



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings Parents,

The final week is here and school officially ends this Friday with cleaning day. It has certainly been a productive and eventful year - from our iPad Initiative to our Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award and AdvancEd Re-accreditation. We have seen great successes in our academic, fine arts, service and athletic programs. I am grateful to our faculty, staff, students and parents for making 2012-13 school year such a great success. Please watch for our Annual Report edition of the Notre Damian later this year.

Many of our teachers are engaging in professional development opportunities this summer to stay current in their field and learn more about best practice. I have been very impressed by the many ways in which each of our teachers incorporated the iPads in their classroom and look forward to further innovations in the coming year.

Please read the information below for important details about the end-of-the-year activities and planning for next school year. A more detailed version of the 2013-14 school calendar will be available on our website by June 15.

Please consider joining our PTO for the coming school year. The volunteer form can be found [HERE](#). Our parents are an important part of our school and we look forward to having more parents join us at our monthly meetings and the many activities sponsored by PTO.

Please note that report cards will be mailed home the week of June 6. Information on your daughter's grades can also be obtained on Power School.

I wish you a blessed and safe summer.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

TO: NDA PARENTS

This is the last edition of the Panda Press Weekly for the 2012-13 school year. A summer edition of the Panda Press will be posted on our website and emailed to all parents in July. This will include important updates and information for the 2013-14 school year.



iPad UPDATE ◀

We made it! It's the end of our first full year of the 1:1 iPad Initiative at Notre Dame Academy and the program has been a tremendous success. The 1:1 iPad Initiative has allowed NDA to stay current with educational innovations that promote student achievement and success. From our SWAT team's amazing presentation at KYSTE to the publishing of the NDA iTunes U site, it's been a great school year for technological growth at NDA. As we said at the beginning of the year, we believe this initiative fully supports our mission to educate young women to make a difference in our world. The

iPad has been used in a variety of ways that fully engages our students in the learning process this year. We have enjoyed sharing this remarkable innovation with our students this year!

Mrs. Mullee
Director of Instructional Technology

NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE ◀

Begin preparing for the 2013-2014 school year by taking a look at NDA's updated uniform policy. Changes from last year have been bolded.

Notre Dame Academy has a school uniform that consists of:

- a gray uniform skirt (**the skirt must fit properly, be zipped and buttoned, hemmed appropriately and free of stains, rips, and/or holes**). Students are encouraged to purchase a new skirt if it no longer zips, has tears, holes, or stains.
- a white NDA banded shirt for Freshmen through Juniors
- a navy blue or white NDA banded shirt for Seniors
- solid white, gray, black or navy blue socks
- appropriate shoes that have a back to them



Optional items that may be purchased and worn with the uniform include:

- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy pullover sweater
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy sweatshirt
- **a navy blue blazer with NDA's emblem for special occasions such as Mass, award ceremonies, etc.**
- gray, black, or navy blue leggings

No colored undergarments or undergarments with visible writing that detracts from the uniform may be worn under the uniform blouse. If a student chooses to wear a T-shirt under the uniform shirt, it must be a plain white V-neck and may not be visible. No slacks may be worn under the uniform during the school day. Students may wear the uniform sweater or sweatshirt during the school day. No other sweaters or sweatshirts are acceptable.

NDA is very excited to introduce two additions to the uniform policy – a navy blue blazer with NDA's emblem. This item will be optional for the 2013-2014 school year and can be worn for special occasions (Mass, community events, award ceremonies). Black slacks are often required for NDA events and are also available for purchase through Schoolbelles. Click on the [Schoolbelles website](#) to get more information on pricing and NDA apparel.



Happy summer to all current and incoming Notre Dame Pandas! Panda Newbies (incoming freshmen) are invited to attend our first get together on June 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Notre Dame Academy. Current students will be hosting a meet and greet right here on campus, and there will be snacks, games, and great fun! Please join us!



DON'T MISS NDA & CCH DRAMA STUDENTS AT LOCAL ARTS FESTIVAL ◀



Performances of “We Put the ‘F.U.N.’ in Funeral” will take place at the School for Creative and Performing Arts Thursday, May 30 at 8:45 p.m. and Friday, May 31 at 7:15 p.m. All tickets are \$12. For more information or tickets: cincyfringe.com or call 513.300.KNOW(5669). (Parental Advisory: Not intended for small children)

“We Put the ‘F.U.N.’ in Funeral” features several up-and-coming young artists from Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic High School in the FringeNext program at Cincinnati’s 10th Annual Fringe Festival May 28 – June 8. NDA’s Hannah Regan and CCH’s Jimmy Stratman, (with the help of NDA’s Audrey Hehman), have co-written this dark comedy which centers on a family whose dysfunction reaches a peak and comes to blows at a funeral for one of their own. The play was chosen as one of only three high school productions to be featured in this year’s FringeNext program.

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. All orders due by June 21. Contact the Advancement Office at 859-292-7729 or email Alumnae Coordinator Emily Berling at berlinge@ndapandas.org.



Check out all of the
Summer Enrichment Opportunities
At NDA

Art, Music, Theatre, Athletics, Computer Science & More!

You’ll find them all at www.ndapandas.org

Counseling and Student Services News ◀

Scheduling for Next Year:

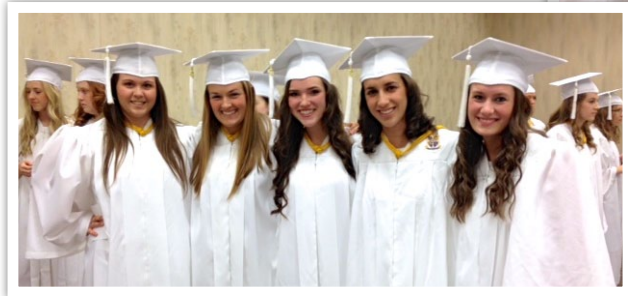
Scheduling has come to an end. The last day to change a class was May 16. Any changes to schedules between now and the end of the school year will result in students paying a \$25.00 change of class fee. Counselors are not available to address scheduling changes during the summer months. There is a 2-week window at the start of next school year during which any final scheduling changes can be attempted.

Laffalot Camps is in need of 15-year-olds and up to work at their summer camp this summer. They pay \$185 per week and they are doing 3 camps at Northern Kentucky schools this summer. Email Pat Nymberg at pnymberg@laffalot-camps.com for more information.

Fuel Up Programs is hosting summer classes for teens and moms who are interested in getting in back in shape and learning about good nutrition. For more information visit the website at www.fuelupwellness.com.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Class of 2013



KEEP IN TOUCH THIS SUMMER ◀

Have you had a chance to “Like” us on Facebook yet? Get all of the latest information on what’s happening at NDA this summer by following us on Facebook and Twitter. Here are the links to our official [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages:

CAR WASH TO BENEFIT PERU MISSION TRIP ◀



Girls traveling to Peru this summer to paint and refurbish buildings, mentor children in English and bring their spirit of friendship to the community will wash your car while you wait on Saturday, June 1 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church. Donations will be gladly accepted and will be used for supplies needed for the work that that girls will do at the mission.

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.



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. 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.

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!

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Care for the Caregiver

The St. Charles Community is hosting *Care for the Caregiver* Thursday, July 13, 9:30 -11:00 a.m. at The Lodge at St. Charles-Charleston Room. The program features Margie Volpenhein, St. Charles At-Home Director, and Phyllis Reed, St. Elizabeth Nurse Practitioner. Please make reservations by calling Carolyn @ 292-1658 before June 6. Continental Breakfast to be served.

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](#).