



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings Parents,

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is almost here. Our seniors have exams from May 20-22 and all other exams are held from May 28 -30. Exams schedules can be found on our website at the Student Services page - <http://www.ndapandas.org/academics/counseling-and-student-services.aspx>. Faculty and students are busy wrapping up the year and preparing for the end of year assessments. It can be a stressful time and we encourage students to support one another and make healthy choices to reduce stress.

On Friday, May 17 we're having a special day to celebrate our school and especially our seniors. The day will include the Panda Prowl on our campus, the dedication of the Buenger Sports Complex (please see invitation below) and the senior sendoff (students only).

Congratulations to our May Student of the Month - Senior Michaela Terry. Please read about Michaela's commitment to serving others in the announcement below.

Speaking of service, congratulations also to our students who were elected as Class Presidents for the 2013-14 school year (please see Student Life section). All of the girls who ran for these offices are to be commended for their interest in serving our school and their fellow students.

On Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m., we will celebrate the academic accomplishments of students in our freshman through junior classes. At the Academic Awards Ceremony, students are recognized for First Honors, Honor Society membership and state, regional and national recognition of academic success. Invitations have been mailed to students who qualify. We look forward to celebrating these accomplishments with our students and their parents.

Finally, Monday May 13, marks the anniversary of the beautification of St. Julie Billiart. St. Julie is considered the spiritual mother and foundress of the Sisters of Notre Dame. In her prayers, St. Julie calls us to celebrate God's goodness in our world. I truly hope that each student experiences this goodness through her NDA education.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



Abby Atkins Crowns Mary at annual NDA May Crowning & Class of 2015 Ring Ceremony last Thursday.

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 Lauren Stansberry and can be found [HERE](#).





iPad UPDATE ◀

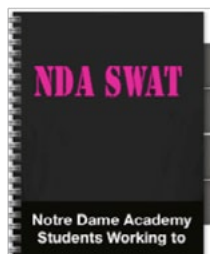
APP of the Week:

This week's "App of the Week" was submitted by sophomore Megan Hueker. The name of the app is iMotion HD. Megan made this video (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EolcqyXtK3w&feature=youtu.be>) with this app and was so excited to share it with the SWAT Team, that we put it on display in the cafeteria. Thank you, Megan!



Please look for information in the next few days regarding the procedure for backing up your iPad before summer break. Students will need to be certain that they have their data backed up to iCloud. Students and faculty are welcome to stop by the SWAT office anytime for assistance. All resources are also stored in Mrs. Mullee's iTunes U Courses located in the iTunes Store in the iTunes U section. Just search "Notre Dame Academy, Park Hills, Ky" and both courses will be listed.

For all students:



For Parents:



YOU'RE INVITED... ◀

The **Dedication of the Buenger Sports Complex** will take place next Friday, May 17, from 11:00 a.m. followed by a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. All NDA families are invited to the dedication of NDA's track and field with our faculty, staff, and student body, and then to a luncheon in celebration of the event. PLEASE R.S.V.P. to the school office (858.261.4300) by Monday at 4:00 p.m. if you plan to attend as we will need to know how many to plan on for the luncheon.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
invites you to join us for the
Dedication of the
BUENGER SPORTS COMPLEX

Friday, May 17, 2013
at 11:00 a.m.

1699 Hilton Drive,
Park Hills, Kentucky 41011

R.S.V.P. - 859.261.4300
by Monday, May 13, 2013

NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE ◀

Congratulations to the following students who were elected last Friday as Class Co-Presidents for the 2013-2014 school year:

Senior Class: Molly Mayer and Maggie Hackman

Junior Class: Emma Hughes and Kate Kloska

Sophomore Class: Taylor Watts and Kirsten Richards

Just a reminder that all students who are interested in being a homeroom representative next year, applications and recommendations are due to Mrs. Gronotte by Friday, May 17.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀



Notre Dame's Michaela Terry is a true servant leader who exhibits kindness, compassion, and humility that has earned her the recognition of May's Student of the Month. Although Michaela, an NDA senior who plans to attend Northern Kentucky University in the fall, admits to being kind of shy, she is committed to helping others. Mrs. Gronotte, Michaela's Publications teacher for the past two years, observes Michaela's "ability to work with others for the greater good of all." During her Publication classes, "Michaela guides the first year students and helps them accomplish their tasks," – evidence that she is committed to helping others.

Michaela's servant leadership extends beyond her Publications class. For the past two years, Michaela has assisted with the Panda Sleepover – a fun event organized for current 8th graders from both feeder and non-feeder schools. Michaela also volunteers at the Urban Education Center, and she has done so for the past two years. Michaela does take time off from volunteering at the Urban

Education Center to play softball at Notre Dame Academy. For the past four years, Michaela has been a softball Panda and has led the team as a captain for the past two years. She currently plays shortstop for the team.

Michaela, who consistently joins Sister Reina in the chapel for daily Rosary, knows just how lucky she is. Having traveled to Haiti where her two adopted sisters grew up and to Peru with NDA's mission group, Michaela sees just how fortunate she is and recognizes all that God has blessed her with. For Michaela, her mother and sister Hannah are true blessings and role models, and they inspire her to reach out and to serve others. Congratulations, Michaela on earning this recognition, and may you continue to be inspired beyond Notre Dame Academy.



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

FACTS Management Company will again help us manage our tuition payment program. If you are a current parent, already using FACTS, and your account and payment plan information will remain the same you will not need to re-register. FACTS sign in is located at <https://online.factsmgt.com/SignIn.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f> or it can be accessed from the NDA Tuition webpage.

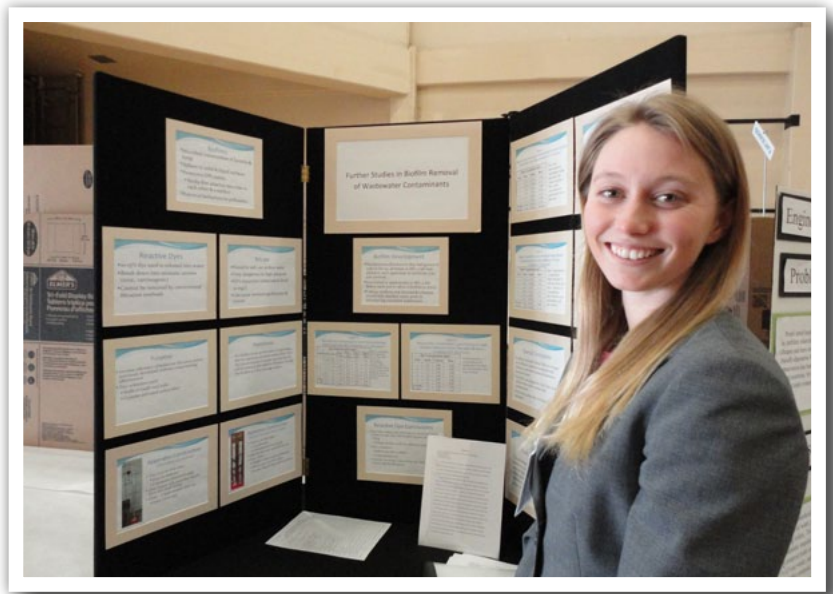
If you are a new parent, currently not enrolled in FACTS, you will be receiving an invitation from FACTS to enroll in the tuition payment plan sometime in mid June. The invitation will contain your Unique Code and Postal code for setup to the system and will contain detailed information about access to the FACTS system from our webpage. You will assign your own unique Username and Password. You will indicate your preferred tuition payment plan. If you are having difficulty accessing the system or do not receive an invitation please contact FACTS customer support at [866-441-4637](tel:866-441-4637). You will be directed to go to FACTS webpage to create a FACTS account at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3WGJM> or you can access from the NDA Tuition webpage.

If you intend to pay your 2013-2014 tuition in full before August 1, 2013 you will receive a credit of \$100 and you will not need to enroll in the FACTS program. If you have questions concerning your account, contact Finance Director, Mike Meadows, at meadowsm@ndapandas.org. Please indicate student name in the subject of the email.

CONGRATULATIONS! ◀

Stockholm Junior Water Prize

On May 1, the Kentucky-Tennessee Water Environment Association identified Monica McFadden as the Kentucky winner of the Stockholm Junior Water Prize. She will represent the commonwealth at the U.S. competition in Portland, Oregon, on June 14 and 15. The Water Environment Federation sponsors the competition on the local, state, national and international levels in order to encourage young people to find solutions to the challenge of providing clean water on a global scale. Monica has been chosen as the Kentucky representative three of the four years of high school.



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](#)

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

Good News!

Rachel Birrer was an alternate for Governor's School for the Art (Visual Arts) and now has been slated to attend as a participant. NDA now has six students participating in GSA this year and eight students in GSP!

Ellie Fathman was selected by Murray State to participate in their three-week residential summer Honors Program (Commonwealth Honors Academy).

Three junior students that were accepted to be Center College Fellows - **Abigail Martin, Jill Edgington, and Stephanie Hacker**. By winning they have an automatic \$14,000 scholarship per year to Centre - [Centre Fellows Scholarship](#).

VICTORY ◀

NDA freshman Micaela Stephenson recently had her writing published on the [Side-Out Foundation's](#) website. According to their website, "The Side-Out Foundation (Side-Out) was established in 2004 to unite volleyball players and coaches and to have them work toward the common goal of furthering breast cancer awareness, education and patient services." It was also posted on [PrepVolleyball.com](#) and mentioned on Twitter by the three-time Olympic Gold Medalist, Kerri Walsh. You can check out her work here: <http://www.side-out.org/blog/victory/>

FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE ◀

Attention SENIOR Parents: Commemorate your daughter's NDA graduation with a brick on the NDA Marian Circle in the front of the building! You can purchase a brick at the special graduation rate of \$150. Contact the Advancement Office at 859-292-7729 or email Alumnae Coordinator Emily Berling at berlinge@ndapandas.org.

VISUAL ARTS NEWS ◀

Senior Art Shows

This year, our senior artists, alongside the art seniors of CCH, were blessed with the opportunity to show at the incredible Sagra Gallery, in Bellevue, Kentucky. Thanks to the Hargis family for allowing us to hang our work on your walls for another year!!!

The senior artwork is currently on display at Reality Tuesday's in Park Hills and will continue to be on display there throughout the month of May. Please stop down and check out the unbelievable amount of artistic talent that NDA has to offer. Thanks to Traci and the crew at Reality Tuesday's for allowing us to show our work!!!

Senior Artists in Chicago



This year, the senior art students took part in an NDA art tradition as we traveled to Chicago for our annual Senior Art Trip. We arrived in Chicago on Saturday around noon, which gave us just enough time to unload our luggage and catch the train to Wrigley Field where we not only witnessed our very own Cincinnati Reds pull out a win over the Cubs, but we were also able to take in all of the history and culture that Wrigley has to offer. After the game, we were able to spend some time in Millennium Park before grabbing some Chicago-style pizza. Later in the evening we saw the always mind-blowing Blue Man Group and then we concluded our night by joining up with the students from CCH for some late night Ultimate Frisbee.

Sunday was spent at the beautiful Art

Institute of Chicago, which houses an astounding collection of art. After the Institute, we packed up and headed for home ending another successful and festive trip to Chicago. A huge thanks to the parents of the students that attended the trip for allowing them to go to Chicago. A huge thanks to the 15 students who attended for making the trip such a good time. Special thanks to Nancy Cason, Susie Crush, and Taylor Crush for chaperoning the trip.



Summer Art Classes

Just a reminder that forms and payment for the High School Summer Art Class and for the Junior High Summer Art Camps are due by Friday, May 24. If you have any questions, please email me at eckerlem@ndapandas.org.

Thanks all,
matt eckerle



Check out all of the

Summer Enrichment Opportunities
At NDA

HERE

A FELLOW PANDA NEEDS YOUR HELP! ◀

Alexandra Deaton is a sophomore at NDA. Alexandra's mother, Cathie Deaton, was diagnosed in the fall with Stage 4 metastatic melanoma. There are multiple tumors throughout her body, including her brain. She has recently begun to lose her vision in one eye. Cathie has been through radiation and oral chemo and now must add intravenous chemo. Cathie and her husband Tim have three children: Alexandra, Killian (will be at CCH next year), and Zachary (at St. Agnes).

The link below is for a care page which has been set up to provide meals to the family (they have a cooler on their front porch for easy drop-off). If you would like to help, but don't have time to prepare a meal, they are very appreciative of Kroger Gift Cards. If you would like to send extra snacks or fresh fruit, they would welcome those also. Feel free to drop off these non-perishable extra items in the school office and we will forward them. Many thanks in advance for your love, support, and prayers for the Deaton family!

Go to: Carecalendar.org

1. Near the top, right-hand side, you'll see "Logon to a calendar".
2. Under that, enter the following: Calendar ID: 148339 and Security Code: 6097.
3. Anything in a green font on the calendar is already taken; red means that help is still needed.
4. Click on a date with a red font. A new screen appears. Just fill in the information and hit "Sign Up".
5. For more details, click on the icons above and to the left of the calendar. For instance, "Recipient", "More Details" provides more information on the meals and other ways you can help.



If you have any questions about the website, please contact Sherri Feinauer at asf410@fuse.net or 859-578-9144. If you have other questions or would like to help in any other way, please contact Ann Rospert at annpaul@insightbb.com or 859-344-1162.

God Bless You!

DISH ROOM NEWS ◀

Hello Dish Room Volunteers! We need volunteers for the following dates: May 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, and 23. If you are able to donate just about an hour and 45 minutes on any of these dates, we would greatly appreciate it!

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

Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers!



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.

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](#).