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The Colors of a Successful School Year

Mrs. Colin

As we begin a new year there is always hope in what the year will bring. My wish for you is that you enjoy the people around you, learn from what is presented to you and grow as an individual. For the moment, consider the school colors as colors of a successful school year. The blue is the vastness of the ocean. Like its expanse and depth, keeping yourself open to opportunities presented throughout the year will lead you to grow from your experiences and present you with new possibilities. In doing so, you will be reaching for gold – striving for and doing your best in all that you do academically, athletically, creatively and in service to others. And, all the while, you will lead and live by the “golden rule” - treating others well, with the dignity and respect that you yourself deserve - this is what it means to be wearing blue and gold through and through. We are off to a great start this year – Good luck to you all!

Top 5 Things to Look Forward to This Fall



Apple Picking



New Season!



Football Games



Dances



Heritage Day



DID YOU KNOW?

When you die, your hair still grows for a couple of months.

The most money ever spent on a cow in an auction was \$1.3 billion.

More American workers (18%) call sick on Friday than any other day of the week. Tuesday has the lowest percent of absenteeism (11%).

The sound of E.T walking was made by someone squishing her hands in jelly.

Elephants are the only mammals that can't jump.

Advice for Newbies

Maeve Luken '11 and Nicole Watches '12

Do:

- 1) Go to the Academic Learning Center.
- 2) Get involved and join extracurriculars!
- 3) Be a Key Club Tourguide at an Open House. It is fun, and a good way to give back to NDA.
- 4) Go to Xaverian and BC High dances. Who knows, you might even meet your future prom date.
- 5) Join a sports team. You'll make friends and burn off the calories from all those Otis Spunkmeyer cookies in the dining hall.
- 6) Wear the correct uniform, especially while walking past the administration.
- 7) Go all out for Heritage Day with your outfit!

Don't:

- 1) Go into the senior bathroom.
- 2) Show up late to Mr. Bianchi's class.
- 3) Wait until the last minute to study.
- 4) Use a pencil on Ms. Timmerman's quizzes.
- 5) Buy books from upperclassmen without making sure that your teacher will be using the same edition.
- 6) Wear ugg, even though it's freezing out.
- 7) Try to stick your hand up the vending machine.

An Interview with Ms. Russell

Maggie Powers '12

Recently, I got a chance to sit down with Ms. Russell to discuss all the effort that it takes to put on a drama production at NDA. It took even more than I realized! She gave me fascinating insight on not only how they put on drama productions, but also what the drama program means to Notre Dame.

What makes a good play for NDA?

I think what makes a good play for NDA is what makes a good play in general, great writing, an interesting story, and compelling characters.

Do you have to purchase rights and scripts?

Absolutely, yes. But, in general this isn't a problem. The publishing house we work with is wonderful. The only problem we ever run into is because we live so close to Boston, we denied rights when revivals are coming around.

How do you costume?

Mostly through some very generous donations, but I also love the after Halloween costume sales. It is really important how the clothes look on stage. Something that read well in real life might not read well on stage. We pay very close attention to time period. I give a lot of thought to costumes because I feel that as young actors, costumes help connect you to who you are playing.

How much of the background work is done by students?

Oh 90 percent. We bring in a technical producer that deals with safety, but the girls do everything else.

Where do we go for boys to play certain parts?

I feel every opportunity to perform should be given to the girls, so very often I will have girls play male parts. However, we

bring

boys in for the musicals because it is so hard to sing in a male voice. We have gotten boys from all over: BC High, Hingham High School and Middle School, Hanover High School, Braintree High School, and Pembroke High School. It is mostly word of mouth. Girls come up to me all the time and say I have a friend, cousin, brother ect. who would like to help.

Where did you go to school and do you have any acting experience?

I attended Wheaton College in Norton. I acted all through high school and was involved in the drama program from day one at Wheaton. I majored in theater and dramatic literature and Wheaton was also where I first directed my first large-scale production. I did my post-grad at NYU where I really honed in my interest in directing. I also acted in an off Broadway play while in New York.



Welcome to our New Faculty and Staff!

Mrs. Kathleen Coghlan- Math



Mrs. Kimberly Delaney-Social Studies



Mrs. Michelle Kelley-Campus Ministry



Ms. Kristen Mullin-English

Ms. Marissa Simms-Science



SPORTS

Congratulations to the New Captains for the 2010-2011 School Year!

<p>Fall Cheerleading Emma Hebblewaite Michaela McWain</p>	<p>Basketball Michaela Cataldo</p>	<p>Track & Field Sophie Love Brianna Murphy Kelsey Steeves Maira Welch</p>	<p>Volleyball Michaela Cataldo Meagan Lee Katie Litka Kelcie Sullivan Merrick Sease</p>	<p>Alpine Ski Dylanne Axelson Kaitlynn O' Leary Jess Nevins</p>
<p>Soccer Tori Kenyon Amanda Shanahan Lauren Varela</p>	<p>Gymnastics Colleen Barry Katy Letsche</p>	<p>Golf Alyssa Barrett Aimee Dubois Lauren Flynn</p>	<p>Cross Country Sophie Love Brianna Murphy Kelsey Steeves</p>	<p>Indoor Track Sophie Love Brianna Murphy Kelsey Steeves Maira Welch</p>
<p>Softball Bethany Ramsey Jess Nevins</p>	<p>Swimming Ellen Bartlett Erica Hasson Anna Villani</p>	<p>Winter Cheerleading Emma Hebblewaite Michaela McWain</p>	<p>Tennis Spenser Field Nicole Hayes</p>	<p>Fall Dance Kristina English Colleen McQuaid Mackenzie Shea</p>
<p>Ice Hockey Kelly Coleman Emily LaFond Bethany Ramsey Cathryn Sierevald</p>	<p>Sailing Courtney Collins Brianna Lawless</p>	<p>Field Hockey Jess Nevins Isabel Nuesse</p>	<p>Lacrosse Molly McElgunn Jess Roach Isabel Nuesse</p>	

Oil Spill Update

Allison McIntyre '12

The BP oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico has finally been staunched about six months after a blowout preventer failed to seal. The relief well intersected with the broken well and the leak was permanently plugged. However, twenty-four percent, almost a quarter of the 190,120,550 estimated gallons leaked, is still lurking out there damaging the livelihoods of thousands of citizens, polluting river systems, and disturbing delicate coastal and oceanic ecosystems. The BP oil spill exemplifies that environmental disasters don't just affect nature,

but many aspects of society including our teetering economy. For example, the oil-drilling moratorium instated May 28th lead to the loss of 8,000 to 12,000 jobs altogether—and while that isn't good news, this number is far less the Obama Administration's estimate of 23,247 jobs. Also, the fishing bans beginning May 1st and continuing through August 2nd have caused discomfort to some profit decline among fishermen and seafood restaurants because the Gulf is one of the only two blue fin tuna nurseries in the world. Being environmentally

responsible means protecting jobs and the people behind those jobs: fishermen casting nets in the Gulf, shrimpers unloading at the dock, or oil rig workers like the eleven men killed April 20th when the rig exploded. Caring for our natural world is caring for the citizens in it.



Colliding Cultures!

Samantha Mastrogiacomo '13

A diverse community flourishes at Notre Dame Academy; each of us holding a distinctive story. What ethnicity are you? Well how about your best friend? Or the girl who sits next to you in English? Discovering where we all come from can bring us closer, and we can immerse ourselves into other cultures while sharing our own. It is a known fact that the girls of NDA love food. Whether it's the Otis Spukmeyer cookies during lunch, or the muffins you grab in a study.

What if food could help us uncover these backgrounds and learn more about our fellow classmates? We are going to dive into different recipes from all over the world shared by our very own students at NDA.



**Coming next month:
The German Recipe,
Sausages with
Caramelized Onions
and Horseradish
Sauce!**

Fashion's Night Out

Julianne McShane '13

Department stores and boutiques around the world kept their doors open until well past the usual closing time on September 10th, as hundreds of retailers took part in the successful global celebration known as Fashion's Night Out. The second annual celebration of fashion to kick off New York Fashion Week—organized by *Vogue* Magazine, the Council of Fashion Designers of America, and NYC & Company—took place in 100 cities across the U.S. as well as in 16 countries around the world, as consumers were encouraged to “shop for good” in an effort to boost the economy and revive the fashion industry. From Boston to Brazil, retailers offered special discounts at in-store parties. In New York City, department stores hosted complimentary

makeovers, fashion shows, and fun & games as fashion editors, beauty gurus, and models chatted with shoppers as they supported the evening. At Bergdorf Goodman, designers walked their dogs down a runway for a puppy fashion show, while designers Victoria Beckham and Mary J. Blige displayed their clothing and eyewear lines. Across town, at Barney's department store, shoppers had the opportunity to participate in a dance party, play a round of ping-pong with their favorite designers, or sing in a karaoke contest judged by designers and actors, Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen. Veteran designers such as Donna Karan, Zac Posen, and Victor & Rolf competed in a fashion sketch-off at Saks Fifth Avenue. For the fashion fans who wanted to jet

from Bergdorf's to Bloomingdales in a matter of minutes, complimentary town cars were provided to whisk shoppers wherever they were inspired to splurge. Downtown, Chanel unveiled their new Soho boutique, and celebrated with complimentary manicures. For those wistful fans of fashion who were not able to attend Fashion's Night Out, CBS produced a documentary about the making of the evening, as well as airing a live public fashion show that took place in Lincoln Center. The global shopping party was a great success, offering a fun time to shoppers and boosting sales to retailers. Next year's festivities promise to be just as splurge inspiring and stylishly surprising.

Appreciating the New Additions to NDA

Maddie Gordon '11

By the time each of us graduates from Notre Dame, we will have spent over 4,000 hours inside the hallowed halls of NDA. Given all that time in school, you would think one would know every detail of the school building. However, many people tend to overlook their surroundings due to the demands of the academic workload and the busy schedule of sports and clubs. So, did you notice that NDA has recently had a number of fabulous additions? No

doubt, you noticed the changes to the cafeteria. The light colored tile and wooden columns add color and personality to our eating area. And during study hall, there is no way to forget the new lively orange chairs. Other changes include new exterior windows and blue panels that grace the facade of the school. All these changes were made possible through generous alumni donations. The students here could not be more fortunate. So, next time you are walking to homeroom with your friends (for the millionth time), stop and notice the little things that make our school what it is and see if there is anything new and different to appreciate.

Appalachia Service Project

Photo Credit: Mary Curtis '11



Christine Cares Inc.

Molly Gorman '11

Christine Cares Inc. is a non-profit organization that works to empower women and children in Tanzania and Sri Lanka through education and handicraft industry development. CCI built the St. Judas Thadddeus Catholic Church in April 2009, and will be embarking on a new project this year; constructing the St Nicholas School of Tanzania for elementary-aged children.

After speaking with the inspirational founder of the organization, Christine Lott of Stoughton, I was instantly drawn to the cause. Thus, I got involved in a fundraising effort along with three other NDA students: Sophie Love, Courtney Loftus, and Megan Clark. The fundraising event took place during the New England Patriots season opener vs. the Cincinnati Bengals. Gillette Stadium provides non-profits with the unique opportunity to work concession stands, returning 14.5% of the sales to the participating organization.

If you are interested in working as a volunteer with Christine Cares Inc. at an upcoming Patriots game or event, please come see Molly Gorman in Homeroom 126.



Sophie Love (left) and Courtney Loftus suited up to work the concession stand.

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to you? Submit any
stories or reflections**

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