



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings parents!

Yesterday we celebrated an Agape Prayer Service to reflect on our journey of service so far this school year and prepare for the Easter Season of hope. Several of our students gave beautiful and moving testimonials of the service they have provided to our wider community in agencies like Redwood, H.O.N.K. and the Notre Dame Urban Education Center, to name a few. The students' reflections focused not only on the idea of serving others, but mostly on the positive impact that service has had for them personally. Most importantly, they offered stories of hope for all of us.

Our students continue to be successful in and out of the classroom. Congratulations to three of our students who were recognized in the Kentucky competition for the National Peace Essay contest, most notably Senior Hannah Good who is the state winner and will go on to the national level. Also representing NDA at the state level is Senior Mackenzie Scaringi who competed at the FLBA Kentucky conference this week and qualified for first place in Accounting.

Please take note of the important information below regarding the Safe Environment program. This is a Diocesan requirement and it is important for parents to be aware of the awareness program that will be offered to our students at the end of this month.

Our Student Council and Uganda Panda groups are planning a special day for our students and faculty next Friday - the "Walk to Water" Panda Prowl. This event is designed to build awareness about the challenges of limited water supplies - a difficult reality for so many in our world. Our morning will also include a talk by Sr. Rita Goeppinger, former NDA (Park Hills) and NDA (Uganda) Principal. Dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m.

In closing, on behalf of our faculty and staff, may this Easter Season be a source of joy and hope to you and your family.

May you know God's goodness each day

Dr. Laura Koehl



An Easter Prayer

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ, Our Risen Saviour, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide."



TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

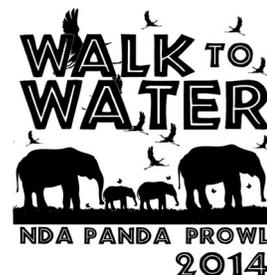
As our seniors look forward to graduation, they are also looking back at the wonderful education they received as students of Notre Dame Academy. There have been many changes in our Technology Department over the past four years. Two of our graduating seniors have written essays as part of NDA's Senior Spotlight Series on "The Evolution of NDA's Technology: Senior Perspectives" which you can find on the website [HERE](#).



STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Panda Prowl

Student Council and the Uganda Pandas groups are seeking parent volunteers for the upcoming Panda Prowl. Scheduled for Friday, April 25, the Panda Prowl will take place between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 am and requires the help of many. Please email Mrs. Witt (wittm@ndapandas.org) if you are interested in volunteering at this event. Please include your name, daughter's name, email and phone number.



2014-2015 Student Council School Officers

Congratulations to the newly elected School Officers for the 2014-2015 school year:

Co-Presidents: Emma Hughes and Hillary Hellmann

Secretary: Cassidy Ryan

Treasurer: Claire Suetholz

Any freshman through junior that is interested in running for Grade Level Co-President must submit their application by Wednesday, April 23. Applications can be found in the school office or [click here](#) to download from the school's website.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING ◀

Dear Parents,

As you may have read in last week's *Messenger*, the Diocese of Covington is committed to increasing child abuse awareness and building safe environments in its schools and parishes. All Notre Dame Academy students will participate in a Diocesan approved child abuse prevention workshop facilitated by trained staff from the Council on Child Abuse of Southern Ohio, Inc. Students will attend the workshop during their religion class on either Monday, April 28 or Tuesday April 29. The workshop will focus on personal safety rules and teach students the potential dangers of child abuse and how to avoid situations that could be unsafe. Information about bullying and Internet safety are also provided.

All students will participate in this program unless Notre Dame Academy receives written notification from a parent or guardian indicating that permission is not granted for his or her daughter to participate. To opt out of the Safe Environment Training, please provide written notification by Thursday, April 24 to the attention of Mrs. Amber Grayson, Assistant Principal. If you have additional questions, please call Eve Pearl (Executive Director) or Rebecca Joy (Program Assistant) at the Council on Child Abuse at (513) 936-8009.

Thank you,
Mrs. Amber Grayson
Assistant Principal

CONGRATULATIONS!

HANNAH GOOD WINS NATIONAL PEACE ESSAY IN KY ◀

A huge congratulations to Hannah Good, who won the National Peace essay in the state of Kentucky. Hannah has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and will go on to compete in the national competition. Students were asked to compose a 1,500 word essay discussing how security sector reform contributes to sustainable peace in countries transitioning from authoritarian to democratic governance. In addition, students Morgan Zumbiel and Hannah Ziegelmeier received honorable mention awards.



MACKENZIE SCARINGI WINS FIRST PLACE IN ACCOUNTING ◀

With more than 2000 students competing in many categories at the Future Business Leaders of America State conference, NDA's Mackenzie Scaringi won 1st Place in Accounting!! She qualifies for the National conference this summer.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

College Fair at Covington Latin

Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.



The 33rd Annual Covington Latin College Fair will be held at Covington Latin School from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Wednesday April 23rd. This is a free event and everyone is welcome! It's a great chance for students and college admission counselor to have more personalized contact as opposed to the larger, national fairs. This is open to students from all grade levels and there is no RSVP needed. For more information, including a list of colleges that will be in attendance, [HERE](#).

Cincinnati Area Spring College Fair

Xavier University - Cintas Center

Monday, May 5, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

All high school students and parents are invited to explore college options with over 100 nationally recognized colleges and universities. There is no charge for students and parents to attend the College Fair. There is no need to RSVP. Parking will be available near and around the Cintas Center. For more information please contact us at 513-745-3301.

You can also read more about this event at Xavier's website (including past colleges that have attended this fair).

Website Link: <http://www.xavier.edu/undergraduate-admission/collegefair/>

"Tips On Making the Most of a College Fair"

To find a short hand-out with tips and advice for making the most of College Fairs, [click here](#)

Link to NDA's College Counseling page on our Website: For all grade levels!

There is a College Counseling page on NDA's website. This page has information about the College Planning Process, Researching Colleges and College Match Tools, Taking the ACT and SAT, Financial Aid, Scholarships, KEES, etc.

Link: <http://www.ndapandas.org/academics/counseling-and-student-services/college-counseling.aspx>

Summer Opportunities

Anyone who is interested in participating in a variety of summer camps and opportunities, please visit our Summer Enrichment page on our NDA website. There are some deadlines that are fast approaching! Some opportunities include a UK Entomology camp, a Transy pre-college experience or an ECU Music Camp. There are research opportunities at Thomas More or Engineering Camps at UofL and Dayton. There are so many to choose from so please take a look! Click below to link: [Summer Enrichment](#)



AFTER PROM ◀

Chaperones Needed For After Prom!

The NDA After Prom Committee has been working very hard to make sure the girls have a great time at After Prom. Now they are looking for some help from parents. In order for the night to go smoothly, and ensure a safe environment, they need to find more chaperones. If you can help, please go to the Volunteer Spot link and volunteer. VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/rqC4XZ>

Thanks For Your Support!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Chipotle fundraiser for After Prom last week. We made \$3,453.45 for After Prom! Chipotle said it was the best fundraiser they have ever had!!

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APPROACHING ◀

Limited need-based scholarships are available to students through the generosity of several benefactors. An application for these Tuition Assistance Scholarships can be found on the website [HERE](#). The deadline for all scholarship applications is **May 1, 2014**.



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES ◀

Art, Music, Theatre, Athletics and More!

Check out all of the amazing opportunities this summer for current and future Pandas [HERE](#).



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH? ◀

Did you know that the lunch menu is on website? You can find it by going to [Quicklinks](#) or directly to the [Cafeteria page](#) (Students>>Policies and Procedures>>Cafeteria).

FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE ◀

Three Great Graduation Gift Ideas!

Commemorative NDA Bricks

Purchase a brick on Notre Dame Academy's Marian Circle to commemorate your daughter's time at NDA! Bricks are specially priced for senior parents at just \$150. To reserve your daughter's brick on the Marian Circle, simply fill out the form found [HERE](#) online and return to the Advancement Office by June 15, 2014. For questions, contact Advancement Director Anna Hehman at 292-1851 or at hehmana@ndapandas.org.



Special Limited Edition NDA Gaither Print

This beautiful print of Notre Dame Academy by local artist Tom Gaither depicts the original location on 5th Street in Covington, the building in its new location on Hilton Drive, and the new addition. The prints are matted and framed, and are a wonderful gift for a graduate of Notre Dame Academy. The cost is \$80.00. Purchase your print by emailing Anna Hehman at hehmana@ndapandas.org or by calling (859) 292-1851.

Alumnae Spirit Wear!

NDA Alumna sweatshirts are now available through the Alumnae Office. Full zip, hooded and quarter-zip sweatshirts are available in navy or gray and long sleeve t-shirts are available in white or navy. You can download an order form [HERE](#). For more information contact Alumnae Coordinator Emily Berling at 859-292-1852 or berlinge@ndapandas.org.



2014 GALA

We are revamping the Autumn Gala! Would you like to be part of planning a new, fun event that benefits NDA? To join the committee, contact NDA Advancement Director Anna Hehman at hehmana@ndapandas.org or 859-292-1851.

► Important Dates

April 17	No School - Easter Break Begins 5:00 - 11:00 p.m. Holy Week Retreat
April 22	School Resumes Earth Day
April 23	Toga Day (Togas over uniforms) sponsored by Latin Club
April 25	Panda Prowl - NDA Walk to Water - Dismissal 11:30 a.m. 8:00 p.m. Prom at Hilton Netherland Cincinnati
April 26	1:00 a.m. After Prom at Five Seasons State History Competition
April 29	Diocesan Track Meet at NDA
April 30	Middle School Track Meet at NDA
May 1	Mass - May Crowning - Ring Ceremony Information Meeting for Parents of Incoming Freshmen
May 9	Choral Concert
May 5-16	AP Exams
May 13	PTO Meeting
May 14	Academic Signing
May 15	Awards Ceremony
May 16	Senior Send-off
May 19-21	Senior Exams
May 22	Baccalaureate Mass
May 23	Senior Awards Breakfast Graduation
May 27-29	Exams
May 30	Cleaning Day

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

