



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents!

This week we are celebrating Body Peace Week to promote awareness of the true beauty within each of us. Our Teen Leadership Club for Health and Wellness (TLC) has planned a number of activities this week to promote this message. These include “Mirrorless Monday”, positive posters, and special message magnets on all lockers. Students have also been making announcements this week encouraging each other to focus on the beauty of our inner spirits and to be open to the gifts God has given each of us in our own uniqueness.

Friday marks the end of the third quarter. Students will be completing projects and other assessments this week as the quarter comes to a close. You can check on your daughter’s progress by visiting her Power School account. Report cards will be sent home the week of March 24.

Next Tuesday, March 18, we will join the other high schools in the Diocese in administering the ACT to all juniors. The cost of the test is \$36.50 and this should be submitted to the school office before Tuesday. On the same day, our seniors will take part in their Mission retreat – a day which will focus on their call to make a difference in our world following the tradition of an SND education. On Wednesday, all freshmen and sophomores will attend a presentation at CCH that focuses on chastity. This is an annual event sponsored by the Diocese.

Congratulations to several of our students who recently participated and did very well in local competitions. Please find information regarding the JETS team, History Day Winners, and Math Fax test scores below.

Congratulations also to our March Student of the month junior Shannon Wilson. Shannon as overcome great challenges in her young life and shows a true sprit of optimism and courage. Please see more news about Shannon and other student accomplishments in the sections below.

Last week we published the dates for the 2014-15 school year. Please note that the dates listed for the first semester exam were not listed correctly. The actual dates are December 17,18,19. The calendar is as follows;

May you know God’s goodness each day

Dr. Laura Koehl

2014-15 CALENDAR DATES

First Day	August 18
Labor Day	September 1
Fall Break Day	October 10
Thanksgiving Break	November 26-30
Immaculate Conception	December 8
Exams	December 17,18,19
Christmas Break	December 22 – January 4
Martin Luther King	January 19
Presidents’ Day	February 16
NDA In Service	March 13
Spring Break	April 2-8
Prom	April 24
Graduation	May 22
Memorial Day	May 25
Exams	May 26-28
Cleaning Day	May 29

Beauty is being the best possible version of yourself - on the inside and out.



TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

S.W.A.T. at KYSTE

On March 6, NDA's SWAT team (Students Working to Advance Technology) spoke to a room of tech-educators at the Kentucky Society for Technology in Education conference in Louisville. Katie Kloska and Isabella Hansen both shared their short films on the impact of technology on today's students, featuring both their creativity and the capabilities of Notre Dame's new Media Production Lab. Mia Shelton gave her presentation "iCloud the Virtual Locker," which highlighted the importance of cloud storage in a one-to-one computing school. Hannah Hatch used the experience of helping to create a tech team with Ms. Mullee to show technology educators in attendance how to achieve similar results at their school. Cassidy Ryan and Kelsey Michael presented on how the SWAT team facilitated the repurposing of older ipads for our sister school in Uganda and for our retired sisters. Savannah Tucker presented on overcoming challenges in the one-to-one classroom, including examples of productive workflow, classroom management, and student accountability. After the presentations, the SWAT team answered questions from audience members who were interested in emulating Notre Dame Academy's success in promoting the use of technology for the modern learner.



STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Panda Prowl

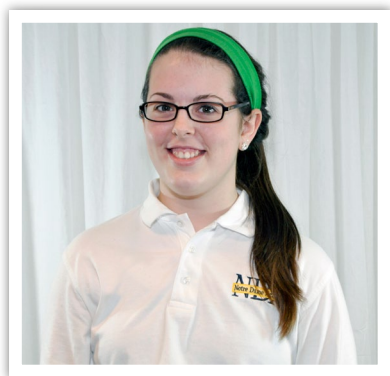
NDA's Student Council and UgaNDA PaNDAs groups are busy planning for the upcoming Panda Prowl scheduled for Friday, April 25. This year's theme focuses on the limited accessibility of clean water in underdeveloped countries, and that is why the walk has been named "Walk to Water." T-shirt sales begin on Monday in homeroom, and t-shirts are \$10 each.

Student Council Elections

Any student who is interested in running for Student Council office for the 2014-2015 school must attend a mandatory information meeting on Wednesday, March 19 at 8:30 a.m. Students in all grade levels can campaign for grade level co-president or homeroom representative. Rising seniors can also run for school officer positions including co-presidents, secretary and treasurer. Applications and pertinent due dates will be explained at the meeting on Wednesday.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Parking and traffic guidelines will promote safety on our school grounds before school and at the end of the day. When waiting for their daughters after school, parents are asked to park in a parking spot or wait in the traffic line. Parents should avoid double parking or parking in the aisles as this prohibits other drivers from leaving the parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

March - Shannon Wilson

In her junior year at Notre Dame Academy, Shannon Wilson has been named March's Student of the Month. Representing her homeroom on Life Club this year, Shannon is a member of NDA's Interact and Respect Clubs and participated in the most recent theatre showcase. Shannon has served as an ambassador for the past 3 years, and she takes great pride in sharing with prospective families the benefits of an all girls' education and the exceptional qualities of the NDA community.

Outside of NDA, Shannon volunteers at Redwood where she works in the nursery at least one day a week. She dances at a local studio where she also teaches dance to 3-5 year olds each week. Shannon has been dancing for a total of 10 years.

Since June 2012, Shannon has battled the challenging side effects of a brain tumor and surgery to remove the tumor. She does not let this get in the way of anything she wants to achieve. According to Shannon, NDA has given her strength on her road to recovery and has embraced and supported her through this journey. Through all of her struggles, Shannon's teachers observe her perseverance and upbeat, positive attitude. Mrs. Stratman says that Shannon "works hard to keep up with her studies and rarely asks for exceptions and exemptions." Furthermore, Shannon puts others before herself and shows her compassion through prayer. Shannon's "intentions are always for someone else" when praying in class, Mrs. Stratman says. Frequently, you will find Shannon putting others before herself.

Congratulations, Shannon Wilson, on being named March's Student of the Month!

CONGRATULATIONS!

HISTORY DAY WINNERS ◀

The regional contest of Kentucky History Day was held at NKU on Saturday, and several sophomores and juniors won awards and qualified for the state competition in April. Congratulations to them for their good work and commitment to the study of history.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JETS TEAMS! ◀

Congratulations to the JETS teams! The JETS Ladies had a great time at the Junior Engineering Technical Society Competition at the University of Cincinnati. The Freshman-Sophomore Team came in third for Division 3. Also, both teams worked on the Egg Drop Project. The JETS Ladies came in first place with their "Egg Mc-Droppin'" Project. The team is led by science teacher - Diane Goldcamp.



NEWS FROM THE MATH DEPARTMENT ◀

CONGRATULATIONS to Kelsey Sucher, Bridget Neltner and Emily Walter for their very high scores on the fourth Math Fax test.

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NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

High School Sportswomen of the Year

Congratulations to Maddie Tierney and Erin Nurre for their selection as the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Women's Sports Association High School Sportswomen of the Year in their respective sports of soccer and rowing. The seniors will be honored at the Women's Sports Association Awards Banquet on April 28 in West Chester.

Congratulations on a Great Season

The basketball team battled Newport Central Catholic in the regional finals on Sunday with both teams relentlessly trying to secure the 9th Region Championship and a berth to the Sweet Sixteen Tournament. The two teams ended the regulation game tied at 44-44. In overtime, the teams traded baskets before NCC capitalized on a basket with a second left on the game clock. It is the Pandas third consecutive trip to the region finals and the sixth in eight years. The team ended the season with a 22-9 record.



NDA Athletic Hall of Fame

Please join us at the Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony on Friday March 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the theatre. The following thirteen athletes (ranging in class from 1978-2007) and 5 honorary members will be join the 40 members currently inducted. Congratulations to our newest inductees!

Jessica Birkenhauer Rawe '99, Emily Brunemann '05, Meghan Crowe Williams '02, Nicole Dickman '07, Emily Dorning Henry '83, Emily Farrell Jasinski '00, Andrea Foltz '80, Amy Frisch Benge '98, Gina Geraci Grout '97, Melissa Hukle Marsh '94, Suzanne Kuhlman Olson '79, Kerri Shields Kuebler '97, Nancy Stoeckle Shibuya '78, Dave and Cindy Brake, Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken, Sister Mary Rachel Nerone, and Sister Mary Ethel Parrott.

SKYLINE BENEFIT for SCIENCE FAIR ◀



Students at NDA and many area grade schools participate in the Science and Engineering Fair of Northern Kentucky (SEFNK). Skyline of Fort Wright is supporting the fair through several benefit nights. The next benefit night is Wednesday, March 19. Using the coupon found [HERE](#) from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. on that night will result in 20% of your purchase being contributed to the science fair. All support is appreciated.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



The KY ILP (Individual Learning Plan) is coming to NDA!

Mrs. Hildreth will be meeting with NDA Sophomores and Juniors during different classes in March to establish or update their KY Individual Learning Plans (ILP).

It is essential for students to have their 9-digit Social Security Number (SSN) with them in order to set up their accounts and make the most of this exciting time!

The ILP goals for March are:

1. Complete the Matchmaker Survey
2. Explore college programs that align with identified interests
3. Use the Financial Aid Selector to find scholarships and financial aid programs for which students qualify and can directly apply
4. Build resumes by entering student's honors, awards, extracurricular activities, and references - this will be very useful when applying for summer jobs!

Parents, be sure to ask your daughters to show you their ILP's - you will be amazed at the depth and usefulness of this free resource!

Attention Juniors:

Just another reminder that we have the Diocesan wide ACT next Tuesday, March 18 at 8:00 a.m. Please remember to bring in your check made payable to NDA for \$36.50 to the school office to pay for the test before test day.

Ms. Burgei will be hosting a **Junior College Planning Meeting on Monday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m.** in the NDA Auditorium. Parents and students are encouraged to attend to get started on the planning process for college.

Spring 2014 College Fair for High School Students

The 33rd Annual Covington Latin College Fair will be held at Covington Latin School at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday April 23, 2014. This is a free event and everyone is welcome! It's a great chance for students and college admission counselor to have more personalized contact as opposed to the larger, national fairs. They plan to have 25-30 representatives in attendance. For some tips on how on making the most of a college fair you can go to our website at <http://www.ndapandas.org/academics/counseling-and-student-services.aspx>.

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.](#)

FAMILY IN NEED IS ACCEPTING DONATIONS ◀

A fire in Somerset, KY on February 26th has completely destroyed the home of NDA Junior Michelle Bleser's two (mentally handicapped) adult brothers. Thankfully, no one was injured, but all of the home's content was lost. Michelle's family has set up an account (Wilson Fund) through Republic Bank to accept financial contributions to help the family begin to rebuild their lives. Michelle has also set up a webpage to accept donations, which includes a video of the devastation. (Link:<http://www.gofundme.com/76kj38>) Thank you in advance, Panda Friends, for your generosity.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TRAVELING TO ITALY? ◀

Travel with us to Italy! The Religion Department will be hosting a trip to Rome, Florence, Assisi, and Venice during the summer of 2015. We will be traveling with Proximo Travel and will be seeing many amazing religious and cultural sites throughout the country. We will also be attending a Wednesday Audience with Pope Francis! For more information you can check out the itinerary for our trip at http://www.proximotravel.com/trip-store/?action=view_trip&triptemplateid=1. There will be a meeting for interested students on Thursday, March 13 and a meeting for parents of interested students on Wednesday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

SUSHI SCIENCE ◀

Students in Mr. Gray's marine biology class recently learned about the uses of seaweeds in Japanese foods, specifically sushi. Here are some of the students making the sushi themselves!



2014 NDA YEARBOOK ORDER INFORMATION ◀

The Notre Dame Academy Publications class is now accepting orders for the 2014 yearbook. Capture high school memories by purchasing your yearbook today! Tapestry, the formal name of the yearbook, will be distributed in October 2014. Graduating seniors receive their books during the Thanksgiving Eve class reunion. The yearbook is \$60. Don't delay. Price increases April 15. Please refer to the following link for order information: [NDA Website Yearbook Information](#). Order forms are also available in the office. If you have any questions, please notify Mrs. Gronotte at gronottek@ndapandas.org.



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.

If you have any questions regarding prizes for after prom please contact Tricia Kennedy at kennedyt@ndapandas.org.

WE NEED YOUR HELP ◀

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: March 13, 17, 18, 19, 25, 26, 27, and 31. 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!



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).



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES ◀

Summer Art Studio Classes

If you are interested in the Junior High or High School Summer Studio Art classes you can find all of the information you need as well as registration forms [HERE](#). All forms and payment must be returned to Notre Dame Academy by **Friday, May 30, 2014**.

Learn A Band Instrument This Summer

All students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join the NDA/CCH Vacation Band School this summer to learn a band instrument for **FREE!** No prior experience needed! The band will reshearse for 1 hour each Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer. For more information on the band or if you would like to inquire about Summer Guitar Class, contact the NDA/CCH Band Director, Mr. Greg Cerimele, at cerimeleg@ndapandas.org. If you already play a band or string instrument be sure to contact Mr. Cerimele so that you will receive updates regarding Summer Rehearsals.

Summer Theatre Camp

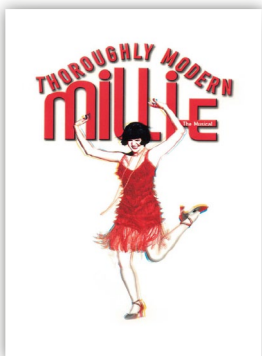
Spend a week this summer showing off your singing, dancing, and acting skills at the NDA Summer Theatre Camp! We'll spend 5 days learning and rehearsing songs and scenes from a major Broadway musical. On Friday evening, we'll share it with friends and family in a fantastic production that is sure to please all ages. Students will work with Ms. Maggie Perrino, Theatre teacher/director for NDA, and current NDA theatre students in our state of art theatre facility to prepare the camp show. Last year's selections from Godspell was a huge success and this year will be just as fun. Hope to see you there! The camp is for ages 8-13 (Grades 2-8) and will be held at NDA July 7-11, 2014 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. each day. The cost is \$120.00. For more information contact Ms. Maggie Perrino, perrinom@ndapandas.org. Registration will be available online at www.ndapandas.org in April.

FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE ◀

2014 GALA

We are revamping the Autumn Gala! Would you like to be part of planning a new, fun event that benefits NDA? To join the committee, contact NDA Advancement Director Anna Hehman at hehmana@ndapandas.org or 859-292-1851.

ALUMNAE NEWS ◀



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 p.m. in Alumnae Hall and the performance will start at 7:00 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.

Alumnae Spiritwear!

If you're an NDA alumna who would like to show your Panda pride or if you are looking for the perfect graduation gift for your favorite Panda, NDA Alumna sweatshirts are now available through the Alumnae Office. Full zip and quarter-zip sweatshirts are available in navy blue or gray. You can download an order form [HERE](#). For more information contact Emily Berling at 859-292-1852 or berlinge@ndapandas.org.



FUN WAY TO HELP ◀

Be Concerned is seeking school organizations and/or young people interested in joining our team for the Hunger Walk on Memorial Day. The Walk is a 5K that starts at 9:00 a.m. at Sawyer Point Park on the Cincinnati riverfront and takes about an hour to complete. Walkers will raise money for Be Concerned with a \$15-\$20 entry fee and/or by securing sponsors from among their friends and family. The event is a great opportunity to have fun with your friends and help Be Concerned serve the 800+ families currently relying on us to put food on the table. For more information, contact: Paul Gottbrath at beconcernedinc@yahoo.com (859) 291-1340 or Andy Brunsman at (859) 291-6789 or beconcernedandy@yahoo.com.

▶ Important Dates

March 14	End of 3rd Quarter
March 18	ACT for Juniors (During school day)
March 19	Student Council Election Info Session Chastity Speaker
March 21	SNOW MAKE-UP DAY
March 24	NO SCHOOL
March 26	Winter Sports Awards
March 27	Jesuit College Fair
March 28	NDA Athletic Hall of Fame Induction

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Want to be a Model?

Don't miss your chance to model in the 2015 Pure Fashion Show at Receptions! Join the lucky group of young women from Northern Kentucky who will discover their own dignity, style, and beauty. For more information about our model training program, go to www.purefashion.com. Deadline is June 6th, don't miss out! Models must be 14-18, grades 9-12 of the 2014/2015 school year. Space is limited to 30 models. Apply on line today!

ST AGNES BIG BLUE BASH: Mark your calendars and join us for an exciting night at the Marquise Banquet Center in Wilder on Saturday, March 29th. We know it will be a great night for all of us to support St. Agnes! The Cash! Cash! Cash! Raffle has a grand prize of \$5,000! If you would like to receive a reservation card, please email Janna Collins at janna.collins@twc.com and she will mail one right away. The deadline for RSVPs for this event is March 21st and there won't be tickets sold at the door so don't delay! We hope you can join us!

Part time Dietary Aide

Sisters of Notre Dame are currently seeking a **student** to work part time in the Provincial House as a dietary aide. This aide would be responsible for serving the sisters in Lourdes Hall their evening meal and preparing the kitchen and dining rooms for the next meal. The student would work 4:30pm to 7:30 p.m. -2 days one week and 3 days the next week. The student would be required to work every third weekend. The starting pay for this position is \$7.50 per hour. This position is through the work study program and all students are eligible. If interested in working in this loving home environment please contact the HR Department: Sisters of Notre Dame, 1601 Dixie Highway, Covington, KY 41011, 859-291-2040, humanresources@sndky.org.

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.