



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ◀

Greetings Parents,

As we approach the midpoint of the first-quarter I hope your daughter has settled into her classes and is feeling challenged to do her best and is clear on expectations. She should also be aware of opportunities for support if she is struggling in any way. By the end of this week, mid-quarter grades should be updated so you can get a good idea of how she's doing by checking Power School.

As you may know Mrs. Amber Grayson started her maternity leave on Monday and will be out of the building until the beginning of the second semester. She is due any day and anxiously awaits the arrival of her new baby girl. During her leave Mrs. Chrissy Monahan will serve as the interim Assistant Principal for Student Life. Mrs. Monahan is located in Mrs. Grayson's office and can be reached at 859-292-1826.

On Friday we will hold our annual club orientation program. This program highlights the various clubs at NDA and ways that students can get involved. For a complete listing of these clubs please visit our website [HERE](#). Please encourage your daughters to get involved in at least one club or activity. It is a great way to learn more about her own gifts, develop new skills and build new relationships.

Please review our many news items below. There is much to share from our Instructional Technology Department, Student Life, Athletics and more.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

Notre Dame Academy  
is built on the  
Four Educational Principles  
of the Sisters of Notre Dame:



- The centrality of a good and provident God
- The human dignity of each person as an image of God
- The Notre Dame educator as a Gospel witness
- An integrated education for transformation

## POWER SCHOOL UPDATES FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS ◀

In an effort to provide the best possible interface for communication, NDA will periodically make small changes that will streamline your access to Canvas and Power School. With Mid-quarter approaching, you may be logging in to Power School to check grades. If you do, keep the following updates in mind.

**Students:** On Monday, September 22, students will be required to use a new username for signing into Power School. Instead of the 7 digit numerical code, a student will use the first part of their NDA email address. For example, if your email address is smithj@ndapandas.org, you will enter smithj in the username box. Your password will remain the same.

**Parents:** Please verify your email address when you log into Power School. Make sure that the address provided is accurate. Some faculty members rely on the Power School email address for occasional correspondence.

# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

**Club Orientation** is this Friday, September 19! Check out our [school website](#) for a list of all clubs offered at NDA. All students are encouraged to take part in the fun by joining at least one club or activity.

**If you are a freshman and would like to serve as a Student Council Homeroom Representative**, you must attend the information meeting next Wednesday, September 24. The meeting begins at 8:30 in Room 307, and interested students will receive an application for Homeroom Representative. The application must be completed and submitted by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 9 before a student is able to run for office. Elections will take place on Friday, October 24. Looking to develop your leadership skills, guide your homeroom and help facilitate schoolwide activities? Then this is the position for you!



## INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

The beginning of the 2014-15 has been very busy for Instructional Technology! First, we have a new space in room 102:

This new space facilitates our Production Lab stations 1 and 2, our Service Help

Desk, and both Media/Production and Innovative SWAT courses. We are thrilled to be blessed with this space. Positive energy fills the room on a daily basis with students working on projects, collaborating among students, teachers, and Sisters...it is a think tank in action.



### Update on ios8:

If you are updating to ios8, please do this from home or another network away from school. It may take a while, so plan on doing these things first:

1. Taking your photos and videos off of your iPad and backing them up to the cloud or a thumb drive
2. Backing your iPad up to iCloud
3. Making sure you are signed into the same Apple ID in both your iCloud and App Store accounts located in your "settings" app

Have fun!



## THE FRUIT SALE IS COMING ◀

On October 3rd, we will have the kick off for the fruit sale. At the present time, I am working on the packets from last year. If you had a daughter that graduated or one that played a sport and is not this year, tell your current athlete to come to my office (room 115) and give me her name and her sister's name so I can include that packet of names.

I will give out the names of former customers to anyone needing help at the end of the first week of selling.

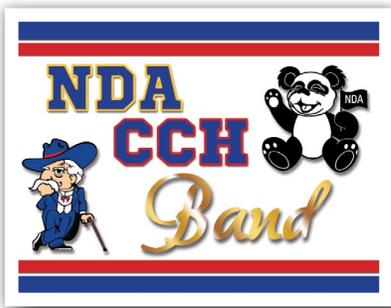
There will be more information about the fruit sale the week before it starts. This way you will have the same information as your daughter.

The sports program at Notre Dame Academy has a great record of producing excellent teams. The fruit sale is one of the main fundraisers for the athletic department. All fruit money raised is for the athletic programs There is no tuition money from the school used for the athletic programs.

I want to thank you in advance for your help with this sale. When everyone does a part, it goes smoothly and is fun. Looking forward to a great year of sports.

Janice Schmidt  
Ext. (859) 292-1831  
Fruit Sale





## LEARN A BAND INSTRUMENT ◀

All students grades 7 – 12 are welcome to join the NDA/CCH Band for FREE! Come join us for rehearsal Mondays from 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. If you already play a band or string instrument you are encouraged to play with the Panda/Colonel Band! For more information about the NDA/CCH Band or to inquire about Private Guitar Instruction, contact Mr. Greg Cerimele at [cerimeleg@ndapandas.org](mailto:cerimeleg@ndapandas.org).

## SUPPORT OUR MORNING GIFT GATHERING ◀

Committee members from NDA's extravapANDAz event will be in the Marian Circle from 7-8 a.m. during drop off this week accepting donations for the extravapANDAz event. Any parent - or student! - who brings a gift card or other silent auction item will receive breakfast on NDA!

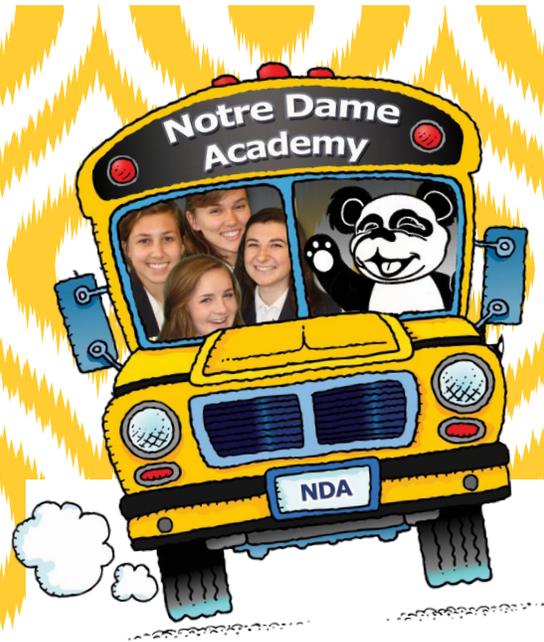


Got Breakfast?



## ARCHERY TEAM NEWS ◀

The Notre Dame Archery team and coach Lander would like to invite students and parents who are interested in archery to come to an Open House in the Gymnasium from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., September 29. Interested Covington Catholic students and parents are also invited as we would like to determine their interest in competitive archery. Come for some information, and stay for a little shooting. Archery is a no-cut sport that all students can enjoy. We look forward to seeing you.



the new event.

# extravaPANDAz

*celebrate the sisterhood*

## Raise Your Panda Paw!

Last week we began asking parents to pledge to raise their Panda Paws in support of Notre Dame Academy at this year's extravapANDAz event. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 to be used towards the purchase of NDA's first shuttle bus which will be able transport 20-25 students to academic, athletic and extracurricular activities throughout the school year.

We had a total of 31 parents get on board and pledge to "Raise their Panda Paw" at our extravapANDAz event on November 1, 2014. Their names were entered in a drawing for \$100 in Panda Bucks to be used at this year's extravapANDAz event or at the Bambootique **The winner of the \$100 in Panda Bucks is Sheila Harmeling!** Congratulations to Sheila and thanks to everyone who pledged their support to NDA!

[CLICK HERE to see why you should GET ON THE BUS!](#)



Hey Pandas!  
Join the

## SHANNANAGINS

at the

University of Cincinnati Walk Ahead for a Brain Tumor Cure

Sunday, October 26 at 8:00 a.m. at Sawyer Point

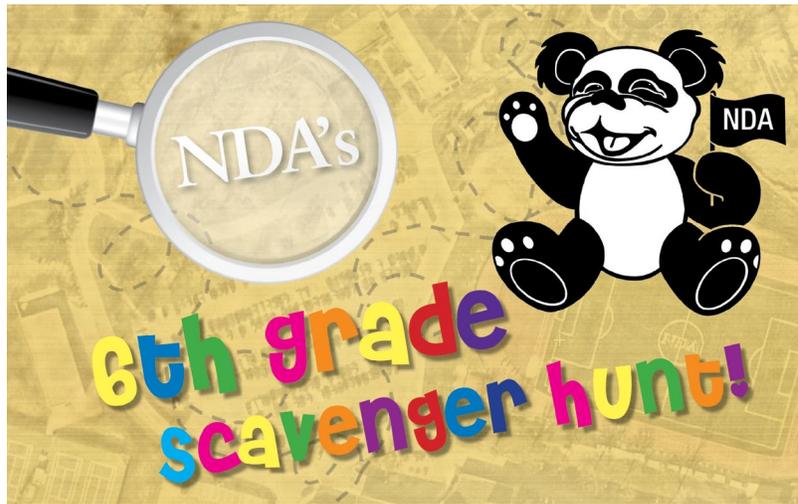
Cost: \$35

(100% of the cost is donated to the UC Brain Tumor Center)

Registration Deadline to receive free t-shirt: September 30

For more information and to read a letter from the head

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### NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

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

**Friday, September 19, 2014**

**3:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

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

The event is **free!**

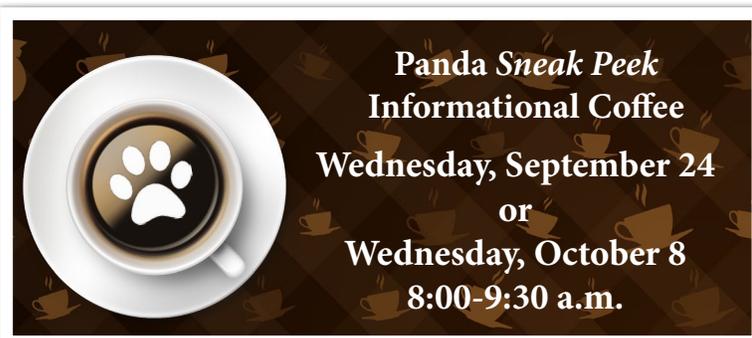
A donation of 2 canned goods will be accepted to  
benefit Be-Concerned.

A reservation form with a parent's signature is required.  
The form is available online at [ndapandas.org](http://ndapandas.org).



### CALLING ALL TRAVELERS! ◀

During our Italy trip June 6-14, 2015, we will be visiting Rome, Florence, Venice and Assisi. If your daughter is interested in the Italy trip but you were unable to attend the parent meeting last week, please contact Mrs. Wagner at [wagnerk@ndapandas.org](mailto:wagnerk@ndapandas.org).



### DO YOU KNOW ANY PROSPECTIVE NDA PARENTS? ◀

Pass on the word... future Panda parents are invited for a "sneak peek" at NDA: Who we are, what we value, and how we will prepare your daughter to make a difference in the world. Interested parents can RSVP to Katie Caccavari, Director of Admissions, at [caccavarik@ndapandas.org](mailto:caccavarik@ndapandas.org) if you plan to attend either session.

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

### Plan Testing for sophomores:

Next Tuesday, September 23, the sophomores will be taking the Plan Test. This test is a practice ACT test and will help the students plan for taking the Act in the future. We will review the Plan test on January 21 at the parent meeting we will hold to discuss the Plan, PSAT and scheduling information. Click here for more info: <http://www.act.org/planstudent/tests/>



### PSAT Testing for sophomores and juniors:

The sophomores and juniors will be taking the PSAT on Wednesday, October 15. This will be in practice for the SAT. All students will still arrive that day at the late start time of 9 a.m. The Counselors will review the results of the test on January 21 at the parent meeting we will hold to discuss the Plan, PSAT and scheduling information. Click here for more info: <https://www.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt>

**Mt. Saint Joseph University** will be hosting an informational program for the college planning process for students that have a diagnosed learning disability or ADHD. This will be held on Tuesday, October 28 from 7-9 p.m. in the Seton Center. Visit the website for more info: [www.msj.edu/excel](http://www.msj.edu/excel)

### Mini Medical College:

UC is hosting the Mini Medical College the 1st four Wednesdays of October. This is a program where UC faculty conduct a series of lectures about medical school and various topics associated with it. Register students at <http://www.uc.edu/ce/minimed.html>

### Health Career Explorer Program at St. Elizabeth:

This program is for sophomores through seniors who are interested in a Health related career. Students will meet one time each month for 6 months. Applications should be submitted by Friday, September 26 at [www.northcentralkyahec.org](http://www.northcentralkyahec.org)

### College Fair at NKU - Tuesday, September 23, 2014

#### Bank of Kentucky Center; 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For students and parents of ALL grade levels! Over 100 colleges and universities from all over the nation will be in attendance at this College Fair. This event is free and there is no registration needed! For more information and a list of all the colleges that will be attending, [click here](#). This is a great opportunity for all students to learn more about colleges from Kentucky and around the nation.

Links to Helpful Resources:

[Making the Most of a College Fair](#)

[Questions to Ask College Admission Counselors](#)

### Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Rice University and the University of Chicago - Sept. 30th - 7:30 p.m. - Marriott Cincinnati North in W. Chester

These universities will be holding an information session on Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m. for interested students and families. Attendees will learn more about college admissions, financial aid, and scholarships, as well as academic and extracurricular choices. A representative from each school will be available to answer university-specific questions. Event will be held at the Marriott Cincinnati North in West Chester. RSVP @ [www.exploringeducationexcellance.org](http://www.exploringeducationexcellance.org)

## REMINDER ◀

Don't forget to turn in your Parent Volunteer Forms to the front office! There are several events (like our ExtravaPANDAz fall fundraiser!) and areas where we need your support and help! Please turn these forms in as soon as possible. Thank you!



## 2014-15 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

17 Centre College  
 17 University of Chicago  
 22 DePauw University  
 22 Indiana Tech  
 24 Indiana University

### October

2 Western Kentucky University  
 2 University of Cincinnati  
 6 Miami University Oxford  
 6 Transylvania University  
 8 Mount St. Joseph University  
 14 University of Alabama

20 Otterbein University  
 21 St Louis University  
 28 University of Dayton

### November

3 Dennison University

## ▶ Important dates:

September 18	Teacher Appreciation Night at Volleyball Games starting at 5:30 p.m.
September 19	Club Orientation 6th Grade Scavenger Hunt 3:30-5:30 p.m.
September 23	PLAN Test
September 24	Panda Sneak Peek Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents
September 26	Grandparent's Day Mass
September 28	Golden Girls Brunch
September 30	Sophomore see Sherlock Holmes
October 3	Fruit Sale Kick Off
October 8	Panda Sneak Peek Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents
October 9	8th Grade Shadow Day - St. Joseph School, Crescent Springs Playing for a Purpose Volleyball Game
October 10	No School
October 13	8th Grade Shadow Day - Non-District Schools
October 14	7:00 p.m. PTO Meeting
October 15	Freshman Retreat Sophomore and Junior - PSAT Testing
October 16	8th Grade Shadow Day - Blessed Sacrament School
October 17	First Quarter Ends
November 1	extravaPANDAz
November 9	NDA Fall Open House

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Check out the **Community News** section of **NDA's** website for news about...

Smiles & Miles 5K in honor of Maria Schaffstein  
 St. Charles Lodge Open House  
 Pure Fashion  
 Streetsmartz

For a complete list of community news [CLICK HERE](#).