



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings Parents,

I am pleased to announce that Elizabeth Romes is the valedictorian and Marisa Lorch is the salutatorian of the class of 2013. These graduating seniors will be acknowledged at the Senior Awards breakfast and Graduation ceremony in May. Congratulations to Ellie and Marisa on this fine accomplishment. Your parents and teachers are to be commended as well.

I am also pleased to announce that NDA students are well represented in the Governor's Scholars Program (GSP) and Governors School for the Arts (GSA) this year. A total of 13 students were selected - eight for GSP and five for GSA. Please see the news story at our website [HERE](#). Congratulations to the NDA governor's scholars, their teachers and their parents on this wonderful accomplishment.

We are looking forward to the 2013 Junior-Senior prom to be held this Friday evening. Please remember that students must be dressed appropriately to be admitted to the event. Students must abide by the NDA Student Code of Conduct which is also highlighted in the prom agreement form they each signed. Each year Garry Edmondson, Kenton County Attorney, sends a letter related to underage drinking to area high school principals - please note the very important information included from that message in the notes below. We look forward to a joyful, memorable and safe event for all who attend.

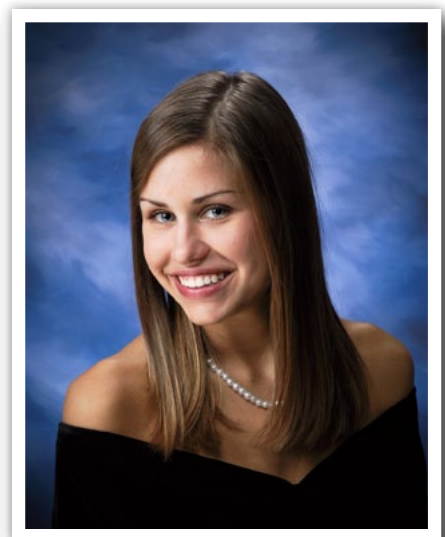
Finally, the 2013-14 calendar has been finalized and can be found on our website [HERE](#). Please note the letter below regarding spring break next year. As always our calendar follows the guidelines of the Diocese of Covington and supports the mission of Notre Dame Academy.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



**Class of 2013 Valedictorian**  
*Elizabeth Romes*



**Class of 2013 Salutatorian**  
*Marisa Lorch*



## iPad UPDATE ◀

### APP OF THE WEEK: Stampsy

Use easy touch tools to create and share beautiful online experiences.



NDA's Alexa Shulte is working as an intern at The Kentucky Enquirer. Alexa's article *iPads Are Routine For NDA Students* was recently published in the Sunday Enquirer. Check it out [HERE](#).



### FROM GARRY L. EDMONDSON, KENTON COUNTY ATTORNEY

Under Kentucky law, you **must be twenty-one years of age** in order to purchase or consume alcohol. **The law does not discriminate against location; it is illegal for minors (less than twenty-one years of age) to drink alcohol anywhere.** Even if an adult (including parents) approves, it remains illegal for a minor to consume alcohol.

It is a criminal offense to permit underage drinking on private or public property if the parent knew, or should have known, about the drinking. Penalties for this offense can range from \$250 fine per violation to a \$500 fine and/or 12 months in jail. My office will prosecute parents or adults who facilitate a minor's consumption of alcohol, seeking the maximum punishments the law provides.

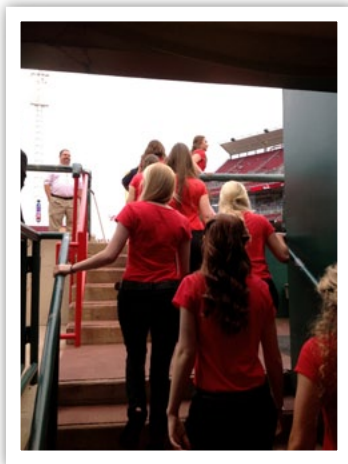
In addition to the criminal ramifications, parents are subject to severe civil suits in case of personal injury or property damage due to minors consuming alcohol on their property.

## NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE ◀



### Student Elections

Congratulations to juniors Ellie Fathman, Maggie McLeod, and Molly Talkers -- the newly elected School Co-Presidents and School Secretary for the 2013-2014 school year. Just a reminder that students who submitted applications for the Class Co-President positions will present to the student body next Friday, May 3.



### Panda Tones at the Ballpark!

Tuesday evening, at NDA's Night at the Reds, our very own Panda Tones did a fantastic job singing the National Anthem before the Red's game at the Great American Ballpark.





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April 24, 2013

Dear Parents,

As we release our calendar for the 2013-14 school year I am writing to address the subject of break time scheduled in the spring. I have worked with Covington Catholic Principal, Bob Rowe, in creating a school calendar consistent with our responsibilities to fulfill the academic mission of each of our schools while keeping in the mind the needs of our students and school families.

For the coming school year, Easter is not until April 20. This is very late in the school year and will leave only 4 to 5 weeks left before the end of the year. Furthermore, AP testing will begin at the beginning of May. For the coming year the Diocese has provided the following requirements:

Schools must be in session on April 14, 15 and 16.

Schools may not be in session on April 17 and 18.

As principals and on behalf of our respective faculties, it is our belief that an extended spring break would be too late in the year and may be detrimental to our academic objectives. Additionally, it is not possible to honor the Diocesan requirements and provide for another full week of spring break time without extending the school year.

Therefore, this coming school year, NDA and CCH have decided to schedule an Easter break from April 17 - 21. School will resume at both schools on April 22. In addition we will have a four-day weekend from March 21 -24. This will allow for the needed teaching time in April. Students will be finished by the end of May for both schools.

As principals of NDA and CCH we believe this calendar enables us to adhere to our commitment to the academic mission of each of our schools. We respect the need for students to have breaks from school and for families to be able to have time together during those breaks. The calendar allows for time throughout the year for significant breaks from school and time with family especially at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. We appreciate your support in this decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr. Laura A. Koehl".

Dr. Laura Koehl  
Principal



## IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

**2013-2014 Tuition information** can be found on our Tuition Information Webpage <http://www.ndapandas.org/admissions/prospective-students/tuition-information.aspx>

The application deadline for current student **scholarships** at NDA is May 1, 2013  
<http://www.ndapandas.org/students/scholarships.aspx>

Application for **Work Study/School Job** is due May 1, 2013

Families who are eligible for PSAS money must also apply for a school job. A job application form can be downloaded from the NDA website or a copy can be found at the school office.

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

The following are due May 1, 2013 and can be downloaded from our Tuition Information Webpage.

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**NDA iPad Order Form**

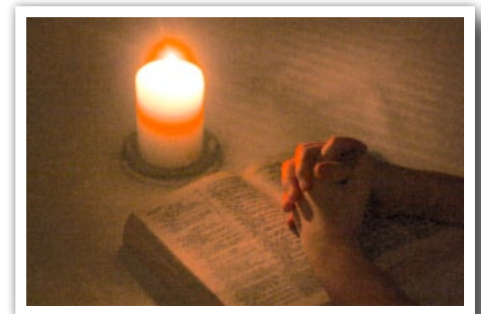
**NDA Multi Daughter Tuition Credit Form**

**NDA/CCH Sibling Tuition Credit Form**

## WEEKLY MASS READING REFLECTION ◀

For the remainder of the school year we will feature a personal/academic reflection on the weekly Mass readings. The reflections will be from students in Mrs. Wagner's sophomore Scriptures class.

This week's Weekly Mass Reading Reflection was written by Kelsey Collins and can be found [HERE](#).



## EARTH DAY AT NDA ◀

The Environmental Club at Notre Dame Academy oversees the school's recycling of aluminum cans and paper, and plans activities to help promote environmental awareness on campus. The eco-friendly club has had a number of successes this year.

First, they have entered their second year of single stream recycling through Rumpke. They can recycle all paper, aluminum, steel, glass, and plastic that is used at NDA. The club has made great strides in getting more materials recycled by having a dedicated group of students recycle every Friday after school.

Last spring the club launched a composting program for the Sisters of Notre Dame on the fourth floor of NDA's school building. This Earth Day they will triple NDA's composting capacity. "This will allow all vegetable waste from the fourth floor to be composted and used in Sr. Mary Ethel's garden," says club moderator, Mr. Dan Martin. "With the added capacity, we are hoping to eventually launch a composting program for the vegetable waste produced in our cafeteria," adds Martin.

In addition to all of these things, NDA's Environmental Club is partnering with the Rotary Club of Covington to help maintain and beautify the Rotary Garden at Devou Park.

Congratulations to Mr. Martin and the Environmental Club at NDA for all of their environmental efforts to make a difference in the world!

## Counseling and Student Services News ◀

### Junior Parents and Students: College Planning Meeting

Monday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Burgei will present information on  
College Planning: Getting Started Early.



Topics to be covered include:

- When students can start applications
- When applications are due
- How to find scholarships from colleges and from outside organizations
- Applying for Financial Aid
- How to schedule campus visits
- A few seniors will talk about their college application and decision process
- Q and A time

Families are still welcome to schedule individual meetings with Ms. Burgei. The goal of this meeting is to get a large number of students/families the basic information needed to jump start their college planning process. Location: NDA Auditorium. Questions: Contact Ms. Burgei at 859-292-1830 or [burgeik@ndapandas.org](mailto:burgeik@ndapandas.org).

### Cincinnati Area Spring College Fair

Xavier University - Cintas Center - Sunday, April 28, 2013 - 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

High school students and parents are invited to explore college options with over 150 nationally recognized colleges and universities. This is a free event and there is no need to RSVP. Parking will be available near and around the Cintas Center. For more information call 513-745-3301 or go to: <http://www.xavier.edu/undergraduate-admission/collegefair/>

### Scheduling Update!

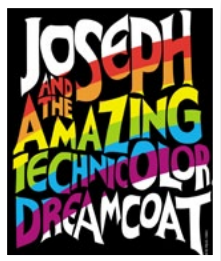
Last day students can change a class is May 16. Students can see Mrs. Monohan or Ms. Burgei if they have questions.

### Attention Freshman Parents

Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) will be here April 29 and 30 to enroll freshman in the Individual Learning Plan (ILP) program. This is a free program to assist students in planning for career and college plans. Students must have social security numbers on file at NDA in order to enroll in this program. Questions: Contact Mrs. Monohan. KHEAA Website: [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com)

### Summer Opportunities

Don't forget to check out the list of summer programs and opportunities on our website. Student camps, job shadow experiences, volunteering opportunities, and much more are available for students! To view this page, [click here](#).



### MUSICAL MEGA-HIT ◀

NDA and CCH brought the biblical story of Joseph to life with their spring musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Their production was a colorful blast of song and dance. The sets and costumes are imaginative and the lighting effects were very impressive. Over 75 students from Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic High School worked for six weeks to bring Andrew Lloyd Webber's music and Tim Rice's lyrics to the stage at NDA.



DVD's from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* are available for \$20.00 a copy. Your order, accompanied with payment, should be submitted to Mrs. Stratman by Friday, May 3, 2013.



## FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE ◀

### Annual Appeal

We are getting close to reaching our goal of \$250,000 for the 2012-2013 Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$240,000. Thanks to those of you who have already invested generously in our mission of educating women to make a difference in the world. Please help us reach our goal so our students can reach theirs!

### Save the Date!

This year's Golden Girls (alumnae who have graduated at least 50 years ago) Luncheon is October 27, 2013.

### Senior Luncheon Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers, in particular senior parents, for this year's Senior Luncheon on May 22 at 11:30 a.m. If you can help please contact Alumnae Coordinator, [Emily Berling](#), at 859.292.1852.



### Sister Act

The Advancement and Alumnae Office has partnered with Broadway in Cincinnati to offer DISCOUNTED tickets to the upcoming performances of Sister Act to our students, parents, alumnae, and friends. This is a must see! Sister Act will be playing at the Aronoff Center April 30 - May 12 as a part of Broadway Across America. Get your friends together and get your tickets now! Remember to purchase your tickets online at <http://www.eventusher.com/> and enter the password **notredame** so \$10 of the ticket sales will go to NDA!

## DISH ROOM NEWS ◀

Hello Dish Room Volunteers! We need volunteers for the following dates: 4/24, 4/25, 4/30, 5/1, 5/2, 5/3, 5/7, 5/8, 5/9, 5/10.



Here are three easy ways to sign up...

1. Using Volunteer Spot at [CAFETERIA SIGN-UP](#)
2. Calling 331-8140
3. Emailing [sharib@zoomtown.com](mailto:sharib@zoomtown.com)

## AFTER PROM VOLUNTEERS ◀

Also, chaperones are greatly needed for the After Prom. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to volunteer.

## FOLLOW US ◀

“Like” us on Facebook and 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:



## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

### Explore Your Faith

On Saturday, September 7, the Department of Catechesis and Formation will hold a conference on Vatican Council II and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The conference, to be held at Receptions Conference Center, is open to all parishioners in the Diocese of Covington. By hosting this conference, Bishop Foys hopes the faithful of the diocese will take advantage of this opportunity to explore and understand their faith in a greater way. Admission is free, but space is limited and pre-registration is required. Registration forms are available on the [diocesan website](#).

### Care for Carolyn

NDA graduate, Carolyn “Jeannie” Wolnitzek Stein of Edgewood, 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 Schreiver, 538 Yatz Dr., Edgewood, KY 41017. Please come support Carolyn and her fight against Alzheimer’s. For additional information, please contact Jeff Schreiver: [jeffschreiver@gmail.com](mailto:jeffschreiver@gmail.com) or 859.331.6816.