

An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings Parents,

Tomorrow we celebrate the May Crowning Mass and the Sophomore Ring Ceremony. This is a special day to honor our patroness Mary and to reflect on our educational mission as a school dedicated to Mary. It also marks a special moment for our sophomores as they receive their class rings - a constant reminder of their years at NDA. Sophomore parents are welcome to the Mass held at 1:30 p.m. in the gym.

The Notre Dame Academy faculty, staff and students send our thoughts and prayers to the LaSalle community following the tragic incident this week. It is hard to make sense of what took place and we pray for God's guidance and love for all involved. Students were notified that our counselors are available to speak with them if they have questions or concerns about this incident. Please check the Student Services section of our website [HERE](#) for personal counselor contact information.

This week's newsletter contains a number of announcements regarding recent student successes (please see more information below). Congratulations to;

- Our science research students for their excellent showing at the Kentucky Junior Academy of Science Symposium - including Szofia Komaromy-Hiller who placed first in the Engineering & Physics category,
- Our Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS) teams for their success at the University of Cincinnati TEAMS Competition,
- French students who participated in the Grand Concours National French Exam,
- Olivia Voskuhl - Cincinnati Enquirer Girls Basketball Player of the Year.

This week our track was busy with the Diocesan Track Meet and the Middle School Track Meet. Thanks to all who helped to make this possible - especially Ms. Gunning, our coaches and the many parents and students who supported the events. We were blessed with two beautiful evenings to host many local track enthusiasts at our outdoor athletic facility.

Congratulations to our prom planning committee on a very successful evening. It was great to see so many of our students gathered together in the elegant surroundings of the Netherland Hilton and share an evening of food, dancing and laughter. A special thank you to the PTO members who planned the After Prom - the multitude of activities and games provided a safe and enjoyable evening for all.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

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 Rachel Rosenthal and can be found [HERE](#).





iPad UPDATE ◀

SWAT iTunes U Course - Since the launch of NDA's iTunes U public site, the SWAT iTunes U course has been added. Remember, courses in iTunes U can only be accessed from the [iTunes U App](#) which can be downloaded from the [App Store](#). Check out the new SWAT iTunes Course by subscribing to it from our website [HERE](#) on an iPad.

SCARF-IT-UP SUCCESS ◀

The Teen Leadership Club for Health & Wellness (TLC) and the Interact Club recently sponsored a Purse Drive. They collected 128 purses and raised \$101.81 for Scarf-It-Up's drive to purchase gloves for the needy next winter!



MAGNIFIED GIVING PROGRAM ◀

The Magnified Giving Program empowers Mr. Martin's 12th grade students to become junior philanthropists. The students research many local non-profit agencies and then choose their top two to receive a donation. The program is funded by generous donations from numerous benefactors. The program allows students to make decisions and develop leadership skills, as well as giving them an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others.

This year's Magnified Giving Program finalists were The Cure Starts Now and Lovesome Stables. A spokesperson from each talked to the seniors before they made their final decision. After much research and careful consideration the students decided to donate \$1000 to Lovesome Stables and \$300 to The Cure Starts Now.

DIOCESAN CAR WASH ◀

Get a clean car and encourage our students in their pro-life ministry! The Diocesan Car Wash is this Sunday, May 5, 11 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Covington Catholic High School. This is an activity for all high school pro-life groups that raise money for local pregnancy centers. Any donation is accepted for this event.



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.

<http://www.ndapandas.org/admissions/prospective-students/tuition-information.aspx>

NDA iPad Order Form

NDA Multi Daughter Tuition Credit Form

NDA/CCH Sibling Tuition Credit Form

Each credit form must be submitted each year if the credit applies. The credits are not carried over from one year to another.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS ◀

If you registered your Kroger Community Rewards prior to April 1, 2013, you must re-enroll online to continue supporting NDA. Re-enrolling only takes a few minutes and is completed in a few simple steps. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn how to re-enroll.

NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE ◀

Summer Health Notice



**NORTHERN KENTUCKY
INDEPENDENT DISTRICT
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

*Promoting and protecting the health of Northern Kentucky by providing
public health services essential for a safe and healthy community*



April 24, 2013

Dear Parent or Guardian,

With summer quickly approaching, we are concerned about the potential for Shigella infections in Northern Kentucky, and we would like your help in preventing a seasonal increase of this illness.

Shigella is a germ that can be spread person-to-person through contact with the stool of an infected person and then placing hands, food or another contaminated object in the mouth. Symptoms include frequent diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, fever and abdominal cramps. Young children are at increased risk for Shigella infection. The Health Department tracks cases of Shigella, which are required to be reported by health care providers and labs.

To help prevent Shigella:

- Wash hands frequently, especially after using the bathroom. Children should be taught to wash hands for at least 20 seconds.
- Do not send sick children to school or child care.
- Clean and sanitize your home frequently, especially bathrooms and diaper changing areas. For more information on how to sanitize, go to: www.nkyhealth.org/sanitize.
- Do not go swimming if you or your child has had diarrhea within the last two weeks.
- Keep healthy children and adults away from sick family members as much as possible.
- If possible, designate one bathroom for use by the infected person only.
- A sick adult should not be preparing or handling food.

If a child tests positive for Shigella, he/she cannot attend child care or school until he/she is symptom-free and has a negative stool culture at least 48 hours after antibiotic therapy is finished.

Shigella can also be spread through pool water. Because of this, please do not to take any child with diarrhea swimming. You should wait two weeks after the diarrhea stops.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other illness, please feel free to contact the Health Department at 859.363.2070.

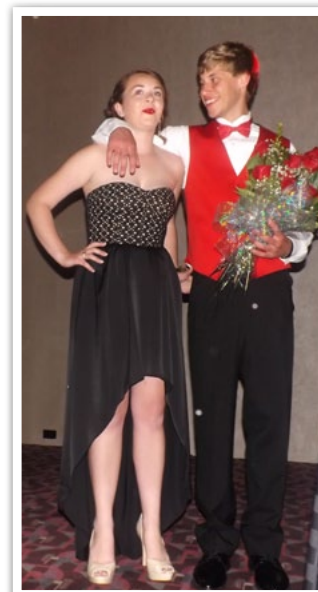
Thank you,

Joyce Rice, RN, MSPH
Epidemiology Manager

Susan Guthier, RN
Child Care Health Consultant

NDA Prom 2013 ◀

Congratulations to Prom Princess Emily Ryan and Prom Duchess Maggie McLeod!



Prom Princess Emily Ryan
and her date

Counseling and Student Services News ◀

Student Exam schedules:

Students were all emailed a copy of the schedule for exams. Please ask your daughter to help you fill in the blanks of the schedule. Here is the link for the schedules: [Exam schedules](#)

The Counseling Department will start to administer AP Testing next week. Click here for the dates and times of the various AP tests: [AP Testing Schedule](#)

ACT Boot Camp will be hosting 2 sessions before the June 8 test:

Option One: WEEKEND WARRIOR – Newport, KY

Four Total Sessions:

Saturday, 5/18: 9AM – 4:30PM
Sunday, 5/19: 9AM – 4:30PM
Saturday, 6/1: 9AM – 4:30PM
Sunday, 6/2: 9AM – 4:30PM

Option Two: 5-DAY INTENSIVE – Florence, KY or Newport, KY

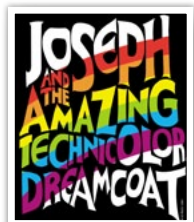
Five Total Sessions:

Monday, 6/3: 9AM – 3:30PM
Tuesday, 6/4: 9AM – 3:30PM
Wednesday, 6/5: 9AM – 3:30PM
Thursday, 6/6: 9AM – 3:30PM
Friday, 6/7: 9AM – 3:30PM

For either option register here: www.torchprep.com

VOTE FOR NDA SOFTBALL! ◀

Vote for the Notre Dame vs. Ryle softball game to be WLWT's Game of the Week. [CLICK HERE](#) to vote as many times as you like!



FROM THE THEATRE DEPARTMENT ◀

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.

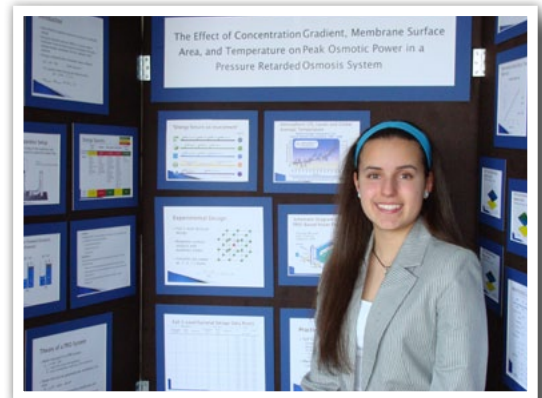
DISH ROOM NEWS ◀

Hello Dish Room Volunteers! We need volunteers for the following dates: May 2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, and 23. You can sign up by using Volunteer Spot at [CAFETERIA SIGN-UP](#).

CONGRATULATIONS!

SCIENCE RESEARCH STUDENTS ◀

Several Notre Dame Academy science research students participated in the **Kentucky Junior Academy of Science Symposium** at the University of Kentucky on April 27. Szofia Komaromy-Hiller placed first in the Engineering & Physics category and third overall in all the physical science categories. Other students placed second in their categories: Kelsey Sucher in Chemistry and Earth Science, Cassie Schoborg in Engineering and Physics, and Giannina Rokvic in Environmental Science. Kelsey will be the secretary of KJAS for 2013-14.



JETS ◀

NDA's two Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS) teams recently participated in the annual **TEAMS Competition** and scored very well. The Freshman-Sophomore Team placed first in the University of Cincinnati rankings and second in the state of Kentucky rankings in their division. The Junior-Senior JETS Team came in sixth place in the University of Cincinnati rankings in their division.

The teams meet twice a month throughout the year to practice engineering problems and study the content presented on the TEAMS Competition exam in March. The JETS TEAMS program is an annual high school competition helping students discover their potential for engineering. Using math, science and 21st century learning skills, students work together to problem-solve real, everyday world challenges. This year due to snow, the event was canceled. NDA JETS members took this exam on-site in early April.

Since the Freshman-Sophomore Team scored in the top twenty percent in the private school division, they have been invited to attend the National Competition in Orlando, Florida in June. NDA's JETS club moderator, Mrs. Diane Goldcamp, commented "This is a great accomplishment and we should be proud of the hard work, dedication, and effort these ladies have put forth to prepare for this competition."

Félicitations to NDA French Students ◀

Sixty-eight Notre Dame French students participated in the **Grand Concours**, the national French exam, on March 20. This very difficult annual test, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French, assesses the students' knowledge of vocabulary, grammar, and culture, as well as their listening and reading skills. The top ten scores at each level in each state are recognized for outstanding performance on this test. The top scores from each state are then considered for national recognition.

Congratulations to the following NDA students for their exceptional achievement in this competition:

Sullivan Blackburn	French I	8th place	State level
Kelsey Sucher	French I	7th place	State level & 10th place National level
Bridget Neltner	French I	4th place	State level & 7th place National level

Congratulations also go to the following students will receive a *Certificat de Réussite* (honorable mention) for their excellent performance: Andrea Davis, Julia Goins, Tara Rennekamp, Grace Gettelfinger, Erin Hunt, Claire Suetholz, Hannah Ziegelmeyer, Claire Bessler, Vanessa Cao, Rosemary Plunkett, and Hanna Sullivan.

OLIVIA VOSKUHL ◀

Congratulations to Olivia Voskuhl who was named Girls Basketball Player of the Year by the Cincinnati Enquirer, the Northern KY Coaches Association and the Northern KY Athletic Conference. Olivia was also invited to try out for the prestigious KY Senior All Star Team.

ACCOUNTING STUDENTS LEARN REAL WORLD LESSONS ◀

Notre Dame Academy Accounting II students recently visited St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Data Center to learn how accounting relates to the medical industry. St. Elizabeth employees talked to the students about how accounting concepts including budgeting, inventory, and costs, integrate with the many different departments at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The field trip was organized by St. Elizabeth employee and NDA parent Joe Elfers and NDA business teacher Kelly Gronotte. "The students prepared for their visit to St. Elizabeth's by researching the medical industry and recognizing its relationship to accounting.



Participating Students: Molly Hinken, Morgan Blank, Caroline Durstock, Jenna Elfers, Megan Frank, and Whitney Reynolds with St. Elizabeth Employees

BUSINESS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN "PORTFOLIOS" ◀



NDA business students were recently introduced to the benefits of long-term investing when they visited Northern Kentucky University for the Portfolios Investment Education Workshop. The workshop is an eye opening experience that can inspire students in a variety of ways. By participating in a simulated stock market game, the students applied their knowledge to learn more about long-term investments in a fun and memorable way.

Participating students: Abbe Johnson, Maddie Buring, Jenna Elfers, Lindsey Holthaus, Lanie Boehmer, Olivia Reinert, Kendall Burwick, and Tessa Farrar.

FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE ◀

Employment Opportunity

NDA's is currently looking for an Advancement Associate. Reporting to the Advancement Director, this key position is full-time, year-round (including summers), non-exempt and supports development efforts at NDA. The salary range is \$13-\$15 per hour plus benefits. Please respond by this FRIDAY, MAY 3 with cover letter and resume to hehmana@nda-pandas.org. No phone calls, please. You can also see this position information on our website [HERE](#).

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 Reception 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 or 859.331.6816.