



# *The Gavel*

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Photo By Jenna Finke, Caroline McHale, Kylie Scheper; Charity Volleyball Game

# Silverbells Success

Every year, the sophomore class is in charge of planning and organizing the Notre Dame winter dance, also known as Silverbells. It usually takes place in January after Christmas break. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors can attend the dance alone or with a date. This event brings about excitement during the winter season at school.

This year, the sophomore class co-presidents led their peers in preparing countless details for Silverbells. The theme, “Light up the Night”, was chosen by the sophomore class. Students then chose a backdrop for the professional pictures that would be available at the dance. They also took on the challenge of setting up the auditorium and cafeteria by removing tables and chairs and replacing them with beautiful decorations. The theme was perfectly demonstrated through the bright-colored lights as well as the firework projections in the auditorium.

Other preparations included selling tickets, taking song requests, finding people to supply refreshments at the dance, recruiting chaperones, hiring a disc jockey, and much more.



*Mrs. Proudfit and her AP Biology students*



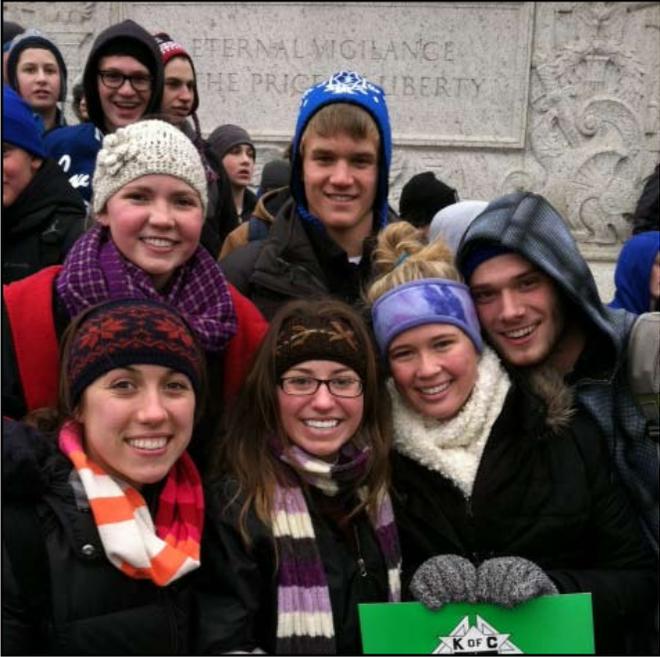
*Emma, Julie, and Ana are enjoying the evening*

Overall, Silverbells was a huge success! The whole night was full of great music, tasty refreshments, nonstop dancing, and loads of fun! Great job sophomores, you really pulled it off!



Photos By: Publications Students

# March for Life



The March for Life

By Nicole Waugaman



On Friday, January 25, many people from all over the country and a few from other parts of the world traveled to Washington D.C. to protest the legalization of abortion in the United States. About 600,000 gathered in peaceful protest to show their disapproval for the law. There were many women there who shared their stories and how they regretted having an abortion. There were also many people with signs showing their opposition to its legality, and their support of life. People chanted, sang and prayed in order to show their support for life and their desire to end abortion. There were also graphic pictures that showed what an abortion looked like. Many will say that the March for Life doesn't do any good, but with the number of people in attendance growing every year, it is clear that our country is moving toward making restrictions on abortion and hopefully it will be put to an end soon.

Photos By: Heather Craig, Rebecca Martin, Tori Thaman

# Welcoming New Students to NDA

## Courtney Blank

**What school did you attend before NDA?** I attended Holy Cross.

**What are some of your hobbies, interest and activities?** I am interested in special effects makeup and art; listening to music and playing with animals.

**Do you have any siblings and if so where do they attend school?** I have a brother who attends Covington Catholic.

**Do you have any pets?** I have two mice and a German shepherd/Shar Pei/Akita mix and she is the best dog in the world. Her name is Winchester.

**What's your favorite thing about NDA so far?** My favorite thing about NDA so far is Dr. Jackson because he is quite funny and interesting.



## Mollie Seibert

**What school did you attend before NDA?** I attended Holy Cross.

**What are some of your hobbies, interest, and activities?** I'm interested in history, English, writing, and reading.

**Do you have any siblings and if so where do they attend school?** I have one sister, Maggie; she is two years younger than me.

**Do you have any pets?** I have a Black Lab dog.

**What's your favorite thing about NDA so far?** My favorite things are the students and the teachers here are very nice and helpful. NDA is also a very organized school.



# Catholic School's Week!

## "Raise The Standards"

**Monday:** Nunday Monday, Sundaes at lunch served by the Sisters of Notre Dame; and Mass with the Bishop.

**Tuesday:** Teacher appreciation day, dress as the career you wish to be and teachers are celebrated with a breakfast and an apple cookie on their desk.

**Wednesday:** Spirit Day, dress in your grade school uniform and charity volleyball game NDA vs. CCH

**Thursday:** Cultural Acceptance Day and dress in red, white and blue.

**Friday:** Decade Day, Skyline for lunch and the talent show!



Above: Freshmen received their Miraculous Medals of Mary from Sister Dolores. Photo By: Barb Benkert



Above: Sophomore Alexandra Deaton takes the stage at the talent show Photo By: Barb Benkert

Left: Parents, teachers, and students enjoy the Charity Volleyball game between NDA and CCH Photo By: Caroline McHale



# *Excerpts from Articles Written by Publications I Students*

## Having an Impact

By Maddie Rose

On January 25, we had a prayer service at the same time as all of the other schools, so we could pray to stop abortion and pray for all of the people on the life march. It was a very nice prayer service and we prayed the rosary. Even though it only took a half an hour and maybe didn't seem very important to some people, I really thought it had an impact and eventually our prayers about abortion will be answered. Abortion is a very serious matter, and we need to do anything we can to make it stop.

## Proved to be a Major Success

By Hope Pauly

NDA and CCH theatre opened their third show on February 1, The USO Showcase, a World War II Tribute. This cabaret style show featured songs, dances, skits and more from the World War II era. Some special guests who appeared are famous icons from the time such as Marilyn Monroe, Bob Hope, and even Mickey and Minnie Mouse. The show was under the leadership of the new theatre director, Ms. Perrino, and theatre manager, Mrs. Stratman. The show proved to be a major success as each night more and more people filled into the seats to watch the students of Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic High school perform this exciting show. There was also a collection for the USO, and WW II memorabilia in the lobby to show our support to our men and women in service and our veterans. Congratulations on an amazing show NDA and CCH!

## Catholic Schools Success

By Emily Ryan

Catholic Schools Week was hands down a success. Everything went smoothly. Monday we had the Bishop in celebration with us at mass. Following that we had a celebration with the Sisters and a small breakfast. At lunch the students received complimentary sundaes. Monday was our most formal day while the rest of the week was catered around the fun activities for the students. We had our annual charity volleyball game against CCH Wednesday night. We won by a landslide and it was so much fun. Friday wrapped up the week with Skyline Chili for lunch and a great talent show put on by our students. This week was definitely a success and to everyone that participated in making it all happen, we thank you!!

## A Hilarious Act

By Heather Craig

Friday, February 1, was NDA's annual talent show. It was a fantastic round of acts with individual performances and groups. Of course Pom team put on a good show, as always, but this year we saw a scene from the play. It was a hilarious act, and the whole crowd was left giggling to themselves even after it was over. Maggie Hehman's presumptuous character was played out perfectly. The talent show was a success and the juniors can't wait until next year to show off what they have been hiding all this time.

# THE BEST OF 2012

## TOP 10 MOVIES:

1. "The Dark Knight Rises"
2. "The Perks of Being a Wallflower"
3. "Looper"
4. "Zero Dark Thirty"
5. "The Avengers"
6. "Skyfall"
7. "The Cabin in the Woods"
8. "Silver Linings Playbook"
9. "The Hobbit"
10. "The Hunger Games"

<http://www.mtv.com/news/articles/1698923/best-movies-2012.jhtml>

## TOP 10 SONGS:

1. "Call Me Maybe" - Carly Rae Jepsen
2. "We Are Young" - Fun.
3. "Somebody That I Used to Know" - Gotye
4. "What Makes You Beautiful" - One Direction
5. "Starships" - Nicki Minaj
6. "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together" - Taylor Swift
7. "Mercy" - Kanye West
8. "Gangnam Style" - Psy
9. "Glad You Came" - the Wanted
10. "Payphone" - Maroon 5

<http://www.mtv.com/news/articles/1698577/best-songs-2012.jhtml>

## TOP 10 RETAILERS:

1. Walmart
2. Kroger
3. Target
4. Walgreen's
5. Costco
6. The Home Depot
7. CVS
8. Lowe's
9. Best Buy
10. Safeway

<http://www.stores.org/2012/Top-100-Retailers#.URPZU46hDHg>

## TOP 10 DESIGNERS:

1. Calvin Klein
2. Donatella Versace
3. Valentino Garavani
4. Giorgio Armani
5. Coco Chanel
6. Ralph Lauren
7. Tom Ford
8. Kate Spade
9. Betsey Johnson
10. Marc Jacobs

<http://www.amodmag.com/top-ten-best-fashion-designers-in-the-world-2012.php>

## TOP 10 MOST BOUGHT DEVICES:

1. iPad
2. Nintendo Wii U
3. iPod Touch
4. iPad Mini
5. iPhone
6. Computer
7. Kinect for Xbox 360
8. Tablet Computer other than iPad
9. Nintendo 3DS/3DS XL
10. Nintendo DS

<http://geeksugar.com>

# PANDA RESOLUTIONS



What is your New Year's resolution?

2013 is the start of a new year, new events, and new pandas. There are so many different resolutions people can make each year, whether it is to be nicer, pray more, or to not make any resolutions at all! We have interviewed some students and asked them what their New Year's resolutions were. Maybe they will inspire you to make one too!

## *The History of New Year's Resolutions*

New Year's resolutions started out in the time of the Romans. At the turn of the year, to celebrate the two-faced god, Janus, people would vow to be better. Once the Romans became Christian, they switched to fasting and prayer as a way to celebrate the new year. Jonathon Edwards, a great American theologian, wrote about all of his New Year's resolutions. He compiled about 70 resolutions in one year and reviewed them each week, and this is how they came to be.

When we interviewed fellow pandas, Junior Ellen Combs said her New Year's resolution was to be more flexible and learn to play the guitar. "I've always thought the guitar would be too hard to play, but this year I'm going to make it happen." Look below to see other students' New Year's resolutions.



Ellie Fathman: do better in school  
Mickie Terry: eat healthier  
Kristen Tabeling: make first honors  
Heather Craig: be nicer  
Mackenzie Sullivan: complain less

# Upcoming Events

- February 9: Swimming & Diving @ Scott High School  
10:00 a.m.
- February 9: Basketball game @NDA vs. Newport Central Catholic  
JV 6:00; Varsity 7:30
- February 12: Basketball game @ Conner  
JV 6:00; Varsity 7:30
- February 12: Mid Quarter
- February 13: Ash Wednesday
- February 14: Valentine's Day
- February 15: Basketball game @NDA vs. Ryle  
JV 6:00; Varsity 7:30
- February 18-23: Basketball Districts To Be Announced



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### Current Events

S A Y A P A Y N F T N Q V B R  
 S R L X S I B Y F X G C L E O  
 B L E A M V O J I K W E O N C  
 L T E H B J L R L Z O U D C D  
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 Z P S T Y G N A I A R G A P A  
 J Y A K R E D J P R N H G O U  
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 V B E G A C R R R F M R J X B  
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 N J X J O D E P T L J P L E E



1. The last name of the reality television star who recently became pregnant
2. Two teams playing in the NCAA National Championship Game on January 7
3. Local football team heading to the playoffs
4. Financial disaster that loomed at the end of 2012
5. A Justin Bieber paparazzi was struck by a vehicle attempting to snap a photo of this
6. This boy band is being sued for attracting a crowd that crushed a concert goer



<http://images.google.com/>

Crossword questions found on google.com