



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents,

Thank you to all our parents who attended our Mini Night this evening. I hope you enjoyed your time with your daughter's teachers and feel better informed about her classes at NDA this year.

I am pleased to announce that we have five National Merit Semifinalists this year! Students are selected for their scores on the PSAT they took as Juniors. Congratulations to Seniors Stephanie Hacker, Maggie Hackman, Szofia Komaromy-Hiller, Abby Marshall and Abigail Martin. These students are among a select group of students in our nation to receive this distinction. They scored in the highest category on the national level and were among the highest scoring students in our Commonwealth. They have shown great dedication to their studies and represent our school community well.

Last night we held the first PTO meeting for the year and it was great to welcome so many parents. Please remember PTO meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and all are welcome. This is a very important organization at NDA providing a great service to our school. These parents plan several activities for our students and their parents and provide volunteer support for our programs.

Speaking of supporting our school, please remember that each student is required to sell five raffle tickets for our biggest fundraiser - the Autumn Gala - to be held on October 5. We hope to see you there for a special evening of festivities with many friends of NDA. Please encourage your daughter to sell her chances if she has not already done so. If each student sells five, we will raise \$29,000 to support our school. We do appreciate your support!

Please remember that tomorrow (Thursday) is a 9:00 a.m. start.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

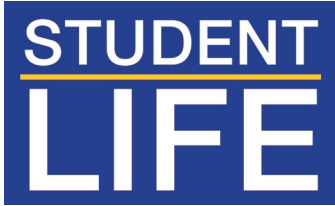
▶ Important Dates

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| September 12 | 9:00 a.m. Late Start |
| September 17 | 7:00 p.m. Junior Parent informational meeting - ACT Bootcamp |
| September 18 | 1:00 p.m. Diocesan Senior Mass |
| September 20 | Club Orientation (out of Uniform Day) |
| September 25 | PLAN Test - Sophomores |
| September 27 | 1:30 p.m. Grandparent's Mass |
| | 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 6th Grade Scavenger Hunt |
| October 5 | 5:30 p.m. NDA Gala 2013! |
| October 11 | Teacher In Service - NO SCHOOL |



iPad UPDATE ◀

iMad About iPad! Have you visited Mrs. Mullee's "Scoop.it" page? NDA's Director of Instructional Technology, Molly Mullee, uses Scoop.it, an innovative publishing platform, to share valuable information and helpful tips about implementing one-on-one computing with iPads. You can check out her "iMad About iPad" [HERE](#).



STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Attention all Freshmen who are interested in running for NDA's Student Council! An informational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25 at 8:30 a.m. If you would like to serve as a homeroom representative this year for the Class of 2017, you must attend this informational meeting.



ADVANCEMENT UPDATE ◀

Please Support the Autumn Gala - You could win a iPad mini!

We have a Mini-iPad (Value: \$350) that we are auctioning off online! Chances are just \$20 and we are only selling 150 of them. Chances can be purchased at our event website, www.biddingforgood.com/nda! Please consider buying a chance and forwarding the website to your contacts so they can support the Gala - and maybe win big!

iPad mini



Have You Sent In Your Reservation?

Buy your tickets to the Gala online at www.biddingforgood.com/nda or send in your reservations today!



Support our Morning Gala Gift Gathering!

All this week during drop off, Advancement will be giving out breakfast when parents bring us a Gala gift. Or, if the students bring the gift, we will give them breakfast!

FIVE NDA STUDENTS NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS ◀

Congratulations!



The National Merit Scholarship program announced five students from Notre Dame Academy have been named semifinalists in its 2014 competition. NDA seniors, Stephanie Hacker, Mary “Maggie” Hackman, Szofia Komaromy-Hiller, Abby Marshall, and Abigail Martin, have all earned the distinction of National Merit Semifinalists. These students are among the 16,000 semifinalists named in the National Merit Scholarship Program’s 59th competition recognizing each state’s top students. A total of 1.5 million high school juniors entered the program by taking the 2012 PSAT test.

To become finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program these young women must now submit scholarship applications that include information about their academic records, co-curricular activities, leadership abilities, honors, awards and employment. By doing so, they will have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,000 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$35 million that will be offered next spring.

“We are very proud of these five NDA students and their selection as National Merit Semifinalists,” said Dr. Laura Koehl, Principal of Notre Dame Academy. “This achievement is a testament to their hard work and dedication, the commitment and diligence of our faculty, and the excellent Catholic education our students receive at NDA. We congratulate all five of these young women and their families as we celebrate this honor.”



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

invites all 6th Grade Girls to the annual
6th Grade Scavenger Hunt

Friday, September 27, 2013
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Don't miss this afternoon of
FUN. FRIENDS. and FOOD!

The event is **free!**

A donation of 2 canned goods will be accepted to
benefit Be-Concerned.

A reservation form with a parent's signature is required.
The form is available online at ndapandas.org.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



NKY Regional College Fair:

Tuesday September 24, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thomas More College will be hosting a Regional College

Fair for high school students/families. In years past, there have been 100 colleges and universities in attendance. For more info: visit the [NKY Regional College Fair website](#). Questions: Contact Billy Sarge, Director of Admissions at Thomas More, at 859-344-3402 or sargeb@thomasmore.edu.

Support Groups for students experiencing Grief, Divorce, or a Serious Illness

Support Groups for students experiencing grief, divorce, or a serious illness within their family will be starting soon. Please contact one of our Personal Counselors, Mrs. Tessa Taylor or Mrs. Kathy Hildreth, if you think your daughter would benefit from this service. The support groups meet for 5 weeks each semester, and are scheduled on a rotating basis so that no one misses a class more than once a semester.

What are GSA, GSP, GSE??

The Kentucky Governor's Scholar Program (GSP) is a stimulating, five-week, summer residential program for outstanding Kentucky students completing their junior year in high school. This popular program provides academic and personal growth in a challenging non-traditional environment that balances a strong liberal arts program with a full co-curricular and residential life experience.

The Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) provides hands-on arts opportunities for the state's talented hit school students who are dancers, actors, musicians, creative thinkers, future architects, or visual artists. This is a free three-week-long residential experience scheduled to take place during the summer of 2014 on the campus of Centre College.

The Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE) is a three-week summer residential program where students working in teams take an idea for a product or service and utilize science, engineering, art, math, and business skills to design a product and utilize a business model for it.

Graduates of these summer programs, which occur at no cost to the students, are eligible for a host of scholarships and educational opportunities in all fields of study.

An informational meeting for students interested in learning more about GSP will be held in the NDA school library after school on Tuesday, September 17. A meeting to learn more about GSA and GSE will be held on Thursday, September 19, also after school in the NDA library. For more information, please check out their websites or contact Mrs. Kathy Hildreth at hildrethk@ndapandas.org.



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.

September 6	University of Kentucky 7:15-8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	September 30	University of Alabama Vanderbilt University Eastern Kentucky University
September 17	Cincinnati State Technical and Community College	October 4	Ohio Wesleyan University
September 19	University of Cincinnati	October 7	Northern Kentucky University
September 23	Washington University St. Louis	October 8	Transylvania University
September 24	University of Evansville Hanover College	October 9	University of Louisville 8-9 a.m. College of Mount St. Joseph Centre College
September 26	University of Indiana Bloomington Bellarmine University	October 17	Indiana University Purdue University



CAFETERIA UPDATE ◀

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](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

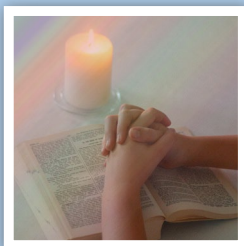
Help and Prayer for the Deaton Family

The Deaton family is very grateful for the meals, lawncare, and support they have received over the past months. As a reminder and for those that are new to Notre Dame Academy, one of our school families is in need of assistance. Cathie Deaton, the mother of 3 school-aged children including Junior, Alexandra Deaton, was diagnosed last fall with Stage 4 metastatic Melanoma. The tumors are throughout her body, including her brain. While Cathie is at home now, she was hospitalized several times recently. A website has been set up to assist Tim & Cathie's family with meals. There is a cooler on their front porch for easy drop-off of the dinners. Other ways to help include gift cards to restaurants, Kroger, or Walgreens. You can mail these directly or drop them off at the school office and we will get them to the Deatons. The meals website is located at www.carecalendar.org. Enter Calendar ID: 148339 and Security Code: 6097. For website questions, contact Sherri Feinauer at 578-9144 or asf410@fuse.net. For other questions, contact Ann Rospert/Paul Kaelin at 344-1162 or annpaul@twc.com.

More than anything, the Deatons need and appreciate your constant prayers through this very difficult time. Please talk to your children. Perhaps they can help with a dinner. Maybe they can attend a prayer or rosary service, or they may come up with other ways to help.

Thank you and God Bless.

Ann and Sherri



Friday morning at 7:35 a.m. NDA faculty, staff, and students will pray the Decade of the Rosary and Healing Novena for the intention of Cathy Deaton, Alex's mother. All are welcome to join us in chapel! Sister Reina will call people at 7:30 a.m. and we will begin around 7:35 a.m.

Sisters of Notre Dame are currently seeking a student to work part time in the Provincial House as a dietary aide.

This aide would be responsible for serving the sisters in Lourdes Hall their evening meal and preparing the kitchen and dining rooms for the next meal. The student would work 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm. - 2 days one week and 3 days the next week. The student would be required to work every third weekend. The starting pay for this position is \$7.50 per hour. This position is through the work study program and all students are eligible.

If interested in working in this loving home environment please contact the HR Department:

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humanresources@sndky.org