



*An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy*

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents!

In this second week of Advent, we continue to be mindful of the true spirit of the season. We all await the joy of Christmas, time to celebrate with family and friends, and enjoy our Christmas vacation. Our daily Advent prayer calls to mind the gift of the season (please see prayer below). This past week we have been celebrating Advent Reconciliation in all religion classes. Also in religion classes we are collecting toys for students at St. Augustine and John G. Carlisle schools in Covington. This past Monday we celebrated as a community with our school Christmas concert featuring the NDA/CCH band, NDA choral group, and dance and pom teams.

Students and teachers are preparing for exams next week to be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The exam schedule can be found in Student Services section below. Students are dismissed for the day at the end of the last exam. Please make sure your daughter gets plenty of rest and eats a good breakfast for each exam day.

I do have a couple of procedural things to share with you as reminders. First of all, if your daughter needs to leave early during the school day, it is necessary that the office be notified in the morning. Please send a note or an email before school starts. This will allow us to notify her teacher in a timely way that your daughter will be leaving class and make sure she has the permission slip to do so when she gets to that class. This is difficult to do on the spur of the moment when parents show up unexpectedly asking for a student to be excused from class.

Regarding pick-up in the afternoon, please pull into a parking space to wait for your daughter to come out of the building (there are plenty in the theater lot if the main lot is full). Do not block parked cars, driveways or the bus stop. This will make for a safer exit from the parking lot for all, allow the TANK bus and St. Agnes bus to get through and not block others from leaving.

Please note that next week will be our last newsletter until January 9, 2013.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

### Advent Morning Prayer

Holy God, in the busyness of the season, it is easy to be distracted, to forget to pray, to neglect to give you thanks, to put presents and parties before loving and serving you. In the joy and the stress of this new day help me follow the humble example of Mary, mother of Jesus and mother of us all. Open my eyes to the face of Christ in each of my sisters and brothers, and open my heart to your love, poured out in the life of your servant, Mary.





## iPad UPDATE ◀

Mrs. Proudfit reports that the iPads are helping her move towards a paperless classroom. Students turn in homework via Google Docs or Edmodo. Grading lab presentations and lab reports is especially easy on Google Docs and students receive feedback from their teacher very quickly and online.

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

### Exam Schedule:

The students were emailed the exam schedule for the upcoming 1st semester exams a few weeks ago. The schedule as well as some exam reminders can be found on the NDA website at the following link: [WINTER EXAM SCHEDULE](#).

## LIFE CLUB NEWS ◀

### Need of chaperones!



Life March, from N.D.A., is in need of two chaperones. We leave on Thursday, January 24 at 8:00 p.m. and return Saturday, January 26 at around 5:00 a.m. Please contact Mrs. Jane Gorton if you can help and are Virtus trained.

## DVD ORDERS FOR "A Seussified Christmas Carol" ◀



Orders are currently be taken for a DVD of the NDA/CCH holiday show, "A Seussified Christmas Carol". DVDs are \$20.00 a piece and made possible through Platinum Productions.

Please submit your order to Mrs. Nancy Stratman. Orders should include your name, homeroom and # of DVDs needed. Please place your check, made out to NDA, in an envelope with your order information. No DVDs will be ordered without payment.

DVD orders will be taken until Wednesday, December 19.

## FROM THE MATH DEPARTMENT ◀

Thank you to all the students who took the second Math Fax test. Congratulations to Emily Bautista for her very high score on the advanced math test and to Kelsey Sucher and Bridget Neltner for their very high scores on the algebra II test.

## MOM'S DAY OUT - Adjusted date and location ◀

NHS will be sponsoring a time for Moms (or Dads) to take some time for themselves or do that extra shopping that they need to do for the holidays.



The new date will be Saturday, December 15 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and will be held in room 112 on the first floor which is just beyond the college counselor's office. No reservations are needed and the ages are from toddler to eight years of age. Your child will be well cared for and entertained with videos, games, puzzles, play dough, coloring and snacks. They can bring their favorite blanket and/or stuffed animal to snuggle while watching a movie.

## NEWS FROM THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE ◀

### Bring on the Christmas cheer!

Students are encouraged to attend the upcoming NDA mixer on Friday, December 14. The mixer kicks off at 8:00 p.m. and ends at 11:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person, and all proceeds will go to support NDA's After Prom. Read the Panda Press to stay apprised of all other upcoming events!





## NEWS FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT ◀

### Students selected to exhibit at Thomas More College

Congratulations to Emily Witt, Amy Hansen, Abby Thomas, and Erica Meier for having their artwork juried and selected to show in the Thomas More College Juried High School Exhibition. Congratulations to Erica Meier for earning an Honorable Mention for her work. Their work will hang in the Eva G. Farris Art Gallery until December 14. All are encouraged to stop by to see these and other outstanding you artists from around the area. Congratulations again to those that were selected to show, and thank you for representing Notre Dame's Art Department.



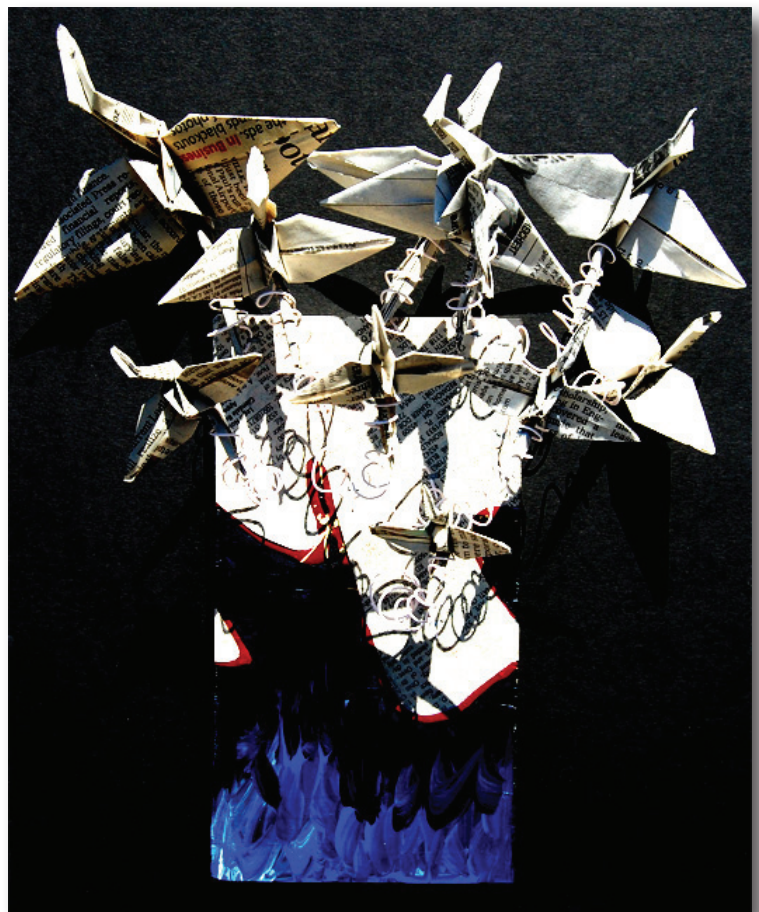
*by Emily Witt*



*by Amy Hansen*



*by Erica Meier*



*by Abby Thomas*

## FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK ◀



Stay up to date with everything that is happening at NDA on our official Notre Dame Academy Facebook page. It is at [Notre Dame Academy, Park Hills, Kentucky](#). There are many listings for Notre Dame Academy on Facebook so look for our NDA seal to make sure you have our official page. You can also check out our NDA Alumnae page at [Panda Pal, Park Hills, Kentucky](#) to find out what's going on with our NDA

## ADULT BEGINNING GROUP PIANO AT NDA'S PIANO LAB ◀

Learn the basics of making music – note reading, chord patterns, and proper technique – in a relaxed, fun, and learning-filled environment.

Course content includes:

- Finger numbers, proper playing posture, keyboard topography
- Note values and rhythm
- Note identification on the staff and reading music
- I-IV-V Chords
- Accidentals



The classes will be held on Tuesdays from 6:00 - 6:50 p.m. beginning January 8 through May 28 (no class on April 2 for Spring Break). The classes will be in the Piano Lab on the ground floor of Notre Dame Academy. The cost is \$265 and includes your book.

Each group is unique and will determine the pace of the class. At the end of the course, we will have an evening of good music, food, friends, and fun. Come join us! For more information contact Nell Schaffer at [schaffern@ndapandas.org](mailto:schaffern@ndapandas.org) or 859.261.4300.

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀



### Cast your vote for St. Augustine School in "Power A Bright Future" Grant Program

Help St. Augustine School win up to \$50,000 by casting votes now through December 19, 2012 at 11:59 p.m. Adults and children 13 and older can visit [www.PowerABrightFuture.com](http://www.PowerABrightFuture.com) to vote once a day. Neighbors, friends and family can also vote for their favorite school on the website or right from their phones via text message (message and data rates may apply).

## REGISTER AS A BONE MARROW DONOR!

**Saturday, Dec. 15th** | **Sunday, Dec. 16th**  
**10:00AM - 6:00PM** | **8:00AM - 1:00PM**

St. Agnes Church - Murphy Hall  
1680 Dixie Highway, Fort Wright, KY

### Find The One Team Asks For Your Help

St. Agnes mom, Sharon Gerdes, was very recently diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome which is a rare, possibly fatal blood disorder. Her best chance to survive is to receive a bone marrow transplant from a matching donor, but she hasn't found that match yet.

This Holiday season, you could be 'The One' person who can save Sharon from Myelodysplastic Syndrome.

Register as a potential bone marrow donor for Sharon and others.

DELETE BLOOD CANCER  DKMS  
DELETEBLOODCANCER.ORG



Registering is just a cheek swab and donors need to be 18 to 55 years old and in good general health. Many people have heard donating is painful, but PLEASE don't be misinformed. Donating is an outpatient procedure with a short recovery time, and stem cells are actually taken from the blood most of the time. For more info, go here: <http://www.deletebloodcancer.org/faq/general-questions.html>. Help fight blood cancers by Getting Swabbed to save Sharon and others. If you cannot make it to the drive, you can register for free online at [www.deletebloodcancer.org](http://www.deletebloodcancer.org) and they will mail you a kit.