



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents,

Today we celebrated our Ash Wednesday liturgy as a school community. This is the beginning of our Lenten journey and for the next six weeks we will pray together that our hearts and minds can be open in a special way to God's presence in each of our lives. Our campus minister, Mrs. Price, shared with the students ways in which they can offer prayer, alms and thanksgiving during this Lenten season. The Lenten collection will be for the Rice Bowl Project. Students will be bringing home containers for donations to support this global cause to alleviate hunger.

This Friday our seniors will have a special opportunity to witness a Naturalization Ceremony. Thanks to senior parents, Mrs. Averdick and Mrs. Voskuhl, the federal court system will hold this special event in our theater with Federal Judge David Bunning presiding. Students will be able to witness this patriotic ceremony that welcomes the citizens to our country - a memorable and historic event for all involved.

Congratulations to our Aqua Pandas and their coaches for winning the regional championship this week. Qualified swimmers and divers advance to the state meet the weekend of February 22 - we wish them much luck. Our bowling team had a great season and finished the season as regional semifinalists. Good luck to our Basketball Pandas who start district competition this coming week.

After a great deal of preparation, we are ready for our accreditation site visit to be held next week. Educators from Louisville, Lexington and Northern Kentucky will review our self-study and conduct observations and interviews to approve the five-year renewal of our accreditation by AdvancEd. I am grateful to all faculty, staff, students and parents who have helped in providing information for this visit. We look forward to this as an affirmation of our mission and tradition of educating young women to make a difference in our world.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



From the
School Office

*PARENTS:
If your daughter is
absent from school,
please CALL the school
office by 8:00 am.
Please do not send an
email.*

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Career Fair

On Thursday, March 7, Notre Dame Academy will be hosting a Career Fair. This is an opportunity for our students to explore and be exposed to many different types of careers that one may pursue. The event will take place in the school gym and will last from 8:45 until 10:45. We are in need of adults in our community to come and showcase his or her career. Participants will need to be at the school at approximately 8:15 a.m. and should be able to leave at about 11:00 a.m. We welcome any materials or aids that a presenter may bring for the students to view. If you would like to participate, please contact Chrissy Monohan at monohanc@ndapandas.org.

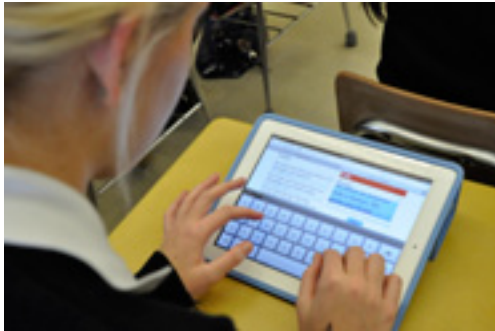


iPad UPDATE ◀

Notre Dame Academy students have gotten so accustomed to using iPads in the classroom, they would be BACKWARD without them! Check it out...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GDISyXtgQil>

This video was created using Mrs. Mullee's "App of the Week" - Backwards Cam HD-Reverse Movie Maker.



NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE ◀



NDA Night at the Reds!

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 23 at 7:10 p.m. when all will be invited to root on the Cincinnati Reds as they take on the Chicago Cubs. At a later date, NDA families will be able purchase discounted tickets through the school office.

NDA NATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

Last week, February 4th through the 8th, a book drive was conducted by Notre Dame's National English Honor Society in partnership with Covington Catholic's chapter. NDA's chapter alone collected approximately 650 books in the five days that donations were being accepted. As it is the first year for NDA's chapter of the NEHS, the club has paired up with the more firmly established CCH NEHS for several activities including a pizza dinner and evening showing of the movie Lincoln in late January. Since the respective single-sex schools are rarely given opportunities to collaborate with the opposite sex in an academic setting, this club offers an excellent environment for boys and girls alike to express their common interests and talents



MATH FAX TEST ◀

Thank you to all of the students who took the time to take the third Math Fax test. CONGRATULATIONS to Emily Bautista for her very high score on the advanced math part of the test and to Kelsey Sucher, Bridget Neltner and Emily Walter for their very high scores on the algebra II part of the test.

NDA BASS FISHING TEAM NEEDS BOAT OWNERS ◀

NDA is seeking bass boat owners to volunteer and assist the NDA Bass Fishing team in NDA's newest Varsity sport. Boat owners are needed to operate their boats as NDA team members fish in tournaments. Boat volunteers will be reimbursed for their expenses. For more information contact Athletic Director Kim Gunning at 859-292-7730.



USO SHOWCASE RAISES MONEY FOR USO ◀

Mr. Dan Meeks from the USO visited Notre Dame Academy today and received the donation monies that were collected for the USO from the USO Showcase Production. Maggie, Audrey, and Maria Hehman spearheaded this collection and presented Mr. Meeks with the \$604.50 collected for seven different USO programs including:

- \$ 235.00 for Honor Flights
- \$ 89.00 for Bedtime Stories
- \$ 38.00 for Tech to Connect
- \$ 10.50 for Hero in the Stands
- \$ 37.00 for Welcome Home Heroes
- \$ 111.00 for Comfort Kits
- \$ 84.00 for Memory Boxes

Total: \$604.50.



USO SHOWCASE ON DVD

DVD's from the USO Showcase are available for \$20.00 a copy. Your order, accompanied with payment, should be submitted to Mrs. Stratman by Friday, February 15, 2013.

DISH ROOM NEWS ◀



Hello Dish Room Volunteers! We need volunteers for the following dates: February Feb. 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 27, Mar. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7.

If you are able to donate just about an hour and 45 minutes on any of these dates, we would greatly appreciate it! You can sign up to help at [CAFETERIA SIGN-UP](#).

THE GAVEL ◀

On behalf of the Publications classes, here is the link to the [January 2013](#) issue of the school newspaper. The Gavel is created by the students of the Publications Classes for the Notre Dame Academy community.

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF HOPE! ◀



Notre Dame Academy will host *Homeless to Hopeful, A Night at the Movies* Friday, February 22 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the NDA Theatre. This program to raise awareness about homelessness in our community and raise funds to benefit organizations dedicated to sheltering the homeless will benefit the [Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky](#) and [Family Promise of Northern Kentucky](#). Former U.S. Representative, Geoff Davis will be the Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Tickets are \$15.00/Adults \$5.00/Students and students can get their ticket validated for 3 hours of community service. To order tickets, please call (859)431-6840, email janet@familypromisenky.org, OR Send the number of tickets to be purchased along with payment to the school office and Sr. Lynette will get your tickets for you.

Be a part of a great evening to support - Family Promise of NKY and the Emergency Shelter of NKY!

NDA FATHER/DAUGHTER - UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN ◀



Please join us
Friday February 22, 2013
At the Newport Syndicate

7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Check in begins at 7pm / Dinner seating at 8pm

\$25 per person by February 15 / \$35 per person after February 16
Please rsvp by the 20th for catering and seating

[CLICK HERE FOR SIGN-UP FORM](#)

Questions? Contact Connie Combs 380 2466
or Suzanne Ginter 513 310 9470

NO WINTER BLUES FOR THE NDA/CCH BAND ◀ Except for the Jazz Band Variety

With marching band and Christmas concert season over one would think that the NDA/CCH Band would be less active. Quite the contrary is true. The winter season provides many opportunities for the band to show its spirit and energetic music off at various pep rallies and basketball events for both Notre Dame and Cov Cath. In addition, it is always exciting to accompany our basketball teams to the tournament games at the NKU Bank of Kentucky Center. It is our hope to cheer our teams on to the state championship and be on hand to play our spirited music as our teams go for the title.

Winter Season is also the time when we concentrate on Jazz Band. The CCH/NDA Jazz Band is comprised of about half of the 50 member band and gives us an opportunity to hone our improvisational skills. The Jazz Band will be performing 1/2 hour before each USO Show at NDA in addition to the Spaghetti Dinner at CCH at the end of February. Nothing brightens up a dreary winter morning like the CCH/NDA Jazz Band practicing their own special version of "In the Mood" and ripping off some serious blues improvisation. It is a testament to these students' dedication who meet at 7:00 am before school starts for rehearsal. (Most professional Jazz musicians are just making it home at that early hour.)

The final Winter activity each year for the band is "Select Band". Select Band is a concert group comprised of HS Band students from the entire N.KY Region (District 6). The NDA/CCH Band had several members audition for the group and we are pleased to announce the Select Band flute section will include our very own SZOFIA KOMAROMY-HILLER and JUSTIN SCHMITT who made the third chair in the trombone section. Students from every public school audition for a spot in the band and there may be upwards of 50 students trying out for just a few seats available. CONGRATULATIONS to Szofia and Justin who will be the only representatives in the Select Band from the Diocese of Covington. The Select Band concert will be held at Northern Kentucky University on Saturday March 16th and is open to the public.

Thanks to the entire Covington Catholic and Notre Dame communities for your support of the Band over the years. As always, if you find a serviceable wind instrument that needs a good home, please keep us in mind.

Hope to see you at the Basketball Games and the Jazz Band Performances this Winter !



Mr. Greg Cerimele
NDA/CCH Band Director

FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE ◀

The **2013 Women Making a Difference luncheon** will take place on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at Receptions in Erlanger. If you are interested in attending, you can purchase tickets (\$55) through the Advancement Office at (859) 292-1850.

We are currently seeking volunteers for **NDA GALA 2013**. There be a kick-off meeting on Tuesday, February 26 at 8:00 a.m. at NDA.



COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Interested in a summer service opportunity abroad?

Consider joining Youth Futures International's Serve & Learn program. Participants can travel to Bosnia-Herzegovina from July 19 to August 5, 2013 where they develop and implement leadership activities and public health initiatives to educate and prevent a variety of illnesses. If you are interested in expanding your global horizons, visit [Youth Futures International](#) on the web for more information or contact Giannina Rokvic at grokvic18@ndapandas.org.

Want to be inspired?

MASTER Provisions is pleased to announce a special event, Audible Compassion, featuring guest speaker Tim Tebow, on Friday, April 19, 2013, at U.S. Bank Arena in Cincinnati. MASTER Provisions is a Florence, KY, based Christian ministry that assists 500,000 needy people around the world each year with clothing, food, orphan and medical care and various community assistance projects.

Tim Tebow, currently playing for the NFL, is widely recognized as one of the greatest college football players of all time. But even more than his impressive athletic skills, Tim's integrity and character have won him legions of fans. Tim lives a life that consistently reflects his values, and he is dedicated to helping people and communities in need.

Seabird, a Christian music band from Northern Kentucky, will open the evening with a concert at 7:00 p.m. followed by Tim addressing the audience. Visit [MASTER Provisions](#) for more information about the event, and if you would like to order tickets at a discounted group rate (\$37 each), you can do so in the NDA office. Fill out the reservation form in the main office and provide cash or check made payable to Master Provisions. All orders are due by Friday, March 1, 2013.



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