



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents,

This is a shortened version of our Panda Press Weekly. Today we celebrated a special Thanksgiving prayer service that was led by our Peer Ministry Team. The girls encouraged their classmates to be grateful for what is and not get lost in what is not. Instead of thinking about when we will have something we want, we need to be grateful for what we have right now. Indeed we are all blessed with many gifts including our insightful and gracious students!

Thank you to all who attended our Parent Teacher Conferences this evening. If you need to follow-up with a teacher regarding any questions you may have about your daughter please contact them via email after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Please see the important announcement below from Mrs. Grayson regarding our updated lockdown procedure. This includes details about a parent meeting to explain the ALICE program scheduled for 12/3 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the NDA Theatre.

Here are some important dates as we approach the end of 2013;

November 27	Thanksgiving Break Begins
November 30	Holiday Market 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
December 6	Fruit Sale Pick Up
	Choral Concert 7:00 p.m. (NDA Theatre)
December 7	Fruit Sale Pick Up
December 8	Band Concert 4:00 p.m. (CCH Griffin Hall)
December 9	No School
December 10	PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Notice of Time Change) Faculty Dining Room
December 13	Fruit Sale Collections
December 14	ACT 8:00 a.m.
	High School Placement Test for Eighth Graders 9:00 a.m.
	<i>The Only Christmas Pageant in Town</i> 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
December 15	<i>The Only Christmas Pageant in Town</i> 1:00 p.m.
December 18 - 20	Exams Begin
December 20	End of 2nd Quarter
December 23 - January 3	Christmas Break

On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of Notre Dame Academy, I wish you and your family a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

THE A.L.I.C.E. PROGRAM ◀

Notre Dame Academy is adopting an updated strategy known as A.L.I.C.E., which will enhance our current lockdown procedure. Violent shooter situations such as the tragedy that occurred at Sandy Hook Elementary last December remind us that school preparation is essential in maintaining a safe environment. While the likelihood is low that such a tragedy would occur at Notre Dame Academy, our safety and survival in these situations depend on our awareness of the response options available. The A.L.I.C.E. program defines these response options and mentally prepares our school community to respond in ways that will increase chances of survival in violent shooter situations.

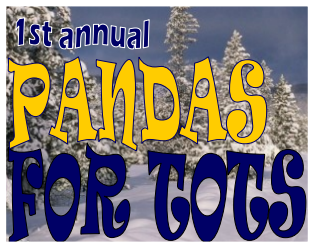
The A.L.I.C.E. program, consistent with guidelines recommended by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as well as the Department of Education, looks beyond the traditional lockdown procedure that consists of locking classroom doors, maintaining silence and hiding from the intruder until an "all clear" has been determined by law enforcement officials. A.L.I.C.E. is an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. The philosophy behind the A.L.I.C.E. program is that technology and information can help staff and students make informed decisions in a crisis, remove as many people as possible from the danger zone and provide realistic training, so the chances of surviving violent shooter situations increases.



Parents from Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic are invited to attend an ALICE information session on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in Notre Dame's Theatre and will last approximately one hour. One can also find further information at the official website at <http://www.alicetraining.com>. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Amber Grayson, Assistant Principal.

NDA HOLIDAY MARKET ◀

Save the date for our 1st Annual NDA Holiday Market, to be held this Saturday, November 30 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at NDA! Come shop over 15 vendors of fun products like 31, Scentsy, Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple, and many more! NDA students will be providing activities for kids (including a visit from Santa) while you knock out all your holiday shopping! Admission is \$5 at the door and kids are free. See you there!



1st ANNUAL PANDAS for TOTS ◀

The 1st Annual Pandas for Tots will be held on Sunday, December 15, at 9:00 a.m. at Notre Dame Academy. The 2 mile run is sponsored by the NDA Cross Country Team. Registration is \$15 but if you bring a toy to support Toys for Tots, you will receive \$5 off of race registration. Get more information and the registration form online at [PANDAS FOR TOTS](http://PANDASFOR TOTS).

NDA and CCH PRESENT... ◀

Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic High School proudly present their annual children's Christmas production, the weekend of December 14 and 15. Children and adults of all ages will delight in our Christmas Children's Theatre production of *The Only Christmas Pageant in Town*, a sweet yet funny story filled with memorable characters who combine to teach a gentle lesson – that Christmas is not found in the flash and glitter of modern day, but in the true gift of that holy night given so long ago. After the show, audience members will be invited to share hot cocoa and cookies with Santa and the cast. Production dates and times are Saturday, December 14 at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, December 14 at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 15 at 1:00 p.m. Tickets can be reserved by calling 292-1863.

