



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Greetings Parents,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying a peaceful summer and staying cool on these hot July days. This mid-summer update is sent to provide you with important information about the start of the school year. The calendar for the 2013-14 school year can be found at our website [HERE](#). Also, please see the important list of dates regarding the beginning of school in the list below.

Fall class schedules are being finalized. Students and parents can view these on Power School starting on **August 6** (for information about accessing Power School, please see <http://www.ndapandas.org/academics/power-school.aspx>). Copies of schedules will also be handed out at the upcoming parent information nights.

The parent information meetings will be held on **August 6** (Junior and Senior parents) and **August 7** (Freshman and Sophomore parents). These meetings will be at 6:30 p.m., last approximately one hour and be held in the theater. The agenda will include information on academics, student life, campus ministry, advising and counseling, instructional technology, PTO and more. Grade level specific information will be included each night. **It is very important that each family is represented at these meetings.** Parents of new students should find additional announcements in the section below.

On **August 12**, NDA is hosting a special presentation for our parents. Please see the information below about Dr. Lisa Hinkelman and the presentation she will offer on important issues for girls and how we can help them find success. I hope you will join me for this informative presentation.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl

▶ Important dates: Opening of School Year

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| August 6 | 6:30 p.m. | Parent Meeting (Junior and Seniors) |
| August 7 | 6:30 p.m. | Parent Meeting (Freshmen and Sophomores) |
| August 12 | 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | New Student Orientation |
| August 12 | 6:30 p.m. | Dr. Lisa Hinkelman; "What's Going on for Girls and How We Can Help Them" |
| August 13-15 | | Teacher In Service |
| August 19 | | First Day of School |
| September 2 | | Labor Day (No School) |
| September 11 | 7:00 p.m. | Mini Night |

Parents of New Students ◀

Please plan to attend the parent meeting on **August 7** at 6:30 p.m. in the theater. This will provide you with important information about the school year and how we will help your daughter in making the transition to NDA. Student schedules will be distributed at this meeting as well as information about accessing Power School (online grading and records) accounts.

An important part of the transition process is New Student Orientation held on **August 12** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The orientation program will include information about the daily schedule, course requirements, opportunities for co-curricular involvement and the use of the iPad. Your daughter will have the opportunity to meet current and new students and start to develop some important relationships.

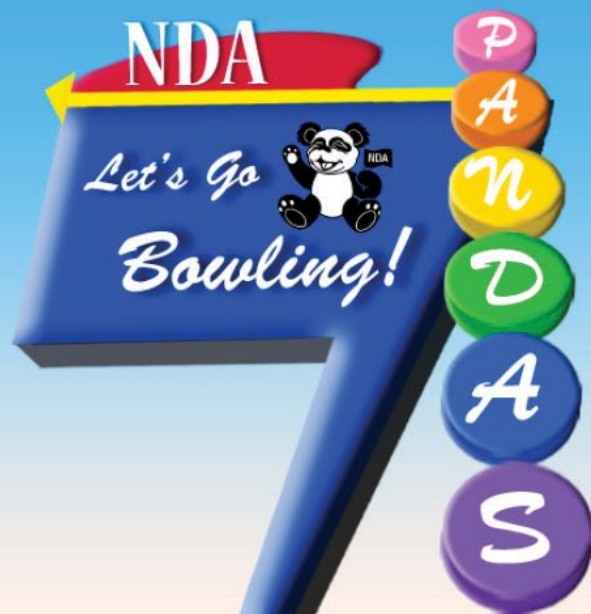
Students will be expected to bring their iPads to the New Student Orientation. At this time our Instructional Technology staff will assist students in setting up their iPads and orient them to the ways in which it will be used in the classroom. Opportunities for additional assistance with the iPads will continue into the school year and this will be explained at the orientation.

Class of 2017 Are you ready to bowl?

All incoming freshman are invited to attend the Panda Newbie Bowling Event on Wednesday, July 24, from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. at Super Bowl, 510 Commonwealth Ave., Erlanger, KY.

If you are interested in attending, please email Mrs. Heiert at heiertl@ndapandas.org.

Students should bring cash to bowl. Each game is \$2.50 per person and shoe rental is \$1.00 per person.



Attention 2013-14 Student Council Members! ◀

The first meeting of the year is scheduled for Thursday, August 1, and your attendance is mandatory. The meeting, held at NDA, begins at 9:00 a.m. and will end at approximately 3:00 p.m. From Freshmen Orientation to the first day of school, we will have plenty to discuss!

“What’s Going on for Girls and How We Can Help Them” ◀

Notre Dame Academy is pleased to announce that on August 12 at 6:30 p.m., we will sponsor a very special presentation for parents. Dr. Lisa Hinkelman founder and Executive Director of the ROX foundation will present “What’s Going on for Girls and How We Can Help Them” – a presentation about the many issues girls and young women face in our modern world. Dr. Hinkelman has done extensive research and written books and articles about girls’ issues. She is the author of “Girls Without Limits: Helping Girls Achieve Healthy Relationships, Academic Success and Interpersonal Strength”. Dr. Hinkelman will share her expertise on ways to make girls successful in their school and personal lives. Dr. Hinkelman is including this presentation as part of her visit to our Diocese that week to speak to our diocesan teachers.

The Diocese has invited Dr. Lisa Hinkelman to present an anti-bullying program to our diocesan teachers on August 13. The NDA faculty will attend this presentation on that day. This professional development opportunity will focus on bullying in schools and ways that educators can work to prevent it. There has been a growing awareness of this issue across our nation and our Catholic schools are not immune to incidents of bullying. This educational opportunity for our teachers is just one component of the anti-bullying efforts in place at NDA as well as other schools in our diocese.