



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

It has been a great week as we continue to celebrate our designation as a 2012 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. I am most grateful for the many notes of congratulations and appreciation. We have had many salutations from our local Diocesan schools as well. This honor recognizes academic excellence, community service, and co-curricular opportunities that are the hallmarks of an NDA education. On September 18th, Bishop Foys will join us for a Prayer Service to give thanks for our recognition and the many people who have made this possible.

In this same week, we are excited to announce the release of our new website at [ndapandas.org](http://ndapandas.org). Please take a few minutes to review the website, I hope you will find it informative for parents and students. I also hope you will find it an excellent representation of NDA that you would want to share with family and friends.

I look forward to seeing you at Mini-Night tonight. Please know that your daughter will be bringing home her schedule. This is also available for her to complete online so she can choose the option to share that with you electronically. You may bring this electronic version with you on her iPad if you wish.

Please remember that tomorrow (Thursday) is a 9:00 a.m. start. Some students have been invited to attend a breakfast with scholarship donors and should arrive at school by 8:20 a.m. for the breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



Mrs. Proudfit is doing some of her assessments using Edmodo and Socrative. These apps provide instant feedback for raw scores as well as explanations for correct answers. Students have been overwhelmingly in their support of this method of assessment. It's great educational practice as it utilizes formative assessment providing ongoing instructional feedback. Students like seeing how they are doing right and knowing where to correct their misunderstandings.

In Health and PE classes, Mrs. Tucker has created a site that all her students have saved to the home screen on their iPads. The website includes notes and handouts for the students to access in and out of class.

## NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE ◀

Scheduled for next Friday, September 21, is Club Orientation – a highlight of the school year. This Tuesday and Wednesday, club members prepared for Club Orientation by attending their preview session. During previews, the various clubs presented skits, videos, and/or songs to Student Council members. Clubs at Notre Dame are wonderful opportunities for all Pandas to develop their interests, give back to the community, make new friends, and have fun. All students are encouraged to take part in the fun by joining at least one club.

Just a reminder to all students: Lunch is available for purchase in the cafeteria through a pre-pay system. No money will be accepted at the cash register for lunch payment. A PayPams account allows parents/guardians to track spending, and notifications can be received when funds in the lunch account get low. If you do not already have a PayPams account, please visit our [cafeteria page](#) on the website to set one up as soon as possible. There is no cost to sign up for an account. If you have any questions, or do not have access to a computer at home, please contact the school's office.

## NEWS FROM CAFETERIA ◀

After much consideration Notre Dame Academy has decided to withdrawal from the Type A – National Lunch Program. Our cafeteria staff is committed to providing a healthy lunch and inviting atmosphere for everyone at our school. We feel that this decision will allow us to continue serving many of the student's favorite lunches and a la carte items each day.

The prices for lunch this year will continue to be \$2.85 for a regular paid lunch, and \$.40 for the students qualifying for a reduce lunch, and \$0.00 for those student who have qualified for a free lunch. A lunch consists of the following:

- 1) The main sandwich or entrée for the day
- 2) Vegetable
- 3) Fruit
- 4) Drink (milk or OJ)

Also, a Soup and Salad Bar can be purchased instead of the plate lunch for the day.

We also urge all families to join our on line payment system [PayPams](#). The flier was in you initial package of information on how to access the program and become a member. By joining PayPams you will be able to follow your students account and be alerted to low balances via email.

If you would have any questions about our new lunch program, please feel free to contact [Mrs. Karen Brungs](#) in the cafeteria and she will be glad to help you in any way possible.

## ADVANCEMENT OFFICE ◀

**Major Raffle:** All students are being asked to sell at least 5 raffle tickets to support our Autumn Gala event. Top prize in the Major Raffle is \$5,000 cash or a year's tuition.

Each week, we will have incentives for the students to sell tickets. This week's incentive is that [The HOMEROOM with the highest percentage of students who have sold their 5 tickets gets doughnuts in Homeroom!](#)

Thank you for your help with making the Major Raffle a huge success!

**Early Bird Gala Reservations:** Autumn Gala is September 29 and we strongly encourage all parents to attend! Those who make their reservation (\$75/ticket) by **5:00 p.m. TODAY** get entered to win **\$100 in Gala bucks** to spend that evening! Call the Advancement Office at (859) 292-7729 to make reservations or if you have questions.

**Autumn Gala First Choice:** For \$50, you have the chance to win ANY Live Auction item BEFORE the Auction even begins! Send in a check for \$50 with 'First Choice' in the memo line and if we pick your name, you'll be allowed to pick whatever Live Auction item you'd like. Choose between a McHale's party package, Kentucky Speedway suite for next June's NASCAR Nationwide Series, Trip to St. Maarten, and many MANY more! Winner need not be present to win.



## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ◀

Notre Dame Academy's Szofia Komaromy-Hiller's composition, "In That Case, I'll Stick to Politics," has been selected for publication in The Best Teen Writing 2012 by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. Of the over 200,000 works of art and writing submitted to the Scholastic Awards, Komaromy-Hiller's was not only one of the top 500 national award-winning pieces of writing, but also among the top 70 students selected to be published in The Best Teen Writing. This anthology of the standout writing from this year's Scholastic Awards will be available on Amazon later this fall. In addition she won Best Overall Story for a 10th Grader. Congratulations Szofia!

## BROADENING YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH ◀

Ever considered applying to schools like Harvard, Stanford, and other top-tier universities? Maybe you should! On Tuesday, September 18, join Julie Duncan, '05 NDA Graduate (Harvard '09, Yale Law School '12) for a laid-back, brief presentation about the unique opportunities—and generous financial aid—these schools can offer, as well as tips about how to strengthen your application. Students of all grades (9th-12th) are encouraged to attend. Julie will begin her presentation at 3:00 p.m. will be held in Alumnae Hall. Parents are welcome as well! If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Burgei at [burgeik@ndapandas.org](mailto:burgeik@ndapandas.org).