



An e-Newsletter for

the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings Parents,

This Friday is the last day of the third quarter. It is hard to believe that we are heading into the final quarter of the school year. This is a busy week for all as students complete assessments and teachers complete lesson plans and grading.

We have much to celebrate with student accomplishments in several departments. Please see information below about our English and Social Studies department activities. Also, congratulations to our March Student of the Month –sophomore Ellen Kendall. Please see Ellen's story below describing her contributions to our student technology team, involvement in science research and examples of service.

As the last quarter draws near we are finalizing plans for graduation. Senior parents should consult the website for important information [GRADUATION INFORMATION](#). More specific information is forthcoming regarding tickets to graduation at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center and reservations for the Senior Awards Breakfast at the Marquise. Please watch for updates.

Good luck to our SWAT team who is presenting at the KYSTE conference on Thursday and to the many students in athletic and academic competitions this weekend. Our Speech and Drama Team, Science Research students and Basketball Pandas participate in state competitions Friday and Saturday. We are proud of their hard work and know they will represent NDA well.

Students can sign up to ride a bus to the second game at the Sweet Sixteen Tournament in Bowling Green. Tickets are \$35.00 and include the bus ride and ticket to the game. Students should stop in the school office for a reservation and permission slip. Seating is limited.

Today we welcomed 15 members of the Leadership Northern Kentucky Class of 2013. As part of their Education Day program, these business leaders came to NDA to observe the use of technology in supporting 21st century skills. In classroom observations and student interviews they had a chance to see how some NDA teachers and students are using the iPad to promote collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking.

Finally, more good news - our snow day last week was built into the schedule and will not need to be made up!

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



Private School Aid Service

**FORM
DEADLINE:
APRIL 5, 2013**

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

In order to be eligible for the work/study program at Notre Dame Academy you must first apply for the Private School Aid Service (PSAS) by sending in the PSAS form on our website. This form must be sent in by **April 05, 2013** and the cost is \$25.00. All forms should be postmarked no later than **April 5, 2013**. The form can be found at:

<http://www.ndapandas.org/admissions/prospective-students/financial-assistance.aspx>



iPad UPDATE ◀

The latest news from the iPad Initiative includes the launch of NDA's iTunes U Public site.

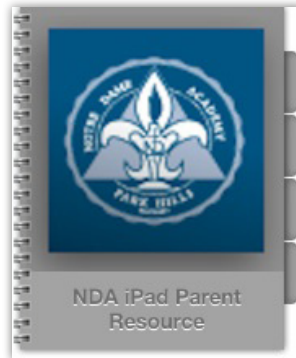
As promised, the “[NDA Parent iPad Resource](#)” course can be found here. With the publishing of the NDA iTunes U site, users no longer need a code to subscribe to the course.



Keep in mind, courses in iTunes U can only be accessed from the iTunes U App



from the App Store . For more information, please subscribe to the course from an iPad.



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

Congratulations to Claire Suetholz, Katie Kloska, and Rachel Knue and the NDA English Department! All three NDA sophomores were winners in the **College of Mt. St. Joseph Writing Contest**. The contest was open to all high school sophomores in the tri-state. In the Personal Essay category, Claire Suetholz won First Place and Katie Kloska received an Honorable Mention. In the Poetry category, Rachel Knue received an Honorable Mention. Great job!

HISTORY-SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

On Saturday, March 2, members of NDA's World Affairs Club participated in the **10th annual Model Asia Pacific Economic Community (APEC) Conference** at the University of Cincinnati. This event brought together high school students from several high schools in the area, and was cosponsored by the UC Asian Studies department and the Greater Cincinnati World Affairs Council. Model APEC is similar to a model United Nations, but in a briefer and more concentrated time frame. Activities include the presentation of opening statements, discussion and approval of resolutions, debate of issues, and the making and breaking of diplomatic agreements. The exchanges in the meeting rooms were quite spirited!

In addition to NDA, other schools taking part were Ursuline Academy, Summit Country Day School, Villa Madonna Academy, and Winton Woods High School. Notre Dame students made up the Japanese delegation to the conference. Congratulations to Maria Schaeffer and Laura Finke for winning second place in the Head of State/Trade category and Sandra Steiber for second place in the National Security category.

Also on Saturday, March 2, a number of Notre Dame sophomore and junior history students participated in the regional **History Day** competition at Northern Kentucky University. Our students submitted a number of individual and group projects consisting of research papers, documentaries, websites, and exhibits. All of the projects from NDA qualified for the state level of the competition to be held in Louisville on April 27. The students who qualified are Katie Kloska, Madelyn Vinson, Cassidy Ryan, Jamie Henn, Riley Meyerratken, Annalise Stegman, Erin Hunt, Grace Shields, Mia Shelton, Hillary Hellman, Ellen Kendall, Abby Schieman, Josie Brunsman, Allie McGlade, Jane Rudnick, Kylie Kanter, Rachel Knue, Lisa Mullins, and Emily Bautista. Congratulations to these students for their excellent work, and good luck to them at the state competition.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

Eager to present at the upcoming KYSTE conference with her fellow SWAT Team members, our March Student of the Month, Ellen Kendall, is excited to share the benefits of iPads in the classroom and how advantageous the 1:1 Initiative has proven to be at Notre Dame Academy. According to her Chemistry Honors teacher Mrs. Goldcamp, Ellen “has been very helpful with the iPad implementation” while continuously supporting the learning of others in class and she does so with “kindness and understanding.”



Sophomore, Ellen Kendall, is dedicated to helping others, and this is evident in her commitment to service throughout Northern Kentucky. For a total of 4 hours per week, Ellen volunteers at two local organizations – St. Elizabeth’s Emergency Room and New Perceptions whose mission it is to provide educational and growth experiences for children with disabilities. At New Perceptions, Ellen practices music therapy with children who have autism, intellectual, and/or developmental disabilities. For a student interested in bio-medical engineering and who believes “music allows for balance” in life, the service commitments provide Ellen with the opportunity to develop her talents, give of her time, and contribute to her community.

Scriptures teacher, Mrs. Gorton, says “Ellen is humble with her academic achievements,” and she is even more so with her extracurricular involvement. A member of NDA’s Class of 2015, Ellen participates in golf and tennis at the varsity level, qualified recently for state in Science Research, advanced to state for her group’s Magna Carta website design for National History Day, and participates in many NDA clubs including JETS, Life Club, Select Choir, SWAT Team, and National Spanish Honor Society. She is also looking forward to the Peru mission trip this summer where she will join several other NDA students. Congratulations to Ellen, who is clearly a woman making a difference in our world!



Important Information From the School Office

Dear Parents,

Please call the school office when your daughter is going to be late or missing school for any reason. It is very important that you call and not email in the event Mrs. Witt is either ill or the computers are not working for any reason.

Also, as stated in the Student/Parent Handbook on page 12...

Early Release

Notes from parents requesting that students be permitted to leave school early should be brought to the school office before school so that an Office Permission Slip can be issued. **It is important that the student take care of this when she arrives at school for attendance purposes.** The student is to present the slip to the teacher at the beginning of the class she is in at the time of dismissal and then leave five minutes prior to the time stated on the slip. All students must be signed out of the building in the school office before they leave. A student can sign her self out if she is driving. If the student returns to school she must report to the school office so she can be readmitted to classes.

Illness During School

In case of illness during the school day the student is to **report to the school office** and may be admitted to the health room. A student must decide if she is going home or returning to class within one half hour. If she decides to go home, the school secretary contacts a parent. No student may leave the building or call home on her own. Every fifteen minutes in the health room is counted toward the missed time in a class.

Thank you!

NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE ◀

Tuesday, April 23 is NDA's Night at the Reds with our very own Panda Tones singing the National Anthem! Order your \$10 tickets today! Only a limited number of discounted tickets are available to purchase, and only those tickets purchased as a group are guaranteed seats together. [Click here](#) to access the reservation form which is also available on our website. We hope you can join us at the Great American Ballpark!



Panda Fan Bus

Students are invited to support our Basketball Pandas this Friday in the state tournament by riding the fan bus! Forms are available for pick up in the school's office and only a limited number of seats are available! For \$35, students can ride the bus to Bowling Green, KY and watch our Basketball Pandas play in the state tournament. If the team does not win Thursday evening, all money will be refunded.

NDA HERITAGE BLOGSPOT ◀

A few more blogs have been posted in ndaheritage.blogspot.com. Check it out to see some very interesting stories about NDA's uniform, class rings, and much more!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Junior Diocesan ACT Test:

The ACT test for the junior class will be held during the school day next Tuesday, March 19. The students will report to their assigned testing rooms and take the test (without writing portion) until about 12:15 p.m. The students will have a longer lunch time and then 2 afternoon classes. The students are completing the registration during long homeroom on Friday. Please encourage your daughter to eat a healthy breakfast and get a good night's sleep for the test.

Summer Opportunities:

Please check out some of the summer opportunities available on our website. [Click here](#) for information.

FOLLOW US ◀

Get all of the latest on what's happening at NDA by following us on Facebook and Twitter. Here are the links to our official Facebook and Twitter pages:



MOTHER-DAUGHTER ◀

The PTO is looking for a chairperson or co-chairpersons for next year's Mother-Daughter event. NDA's 2014 Mother-Daughter Night will take place in November. If you are interested in planning and running this fun event for NDA mothers and daughters, please contact Dee Reinert dreinert@wgmlpa.com or LeAnn Kirn mlmmkirn@gmail.com.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

The Winter Sports Award Program will be held Monday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the theater.

Get the latest on the NDA Basketball Pandas as they head to state. [CLICK HERE](#) for the links.



DISH ROOM NEWS ◀

Hello Dish Room Volunteers! We need volunteers for the following dates: Mar. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27. 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](#).

ADVANCEMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

The Advancement and Alumnae Office have partnered with Broadway in Cincinnati to offer DISCOUNTED tickets to the upcoming performances of Peter Pan running March 12-17 to our students, parents, alumnae, and friends!! Go to www.eventusher.com and enter the password "notredame" to get your discounted tickets...Plus Notre Dame gets a cut of the profits!



COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Care for Carolyn

Carolyn "Jeannie" Wolnitzek Stein of Edgewood, wife of Fred, mother of Kyle, Mallory and Connor, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2011 at the age of 49. An event will be held on May 3, 2013, from 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. at The Edgewood Senior Center to raise money to assist with Carolyn's ongoing medical bills and care. Tickets are \$30/person and \$60/couple and can be purchased at the door or in advance. Send check payable to: Knights of St. John Care for Carolyn c/o Kitten Schreiber, 538 Yatz Dr, Edgewood, KY 41017.

The night will be packed full of great food, drinks music, raffles and best of all great friends! Donations and sponsors are graciously accepted. The disease continues to progress and unfortunately she will not be able to attend. Please come support Carolyn and her fight against Alzheimer's. For additional information, please contact Jeff Schreiber: jeffschreiber@gmail.com or 859.331.6816.

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 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - 2 days one week and 3 days the next week. 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.

From Top Model to Role Model

Come and hear the amazing journey of faith from Leah Darrow, a former America's Top Model contestant. She will speak Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 6:45-9:00 p.m. at The Underground, 1140 Smiley Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio. This is a free event. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and entertainment is provided by P-Lite and Manny Fresh. For more information contact: courtneybrown@ruahwoods.org or call 513.407.8672.

The first annual Purses 4 A Purpose Event will raise funds for nonprofit "In Style".

Purses 4 A Purpose has a mission to raise awareness and funds for those charities who are a model for all nonprofits. The First Annual Purses 4 A Purpose will take place at The Marquise located off the Wilder exit near I-275 and Town and Country Sports Complex on Tuesday April 23. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the event ends at 10:00 p.m. Designer and Designer Inspired Handbags will range from \$10-\$75 at the event. There will be raffle chances as well. The Charity that will benefit from Purses 4 A Purpose is The Point Arc of NKY. Tickets for Purses 4 A Purpose are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. You can order your tickets by contacting Linda Grome at The Point Arc office at 859.491.9191 or you can visit their website at <http://www.thepointarc.org/>. The Point Arc will provide appetizers, wine, and soft drinks for their guests which is included in the ticket price. Tickets will be limited to the first 250 guests due to the size of The Marquise. You will not want to miss this super fun event for a great cause!