



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents!

Today was a special day and included our Freshman Retreat, the PSAT test for sophomores and juniors, and the senior trip to the mosque. In different ways, these are experiences that allow our students to reflect on and apply what they are learning at NDA – the opportunity for spiritual growth through service to others, the value of acquired knowledge, and the importance of respecting those who are of different nationalities, religions and beliefs. I hope your daughter can share something valuable with you from her experience today.

In the first quarter of this school year we focused on the first education principle of Sisters of Notre Dame- The centrality of a Good and Provident God. We certainly see examples of God's goodness everyday when we reflect on the many individuals who share their God given talents to build and support our educational community at NDA. A good example was the Freshman Retreat today that included service at 17 different agencies. This day would not have been possible without the help of many parents, NDA seniors, faculty and staff. As the sisters of Notre Dame frequently say –God is indeed good!

Next week NDA joins the rest of the nation in celebrating Red Ribbon Week. Please see additional information below. This week is an important time to raise awareness for preventing drug abuse. Research shows that parent's expectations and communication have significant effects on the choices young people make about the use of drugs and alcohol. Please consider using this week to continue, or in some cases begin, conversations with your daughter about drugs and alcohol and how they affect the lives of young people in adverse ways. It is so important to talk about this topic with our young people.

In closing, please continue to keep our NDA community and families in your prayers, especially those families who are struggling with illness. There are many students who have close family members with serious illness and we pray that the support of our NDA community brings them comfort and hope.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl



iPad UPDATE ◀

At our In Service program on Monday, faculty shared their knowledge and use of various applications to engage our students and promote learning. These included;

- Screenbird to record videos on content
- ePub to create a textbooks and other course resources
- iTunes U to organize and present course content
- Collaborize Classroom to support online discussion and allow more time for student reflection and participation



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
&
COVINGTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENT

You Can't Take It With You

Thursday, October 18th through
Saturday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Students \$5 - Adults \$10
Box Office Opens 30 Minutes prior to show

Tickets can be reserved by calling 859.292.1863, or
online at tix4pandas@aol.com or at the door.



Pack your troubles away for one night and come enjoy this crazy, fun-filled comedy. Two families from opposite social backgrounds learn that appearances can be deceiving but happiness can be achieved when you are willing to accept those crazy family idiosyncrasies. Come see this Pulitzer Prize winning play which led to an Academy Award winning movie starring Jimmy Stewart, Lionel Barrymore and Jean Arthur.

NDA OPEN HOUSE ◀

If you know a 6th, 7th, or 8th grade girl who is interested in finding out about **The Notre Dame Life**, invite her to our Open House, Sunday, October 28, from 12:30-3:00 p.m. If you know of a prospective Panda who cannot make it to our Open House, she can go to our website and join our [contact list](#).


NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

OPEN HOUSE
October 28th
12:30-3:30 p.m.

1699 Hilton Drive, Park Hills, KY 41011
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The Notre Dame Life
 Building confidence, celebrating excellence, and enabling a future without boundaries.

NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE ◀

According to the Student/Parent Handbook, cell phones “must be turned off and kept in a secure place, such as a backpack or purse. . . . If a student has been found to be texting in class or have texted during school hours, it will result in confiscation of the device and a double violation, double detention will be issued.” If for any reason a student needs to contact a parent or guardian during school hours, she must use the school’s phone in the office. We appreciate the cooperation of both parents and students when implementing this current school policy.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Red Ribbon Week: October 22-26

NDA will be participating in National Red Ribbon Week. This campaign focuses on awareness, prevention, and intolerance of the use of illegal substances. Led by our Teen Leadership Club, NDA's activities will include: wearing red ribbons in remembrance of those negatively affected by illegal substances, signing a Pledge to be Drug Free, sharing reasons to abstain from substances, displays describing different student-generated ways to say no, distribution of educational literature, and watching testimonies from people adversely affected by substance abuse.



Research shows that the main reason kids don't use alcohol, tobacco, or drugs is because of their parents. For information and tips on how parents can effectively talk with their children about these topics, visit these websites: Parents. The Anti-Drug <http://www.theantidrug.com>, Parents Can Prevent Drug Abuse <http://www.ncpc.org/topics/drug-abuse/alcohol-tobacco-and-other-drugs>, or Support and Resources for Parents <http://www.drugfree.org>.

NDA's Drug Free Club has 150 current members (26% of our student body) who have been tested. Their membership cards will be presented to them during Red Ribbon Week. Freshmen members will want to show their Drug Free Club Membership Cards to be eligible for special prizes at Covington Catholic's Halloween Bash on October 27th! Our Drug Free Club is still accepting new members. To join, fill out the registration brochure available in the school office, and place the completed application in the Drug Free Club box in the office. New members will be tested at the next random drug screening, and receive their membership cards after that.

RESPECT CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP ◀

Clean out your closets, donate to Dress for Success Cincinnati, and help other women gain employment and journey towards self-sufficiency!

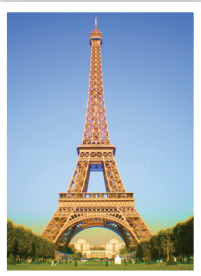
On Saturday, October 27, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Notre Dame Academy's Respect Club (The Society for Mulieris Dignitatem) will be hosting a fundraiser on behalf of *Dress for Success Cincinnati* at NDA's Alumnae Hall.



It will be a walk-in event with food, drink, and festivities that will promote the employment and the dignity of women in our community. Admission simply requires the donation of an item, or items, of your choice. Further information and a link to guidelines for donations can be found at [RESPECT](#).

All are welcome so please encourage family and friends to attend. Let's make a difference in these women's lives!

FRANCE TRIP - JUNE 2013 ◀



The plans for NDA's trip to France this summer are being finalized by our travel agent. The itinerary and final price should be available within a week. As soon as this information is determined, packets with the itinerary and a registration forms will be available in the school office, or from Mrs. Greife in room 203. An announcement will be made to the students when the materials are ready for distribution. Also, there will be a meeting on Thursday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m. for all interested students and their parents. Please contact Mrs. Greife at greifem@ndapandas.org if you have any questions.

WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

The 2013 Women Making a Difference luncheon will take place on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at Receptions in Erlanger. This event honors those in the NDA community who are truly living the mission of "educating women to make a difference in the world." We are currently accepting nominations for our 2013 Women Making a Difference and Sr. Reina Arlinghaus Awards, which is an award for a non-alum living the NDA mission in our community or the world. Please visit the [Women Making A Difference](#) page of the website to make your nomination before the November 1st deadline.



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY MEMORIAL MASS ◀

The **Notre Dame Academy Alumnae Association** invites you to join us for a special remembrance of our deceased Alumnae on Friday, November 2, at 1:30 p.m. at NDA.

We will once again be co-celebrating with the students for a shared memorial experience. Please join us for Mass in the Gym at Notre Dame followed immediately by a reception in Alumnae Hall.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER NIGHT ◀

What: A time for girls and moms to dance and dine

When: November 09, 2012 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30; dinner begins at 7:30.

Where: Receptions - Erlanger, KY

Cost: \$25 per person (Have more than one daughter? First daughter is \$25—each additional daughter is \$20)

This year's theme: TV Land - Dress like an actor or character from your favorite show or cartoon - old or new! Prizes go to the top three from each grade level.



Lifetouch Photographers will be present to photograph moms & daughters and groups.

Seniors—don't forget to make a poster of you and your mom, to be displayed at the dance. Please drop it off at the office when you have finished it.

We are creating a DVD of mother/daughter pictures to show during the evening. (This is for all grade levels, not just Seniors!) You may e-mail your photo to Shari Buckley at sharib@zoomtown.com. Photos may also be dropped off at the school office (with your name on the back).

Here is the form for purchase tickets: [MOTHER/DAUGHTER](#).

DISH ROOM DISH ◀

We are in need of a volunteers to work in the dish room from 10:45 a.m. -12:30 p.m. on the following dates: 10/26, 10/30, 10/31, 11/2, 11/5, 11/7, 11/8, & 11/9. You can see what days are open and sign up to fit your own availability. Please sign up for once a week, every other week or monthly at [CAFETERIA SIGN-UP](#). You will have to provide your email address so that you can receive reminders. You will NOT receive promotional e-mail from Volunteer Spot unless you choose to do so. Please contact Shari Buckley at sharib@zoomtown.com or 859-380-6239 if you need assistance signing up or if you do not have access to the internet. We greatly appreciate your help! It's a great way to see your daughters, her friends and the teachers during the school day. Complimentary lunch of your choice is also provided at the end of the lunch period.

SMILES & MILES 5K ◀

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the 3rd Annual Smiles and Miles, 5K Honoring Maria Schaffstein, Presented by St. Elizabeth Healthcare. We are overwhelmed by the community support. It was an incredible day of rain, sun, winds, storms, all followed by a beautiful rainbow. Whether you walked, ran, volunteered, attended, sponsored, or helped in any way, we appreciate all that you did. Speaking for Maria's family, it is awesome to see so many people supporting and honoring Maria, wearing the race shirts. We have great photos and will be adding more on our facebook page. We are crunching the numbers and will update you as soon as we have final dollars raised. <https://www.facebook.com/smilesandmilesmaria>



Again, thank you for your love and support!
The Race Committee and The John and Eileen Schaffstein Family