



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents,

On behalf of our faculty and staff, we are looking forward to welcoming our students back on Monday! This has been a productive week as our teachers and staff completed our in-service program in preparation for our new school year. Our theme this year is "Let us journey together in hope." We have many exciting plans this year to make this journey one that continues to fulfill our mission as a Catholic school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame and committed to academic excellence and service to others.

Our first day of school - this Monday - will be a full day. The schedule will include an opening assembly, class time, grade level meetings and the opening school Mass. Students should report to homeroom (not the first period class) by 8:00 a.m. Students are expected to bring their iPads the first day. Additional information about supplies will be provided in each class. Instructions will be given to students regarding iPad setup and access to apps and any online textbooks they will need.

Students are expected to be in full uniform the first day. If needed, please consult the uniform policy found in our [Student/Parent Handbook](#). Please note that the uniform skirt should fit properly, be clean, hemmed and closed using a functioning zipper. Shoes must have backs on them. Any student who purchased an optional blazer is welcome to wear that for the opening Mass.

As indicated on the school calendar, every Wednesday this year will be a late start. Students are expected to report to first period class by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday. This will allow for faculty meetings and collaboration time once per week.

On Friday, August 23, our Student Council will sponsor a mixer to celebrate the opening of the school year. The theme is Mathlete/Athletes. This will be held at NDA and the cost is \$3.00. The dance starts at 8:00 p.m. and students must arrive by 8:45 p.m. if they wish to attend the dance. Appropriate attire is required to attend. We are in need of parent chaperones so if you are interested in helping out please contact Mrs. Grayson at graysona@ndapandas.org.

Please make sure all required paperwork is completed and turned in the first week, preferably on Monday. This was included in the packets given out at the Parent nights last week. Please remember the [Student/Parent Handbook](#) can be found online and students and parents are required to sign off that they have read and understood the contents of the handbook. This form is included in your packet on the back of the pink contact information sheet.

Please note that there is a meeting on August 22 at 7:00 p.m. for new student athletes and their parents. This is required for any new student who wishes to participate in sports this year.

The regular Wednesday edition of the Panda Press will begin next week on August 21.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

WORKAID PROGRAM ◀

Dear Parents,

Thanks to all the families who volunteered to be part of the Workaid Program for the upcoming year. If you have not contacted Sr. Mary Paul Ann about your work please call her at 859-292-7736 or email her at hannekenp@ndapandas.org. It is important that you are informed about all that your work entails.

We all take great pride in keeping the school building so clean.

God bless you for your participation in the program!

Srs. Mary Paul Ann and Rachel

ADVANCEMENT UPDATE ◀

Advertise in the 2013 Autumn Gala Program

Ads start at just \$50 for a business card size. Artwork is due by Monday. 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.



CAFETERIA UPDATE ◀

Information regarding the lunch menu, PayPams Accounts, and Dish Room Volunteers can be found on NDA's website on the [CAFETERIA](#) page.

PayPams Account

Parents are now able to load money onto their student's cafeteria account.

Dish Room Volunteers

Volunteers are needed daily to help in the dish room in NDA's cafeteria. Shifts are from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. You can sign up to volunteer at [Volunteer Spot](#).

▶ Important Dates

August 19	8:00 a.m. First Day of School - Turn in required paperwork
August 21	9:00 a.m. Late Start
August 22	7:00 p.m. New Student Athletes Meeting
August 23	8:00 - 11:00 p.m. Student Council Mixer
September 2	Labor Day (No School)
September 6	School Pictures
September 10	7:00 p.m. PTO Meeting
September 11	7:00 p.m. Parent Mini Night