



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents,

With Labor Day just around the corner, the school year has gotten off to a great start. Faculty, staff and students are enthusiastic about the 2013-14 school year and excited that our journey has begun.

Please note that there will be no school next Monday (9/2) and Wednesday (9/4) is a late start to accommodate a faculty meeting. Picture Day is September 6 in the morning. Your daughter will be given her picture forms next Tuesday during homeroom.

The Instructional Technology Office is currently in the process of finalizing iPad set-up for all students. This involves updating the enrollment for each student in the JAMF Mobile Device Management System. It is imperative that students back-up their iPads (which is something they should all be doing regularly). Mrs. Mullee has provided tutorials on back-up procedures and reenrollment on our website on the [iPad 1:1 Initiative](#) page. All students will receive an email about these processes. Please reinforce with your daughters that their iPads must be backed up. This is the student's responsibility and NDA cannot guarantee data retrieval.

The juniors took an ACT practice test this morning as part of a program sponsored by Torchprep – the ACT Boot Camp providers. Torchprep will meet with the juniors next Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. to review the test and strategies for taking standardized tests. They will hold an informational meeting for parents on September 17 at 7:00 p.m. Please watch for further details.

Parent Mini Night is just around the corner on September 11 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. This is a special evening when you can visit each of your daughter's classes for a 10-minute overview about course expectations and activities. Your daughter will bring home her Wednesday schedule for you to follow that night. This is not a time for individual parent - teacher conferences as the teachers will be addressing parents for the entire class. If you need an individual consultation with a teacher that should be scheduled at another time.

Please remember the Advancement Office is making plans for our annual Autumn Gala scheduled for October 5. Please watch for additional information and join us for this fun-filled evening. Students are required to sell five raffle tickets for the event and these will be distributed to each student tomorrow. Tickets are \$10 each.

Finally, please mark your calendar for the first PTO meeting on Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Plans for the coming year will be discussed.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

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iPad UPDATE ◀

Have you met NDA's S.W.A.T. Team?

The NDA SWAT Team is a cutting-edge, co-curricular opportunity available at NDA. This club consists of *Students Working to Advance Technology*. The group interacts, trains, and collaborates with students and teachers assisting anyone in the NDA community with a tech issue.

In March, Notre Dame Academy's S.W.A.T. Team and NDA's Director of Instructional Technology, Molly Mullee, presented at the Kentucky Society for Technology in Education Conference (KYTE) in Louisville, Kentucky. The topic of the presentation was "Going 1:1 iPad; a Student's Perspective" for which eight students each gave their perspective of how the implementation of the iPad has changed the way they learn, their teachers teach, and how the NDA community as a whole has changed. The presentation was so impressive that the S.W.A.T. Team has been asked to share their presentation twice since KYSTE.

The S.W.A.T. Help Desk is open daily to assist students and teachers. For more information on the S.W.A.T. Help Desk hours and operating policy as well as iPad tutorials for students [CLICK HERE](#).



STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Club Orientation

Scheduled for Friday, September 20 is Club Orientation – a highlight of the school year and held as an opportunity for all students to learn more about NDA's Clubs and Activities. At Club Orientation, registered clubs will present a skit, video, and/or song, so the entire student body can learn about the membership opportunities available. All students are encouraged to take part in the fun by joining at least one club this year. Club Orientation Registration Forms (available in the school's office

or on the [school's website](#)) are due by Friday, September 6.

Panda Bucks

As we journey together in faith this school year, students are encouraged to do the work of the Lord through service, love and compassion. Since school resumed last Monday, we have spotted many of our Pandas supporting one another, and as a way to recognize these students for their compassion and empathy, Panda Bucks will be awarded to them. Panda Bucks, worth \$1 each and applicable to any item, are redeemable at NDA's Bambootique and good until the end of the year. Awarded to our students for serving their community and putting others before themselves, Panda Bucks are just another way we say "thank you!"



ADVANCEMENT UPDATE ◀



It's time for the 2013 Autumn Gala, themed Autumn in New York!

You should have received your invitation a week or so ago. Please send in your RSVP to the Advancement Office asap. Autumn Gala is our biggest fundraiser, bringing in over \$85,000 to help with tuition assistance and we need your support!

Also, if you have not already sent in your parent volunteer form for this year, please turn them in to the office by Friday, September 13 if you are going to volunteer at Gala.

Call Advancement Director Anna Hehman at 859.292.1851 with any questions or email her at hehmana@ndapandas.org. Thank you in advance for your support!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



2013-14 College Rep Visits at NDA

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch mods (M/T/Th/F 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Wednesdays 11:12 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) Parents are welcome to come in to speak with the college reps. Below is a list of upcoming visits.

August 30	WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY ST. LOUIS
September 19	UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
September 23	WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY ST. LOUIS
September 24	UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE HANOVER COLLEGE
September 26	UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA BLOOMINGTON BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY
September 30	UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
October 8	TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY
October 9	COLLEGE OF MOUNT ST. JOSEPH

CAFETERIA UPDATE ◀

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Parents, all students need to have a PayPams account set up before August 31. Information regarding setting up a PayPams account, the lunch menu, and Dish Room Volunteers can be found on NDA's website on the [CAFETERIA](#) page.

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](#).



DON'T FORGET ◀

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.

▶ Important Dates

August 28	7:00 p.m. NDA/CCH Theater Information meeting
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
September 17	7:00 p.m. Junior Parent informational meeting - ACT Bootcamp
September 27	1:30 p.m. Grandparent's Mass
October 3	3:30 p.m. 6th Grade Scavenger Hunt
October 5	5:30 p.m. NDA Gala 2013!