



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

Labor Day is just around the corner and the school year is well underway. Please note that there is no school next Monday (9/3) and the girls have a late start next Wednesday (9/5) to accommodate a faculty/staff meeting in the morning.

Thanks to all who attended the Theater meeting last night. We had a great showing from NDA and CCH students and parents. We are all looking forward to the 2012-13 NDA/CCH Theater season and enjoying the many talents of our students. Please watch for further information about our shows and auditions. Parent volunteers will be needed and welcomed.

There are some special events coming in the next two weeks. On Tuesday, September 4, the Student Council will sponsor a student/faculty volleyball game after school. Students who are selected to participate on the student team will bring home a permission slip for your signature. Picture Day is September 7 in the morning. Your daughter will be given her picture forms next Tuesday. Also on Friday of next week (after the pictures are taken), the freshmen will be attending the play, *To Kill a Mockingbird* at the Cincinnati Shakespeare Theater. The cost of the play and transportation is included in the school fees already paid. Your daughter will bring home a form for your signature to give permission to attend this field trip.

Parent Mini Night is just around the corner on September 12 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.

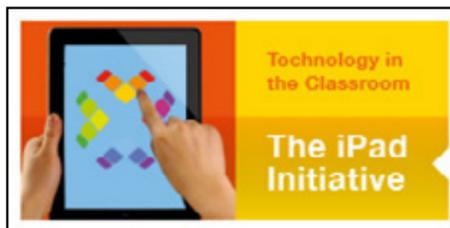
Power School is accessible if you wish to check on your daughter's progress. It is still very early in the quarter so there will not be many grades yet in each class. Also please remember that with only a few grades to date, the overall grade average at this time should be viewed in that context. Of course, it is not too early to talk with your daughter about how her classes are going and where she is finding particular challenges and successes. Encourage her to take ownership of her work and be engaged by asking questions and participating in class.

All freshman parents should receive an invitation from the Advancement Office to attend a welcome dinner at 6:00 p.m. on September 12, before the Mini Night. This will be an opportunity to meet other new parents as well as hear about the activities of the Advancement Office and ways you can get involved.

Finally, speaking of ways to get involved, please mark your calendars for the PTO meeting on September 11 at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are held in the Faculty room off the main foyer. Please join us to hear about the many activities PTO sponsors and ways you can be a part of these exciting events.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

	<p>Ms. Bill's Spanish classes are using their iPads to record translations and send them to their teacher for feedback.</p> <p>Sr. Ethel's Physics classes are taking measurement on acceleration and velocity with their iPads and using them to collate and process the data.</p>
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NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE ◀

The year's first Student Council Mixer was a huge success! A big "thank you" to Notre Dame's very dedicated Student Council members, Mrs. Gronotte, Sister Paul Ann, and Sister Rachel for facilitating the event. The student body is already looking forward to the next big event, which features a volleyball competition between faculty members and students. Join us on Tuesday, September 4 at 3:00 in the gymnasium for a competitive camaraderie between students and faculty. Students, come show your school spirit and help your class be the first of the year to earn NDA's Spirit Stick!

Scheduled for Friday, September 21 is Club Orientation – a highlight of the school year and held as an opportunity for all students to learn more about how they can get involved at NDA. At Club Orientation, registered clubs will present a skit, video, and/or song, so the entire student body can learn about the opportunities available. All students are encouraged to take part in the fun by joining at least one club.

ADVANCEMENT OFFICE ◀

Major Raffle: All students are being asked to sell **at least 5 raffle tickets** to support our Autumn Gala event. The tickets will be sent home with the students by the end of the week so please be on the lookout for them! We will be announcing individual and grade level incentive prizes for the students next week! Top prize in the Major Raffle is \$5,000 cash or a year's tuition. Thank you for your help with making the Major Raffle a huge success!

Autumn Gala: Autumn Gala is September 29th and we encourage all parents to attend! Tickets are \$75. Call the Advancement Office at (859) 292-7729 to make reservations or if you have questions.

Scholarship Appreciation Breakfast: If you and your daughter have received an invitation to the Scholarship Appreciation Breakfast, please RSVP to Advancement Director Anna Hehman at hehmana@ndapandas.org by **September 5th**. This event brings together donors of scholarships at NDA and students who receive those scholarships and all students should attend with a parent or parents if possible.

Freshmen Welcome Dinner: All freshmen parents are invited to a dinner at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12th in Alumnae Hall right before the Mini-Night. Please RSVP by responding to this email with the names of those attending or by calling (859) 292-7729 by Wednesday, **September 5th**.

PERFORMING ARTS ◀

The dance team is looking for a few more members for the 2012-2013 season. Tryouts for the additional spots on the team will be held September 4 & 5 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the theatre. Students need to attend both sessions in order to audition for the team. All grade levels are welcome. Please contact [Mrs. Perrino](#) if you have questions.

The Pom team will have a team/parent meeting on Sept. 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the theatre. Contact [Mrs. Perrino](#) if you have questions. perrinom@ndapandas.org

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY ◀

Get your car washed Saturday, September 8 from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Silverlake The Family Place. For a donation of \$7.00 you can make a difference in the lives of the Smith family whose young daughter has a rare form of bone cancer. Many area teens are pitching in to help including some of our Pandas!

The second annual *Check Your Genes Know Your DNA 5K* will take place on Saturday, September 22 at 9:00 a.m. at the Thomas More College Campus in Crestview Hills, KY. This is a family friendly event raising awareness of hereditary breast and ovarian cancer. The founder of Check Your Genes, Nancy West Romer, was a dear friend to many NDA alumnae and parents.