to NDA’s Student Council and CCH’s Senate for coordinating last week’s charity volleyball game. Together, we were able to raise \$2,311.07 for Northern Kentucky’s Emergency Shelter. Way to go Pandas and Colonels!

### NDA/CCH Winter Dance

Freshmen and sophomores are invited to attend this year’s Winter Dance scheduled for Saturday, February 21. The semi-formal event (formally known as CCH’s Valentine’s Dance) will be held on NDA’s campus, and any NDA or CCH freshman or sophomore is welcome to attend for \$5 each. Guests from other schools are also welcome to accompany an NDA or CCH student. Tickets sales will begin soon!

### Reminder to replenish your student’s meal account:

Please check your daughter’s cafeteria account balance as many currently have insufficient funds. You can check PayPams for your balance. Thank you!

## UNIFORM REMINDER ◀

As a member of the NDA community, it is the responsibility of each student to comply with the dress code which serves to unite us as members of this community. The dress code is as follows:

- a nice-looking gray uniform skirt
- a white NDA banded shirt for Freshmen through Juniors (to be worn under sweater, sweatshirt or fleece in colder weather)
- a navy blue or white NDA banded shirt for Seniors (to be worn under sweater, sweatshirt or fleece in colder weather)
- solid white, gray, black or navy blue socks
- gray, black, or navy blue leggings

There are no exceptions to the dress code unless specifically addressed through announcements.



# CONGRATULATIONS!

## NDA RECEIVES 115 SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS



Congratulations to the talented young writers of Notre Dame Academy who recently received 27 Gold Keys, 35 Silver Keys and 53 Honorable Mentions in the **Scholastic Art and Writing Competition**. That is a total of 116 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards and more than three times the awards won by any other high school in the region. NDA seniors, Sydney Stallman and Morgan Zumbiel, were also named **American Voices Nominees**. There were only five American Voices nominees named in our region. Congratulations also to our English faculty on the impressive number of awards received!

"I am very proud of our English Department and the results our students have achieved. We are a Writing Force to reckon with regionally--no doubt about it," said NDA English teacher and English Department Chair Linda Bricking.

### GOLD KEY

Jessica Colvin  
Hannah Deters  
Hannah Good  
Megan Kathman  
Ellen Kendall  
Rachel Peavler  
Jessica Peck

\*Sydney Stallman  
Maria Topmiller  
Jillian Walsburger  
\*Morgan Zumbiel  
Haley Appelman  
Mariah Bezold  
Rikki Buchberger

Julia Goins  
Christa Saelinger  
Megan Saelinger  
Emma Duerstock  
Claire Morgan  
Bridget Plunkett

\* American Voices Nominee

### SILVER KEY

Hannah Deters  
Hannah Good  
Emma Hughes  
Rosemary Plunkett  
Isabella Ramicone  
Rachel Schutzman  
Josie Shriver  
Savannah Tucker  
Jillian Walsburger  
Morgan Zumbiel  
Haley Appelman

Mariah Bezold  
Lauren Darpel  
Julia Gerwe  
Julia Goins  
Hanna Knaley  
Grace Lubbe  
Marissa Picciuto  
Shannon Saelinger  
Mackenzie Sullivan  
Lily Thaman  
Margot Tierney

Emily Walter  
Ellen Zeis  
Kimberly Birrer  
Sarah Draud  
Julia James  
Olivia Kirst  
Catherine Meadows  
Paige Montfort  
Jackie Noll  
Lauren Reinersman  
Meg Whelan

### HONORABLE MENTION

Mary Chalk  
Carissa Dyer  
Megan Kathman  
Ellen Kendall  
Allie Mcglade  
Jessica Peck  
Sarah Penney  
Rosemary Plunkett  
Claire Suetholz  
Maria Topmiller  
Jillian Walsburger  
Morgan Zumbiel  
Haley Appelman

Maggie Brinkman  
Rachel Cerimele  
Lauren Darpel  
Leah Darpel  
Rachel Franzen  
Kaylan Frisch  
Carly Gross  
Bridget Neltner  
Marissa Picciuto  
Kirsten Richards  
Mollie Seibert  
Kelsey Sucher  
Emily Walter

Kendall Crawford  
Emma Duerstock  
Julia James  
Claire Lonneman  
Elizabeth Lonneman  
Josephine Meyer-Hogan  
Kylie Moellering  
Claire Morgan  
Hannah Naberhaus  
Jackie Noll  
Bridget Plunkett  
Lauren Reinersman  
Emma Wainscott

### ENGLISH FACULTY

Linda Bricking  
Lynn Dickman

David Jackson  
Emily Sampson

Amanda Staggs

# Congratulations to NDA's

## SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARD RECIPIENTS and ENGLISH DEPARTMENT FACULTY

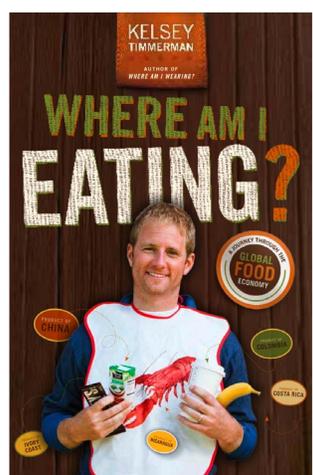


### SKYPE BRINGS NONFICTION TO LIFE FOR FRESHMEN ◀

A few weeks ago, freshmen in Amanda Staggs English classes Skyped author, Kelsey Timmerman, about his book Where I am Wearing. The students read his book at the end of the second quarter. This week, students were surprised to see that Kelsey mentioned them in his blog! After Skyping with him, they sent him a “thank you” package with notes and a couple of simple gifts. He responded saying,

*“Every gift was thought out and full of meaning. It’s gestures and encouragement like this that fuel me. I doubt my work will change the lives of the people I write about, but maybe, just maybe it changes those exposed to it. And the change in readers and audience members, may change the lives of the children of the farmers and factory workers I’ve met around the world.”*

Check out Kelsey Timmerman’s blog post about our NDA Pandas here: <http://whereamiwearing.com/2015/01/the-thank-you-notes-i-carry/>



### CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

Adoration will be held from 2:45-3:30 on Tuesday, February 10.

Ash Wednesday mass will be at 1:30 p.m. on February 18. We will have a collection at this mass for the Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal. Students will be learning about this Appeal and the importance of tithing in their religion classes prior to Ash Wednesday. We will also hand out rice bowls in religion classes for participation in the Rice Bowl Project for Catholic Relief Services. Collection of the Rice Bowls will be during Holy Week.

## ONCE UPON A TIME: A SHOWCASE OF FAIRYTALES ◀



Don't miss this year's Showcase playing this weekend:  
Friday, February 6 - 7 p.m.  
Saturday February 7 - 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
Sunday, February 8 - 2 p.m.



The annual Showcase takes a fantastic turn to focus on fairy tales, fables, and fantasy stories of all kinds. All your favorites are sure to be there, from Cinderella to Alice in Wonderland and Hercules to Beauty and her Beast, we'll celebrate the

Tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#).

## AUDITIONS FOR SPRING PLAY ◀

There will be AUDITIONS for Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic's production of *LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS*, February 11 and 12 from 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Auditions will take place in the Theatre of NDA. Actors should come prepared to sing and dance, and may audition using either a song of their choosing with the track provided (actors from this Winter's Showcase may use a song from the showcase), or may audition using one of two tracks from the musical. If you require one of these tracks, please email Ms. Stine. For that and with questions, email her at: [stinec@ndapandas.org](mailto:stinec@ndapandas.org). Can't wait to see you! \*\*Please note: This is a change from the previously announced musical, *Working*.\*\*

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES

### Freshman Parent Scheduling Meeting:

We will be having a parent meeting for current freshmen on Thursday, February 5 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. We will discuss scheduling for next year as well as other topics that are important to current freshmen and their parents.



### All students at NDA now have an open and active ILP (individual Learning Plan) Account!

This is an internet-based tool which allows students to explore, plan, and prepare for their future, using:

- Assessment tools, personalized to help your child identify their individual career interests, skills, and abilities
- Direct links between careers and related college programs, which can be book marked
- College and scholarship/financial aid search tools, which can also be book marked
- Storage for results of standardized testing
- Resume builder, where students can record awards, activities, service, work experience, and references.

The NDA Counseling staff is creating plans and processes to incorporate the ILP into the structure of our existing academic curriculum.

All students have their own User Name and Password, which they have saved and can share with parents. Please ask them to show you what they have been doing with this exciting tool! Contact Mrs. Kathy Hildreth with questions: [hildrethk@ndapandas.org](mailto:hildrethk@ndapandas.org).



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Contact Laura at (859) 291-4555  
or [emergencyshelternky.laura@gmail.com](mailto:emergencyshelternky.laura@gmail.com)

Date: February 20th  
Time: 7:00pm - 10:00 p.m.  
Notre Dame Academy Theatre  
1699 Hilton Dr.  
Park Hills, KY 41011



The Sisters of Notre Dame

Ash Wednesday  
Day of Recollection  
Retreat  
February 18, 2015

Join Sr. Kathleen Hine, SND, for  
"Lent, a Pilgrim's Journey."

This retreat calls upon our desire to enter more deeply into the Lenten season through the opportunity to make a spiritual pilgrimage

Wednesday, February 18, 2015  
8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
SND Provincial House  
1601 Dixie Highway  
Covington, KY

Cost: \$20.00/person

The retreat includes presentations, Mass, lunch, and Sacrament of Reconciliation.  
Click [here](#) for more information and to RSVP

## ► Important dates:

February 5	Class of 2018 Scheduling Information (Parents) - 7:00 p.m.
February 6-8	Annual Spring Showcase
February 11-12	Spring Musical Auditions
February 18	Ash Wednesday
February 21	Freshmen/Sophomore Dance with CCH
February 28	8th Grade Conferences

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Check out the **Community News** section of NDA's website for news about...

Ash Wednesday Day of Recollection

Northern Kentucky Trap Program

St. Charles Community is now hiring

Class forming for new drivers with Streetsmartz

Are you caring for an aging parent or grandparent? St. Charles can help!

For a complete list of community news [CLICK HERE](#).

