



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents,

The new school year is quickly approaching! We are excited about the return of our students and faculty and look forward to welcoming all those who will be new to the NDA community.

Thanks to all of our parents who attended the information sessions this week. For those who have not gotten their packets yet, these can be picked up at the school office between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. These contain important information pertaining to the school year as well as forms that need to be completed and returned the first day of school. **Please see important announcements and reminders about upcoming events below.**

Several forms and documents can be found online this year. This includes the [Student/Parent Handbook](#). Students and parents are responsible for the contents of this document and are required to sign off that they have read and understood its contents. This form is in your packet and must be returned the first day of school.

I am pleased to announce the new faculty and staff joining us this year. They are;

Ms. Elizabeth Ehrman	English and Physical Science
Ms. Kathy Hildreth	Personal Counselor
Mr. Bill Stamm	Biology and Chemistry

I am also pleased to announce our PTO officers and grade level parent representatives for the 2013-14 school year. This information can be found on our website on our [PTO page](#). I am very grateful to these parents for their time and commitment to NDA. I look forward to working with them to advance the mission of our school.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

**Notre Dame Academy
is built on the
Four Educational Principles
of the Sisters of Notre Dame:**

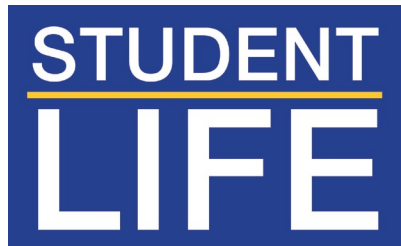


- The centrality of a good and provident God
- The human dignity of each person as an image of God
- The Notre Dame educator as a Gospel witness
- An integrated education for transformation

PARKING PASSES - CORRECTION ◀

Parking permits will be sold after the first two weeks of school have begun. A [Student Driver Application](#) must be downloaded from our website and completed before a permit can be sold. Students must also read the [Parking Information Rules & Regulations](#) on our website and abide by the rules to retain permission to park on NDA's lot. Parking permits are sold on a lottery basis. Each student with a completed form, valid drivers license and the \$25 fee will pull a pass from a box. The student will only be permitted to draw one time. Seniors permits will be sold first, then juniors, then sophomores. There will be announcements made regarding when the permits will be on sale.

Parking the first two weeks of school are on a first come, first parking spot basis.



STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Orientation

All incoming freshmen are invited to Orientation on Monday, August 12, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at approximately 3:00 p.m. All students will need to come comfortably dressed, so they can fully participate in the day's events. Students will need to bring their class schedules and their iPads fully charged. NDA will provide lunch, so come prepared to have some fun and learn a lot!

All transfer students are welcome to Orientation on Monday, August 12, beginning at 10:30 a.m. We will begin with lunch, walk through class schedules and set up iPads. Students can expect to stay until around 3:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Don't forget to check out the school's electronic calendar found on [NDA's homepage](#). This has been updated to include the events of the 2013-2014 school year.

INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG WOMEN ◀

All are welcome!



Please join us on August 12 for a very special presentation for parents. Dr. Lisa Hinkelman, founder and Executive Director of the ROX foundation, will present "What's Going on for Girls and How We Can Help Them" – a presentation about the many issues girls and young women face in our modern world. Dr. Hinkelman has done extensive research and written books and articles about girls' issues. She is the author of *Girls Without Limits: Helping Girls Achieve Healthy Relationships, Academic Success and Interpersonal Strength*. Dr. Hinkelman will share her expertise on ways to make girls successful in their school and personal lives. Dr. Hinkelman is including this presentation as part of her visit to our Diocese that week to speak to our diocesan teachers on bullying prevention.

▶ Important dates: Opening of School Year

August 12	8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	New Student Orientation
August 12	6:30 p.m.	Dr. Lisa Hinkelman; "What's Going on for Girls and How We Can Help Them"
August 13-15		Teacher In Service
August 19		First Day of School
September 2		Labor Day (No School)
September 11	7:00 p.m.	Mini Night

ADVANCEMENT UPDATE ◀

Advertise in the 2013 Autumn Gala Program

Ads start at just \$50 for a business card size. Artwork is due by August 19. Contact Advancement Director Anna Hehman at hehmana@ndapandas.org to reserve a space today!

Mark your Calendars:

September 9-13 - Bring a \$20 or more gift card donation to school when you drop off your daughter (or send it with your daughter) and the Advancement Office will provide you breakfast!

September 18 - NDA Autumn Gala Day at Fort Wright Skyline. Drop off a \$20 or more gift card donation to the Fort Wright Skyline and receive a coupon for a free cheese coney *Need not eat at Skyline that day to participate.



NDA Science Research Students Place at 2013 International Genius Olympiad ◀



Three Notre Dame Academy science research students recently brought home medals after placing at the 2013 International Genius Olympiad. NDA's Cassidy Ryan, Giannina Rokvic, and Ellen Kendall attended the Genius Olympiad in Oswego, New York, from June 16 to 21. The event promotes a global understanding of environmental issues and included about 550 qualifiers from over 60 countries.

Each of these Notre Dame Academy students participated at Genius Olympiad in the science category (including Environmental Quality, Ecology and Biodiversity, Resources and Energy, and Human Ecology). Rokvic was awarded a bronze medal for her work on removing newspaper ink from paper by means of a micro emulsion. Kendall received a silver award for work with generating biofuel from encapsulated yeast, and Ryan also was awarded silver for her studies of the biological effects of artificial sweeteners in wastewater. These three young women developed their projects as part of Notre Dame Academy's Science Research class under the direction of Sr. Mary Ethel Parrott, SND.

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PIANO CLASS AT NDA ◀

Adult Group Piano I

Have you always wanted to learn how to play piano? Did you take lessons as a child but can't remember much more than Middle C? This class is for you! Join other adults in a fun and relaxed, yet learning-filled environment of recreational music making! This weekly class will cover the basics of piano: proper technique, note reading, rhythm, articulation, chords, and more. At the end of the course, students will enjoy a night of good friends, food, and musical fun. Class size is limited; register early to reserve your seat!

Dates/Time: Tuesdays 5:15-6:15 p.m. | September 3 - December 17, 2013

Cost: \$230 (book included)

Registration Deadline: August 27, 2013 (\$30 due at this time)

For more info and to register: Nell Schaffer | schaffern@ndapandas.org | 859-292-1858



Adult Group Piano II

This class is for adults who can already read music and understand basic rhythms, but would like to expand their musical horizon. Students will cover more advanced technique, various key signatures/chords, playing from lead sheets, 12-bar blues, and some improvising. As with the first section, this course will conclude with an evening of friends, food, and musical fun! Due to the nature of this course, it is strongly recommended that students discuss placement with the instructor before registering. Class size is limited; contact the instructor early to reserve your seat!

Dates/Time: Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m. | September 3 - December 17, 2013

Cost: \$200 (students having taken Piano I @ NDA) | \$220 (all other students)

Registration Deadline: August 27, 2013 (\$20 due at this time; all students)

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