



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

Today we celebrated our seniors and retiring faculty member Mrs. Nancy Stratman with our traditional NDA Senior Send Off event however, this year's celebration was anything but customary. Rather than gathering our entire NDA community for an afternoon assembly honoring our graduating seniors and Mrs. Stratman, we celebrated with videos shared online. Also, this morning, our seniors were invited to a special drive through campus to pick up a few small gifts including a Class of 2020 t-shirt, a composite photo of their class to hang in their dorm rooms next fall, some sweet treats and a gift certificate to NDA's Longshore Dining Hall for a free lunch at NDA during the 2020-21 school year. (We are going to have to check with Mrs. Brungs to see when she's serving Bucca Chicken because we know that's when those certificates will be used!) More important than the things our seniors picked up this morning were the many cheers, good wishes and shout outs they received from our amazing NDA faculty, staff and administration as they drove through campus.

Our seniors were especially happy to have the opportunity to say good bye to Mrs. Stratman at today's event. We join them in wishing her a healthy and happy retirement. Mrs. Stratman is a consummate educator. Her dedication to her students comes from her love of teaching and her passion for the work she does. The result of her commitment is student success. Mrs. Stratman will be greatly missed at NDA.

While today's Senior Send Off celebration looked very different from years past, the sentiment was the same. The morning was filled with plenty of smiles and I'm sure as our students watched the Senior Send Off videos this afternoon, there were a few tears. We've lost a lot these past 9 weeks due to COVID-19 but there are some things even a global pandemic cannot take away from us - our NDA spirit. Today our Class of 2020 students didn't allow coronavirus to steal this special celebration from them or to stop them from saying goodbye to Mrs. Stratman. They did what our Pandas always do - they persevered and made the best of the situation. These young women have learned so many important life lessons over the last nine weeks, lessons that have taken a lifetime for some of us to learn. They have discovered perspective. They have found out what means the most to them and more importantly, who means the most to them. We will miss the young women of the Class of 2020 - every single one of them. We cannot wait to see the incredible differences these wise young women will make. Lookout world, NDA's Class of 2020 is coming and they are ready to make a difference!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Prayer for our Graduates

Lord, we lift these graduates up to You and ask for Your mighty blessings to rain down.

Show these young women success in life and allow them to be respected and appreciated in all that they do.

Allow them to feel the joys of accomplishments after hard work, but also keep them focused on knowing that You are the reason for all successes in life.

Give them courage, unbending faith, strong values, and a generous heart.

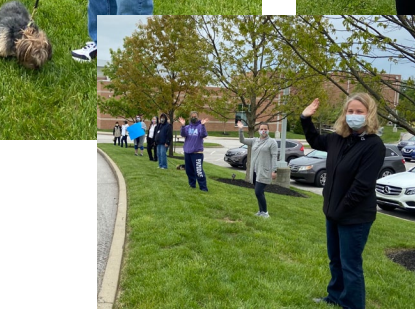
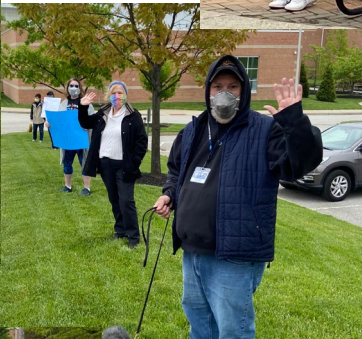
Keep their Catholic foundation a part of all decisions made and bless them with bountiful opportunities.

We ask these things in Your name. Amen.



Shimmeree Shimmerah!

We love our Seniors! Ha! Ha! Ha!



▶ COVID-19 RESOURCE GUIDE

In this time of uncertainty we know many are searching for answers in writings, meditations, podcasts, scripture, etc. Below are some resources for you from our NDA community to help you get through these challenging days.

FROM THE DESK OF DR. LAURA KOEHL ◀

PRESIDENT'S BLOG

This daily blog is a way to stay in touch and share ideas and inspirations with our NDA community as we take on the challenges of COVID-19 and its effect on all of us. You can access Dr. Koehl's blog [HERE](#).



NKY COVID-19 SERVICE GUIDE ◀

These are difficult times for many. Catholic Charities has shared this [Northern Kentucky COVID-19 Service Guide](#) for those needing assistance during this time. If you are experiencing difficulties, you may want to use this information to reach out to one of the service agencies listed in this guide. Also, if you are in need of meals, please know that you can contact your local public school system to obtain meals.

COVID-19 HOTLINES ◀

- [Kentucky](#)
- [OHIO](#)
- [INDIANA](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)

FREE RESOURCES ◀

You can find free resources to support you through the pandemic from Common Sense Media [HERE](#).

NDA COUNSELORS ◀

During Remote Learning, NDA Counselors can support students in these ways:

- Can assist students with academic or emotional concerns
- Can meet with students via Google Meet
- Can be reached through email or by leaving a voice mail on their direct line

How to contact Counselors:

- Send email to: counselors@ndapan-das.org

RELAXATION & MUSIC MEDITATION ◀

[NPR TINY DESK CONCERTS](#)

[MUSIC MEDITATION](#)

CALM ◀

Enjoy this curation of meditations, sleep stories, music and more, all hand-picked to support your mental and emotional wellness through this time. [CLICK HERE](#)



POPE FRANCIS ◀

Daily activities of the Holy Father Pope Francis can be found [HERE](#).

EXCELLENT APPS ◀

You can find excellent relations apps [HERE](#).

DADDY DAUGHTER DUET - THE PRAYER ◀

Listen to this beautiful rendition of "The Prayer" [HERE](#).

PRAY THE ROSARY ◀

Pope Francis asked people to unite in the spirit of prayer on March 19. We continue to ask for our Blessed Mother's intercession and protection during this time of uncertainty by praying the [Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary](#) led by our NDA Campus Minister Bridget Price.

MASS ◀

Although we are very much missing Mass at our parishes these days, you can go to Mass anywhere in the world right now online! A Check out mass-online.org.



THE MAGNIFICAT ◀

The Magnificat is great daily reflection resource. They are offering free access to their daily reflections during this time. Use this link to sign up. <https://us.magnificat.net/free>



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS ◀

Congratulations to the Student Council Homeroom Representatives for the 2020-2021 school year:

Seniors

Catherine Branch
Riley Hemmer
Emma Kennedy
Brooke Murphy
Abby Schaller
Hailey Taylor

Juniors

Paige Donnelly
Reagan Heitker
Jillian Martin
Katie McKeown
Ella Schulte
Addy Woeste

Sophomores

Grace Autry
Aly Cain
Chelsea Collins
Hailey Fullenkamp
Ellie Greenwell
Jada Kramer
Sophia Stacy
Abby Unkraut

UNIFORMS FOR 2020-2021 ◀

Get ready for the next school year and looking to purchase new uniform pieces? Visit Schoolbelles' website at <http://www.schoolbelles.com/myschool/M37/s1935> to purchase. Approved Uniform pieces are listed below as stated in our Student/Parent Handbook:

- a gray uniform skirt or uniform slacks (the skirt or pants must fit properly, be zipped and buttoned, hemmed appropriately and free of stains, rips, and/or holes). Students are required to obtain a new skirt or pants if it no longer zips, has tears, holes, or stains.
- a white or light blue banded Notre Dame Academy polo shirt
- solid white, gray, black or navy blue socks
- appropriate shoes that have a back to them
- name tag/lanyard
- Optional items that may be purchased and worn with the uniform include:
 - a navy blue Notre Dame Academy pullover sweater
 - a navy blue Notre Dame Academy cardigan sweater
 - a navy blue Notre Dame Academy sweatshirt (available for purchase through Schoolbelles and NDA's Bambootique*)
 - a navy blue Notre Dame Academy fleece
 - a navy blue blazer with NDA's emblem for special occasions such as Mass, award ceremonies, etc.
 - gray, black, or navy blue leggings
 - black dress slacks for designated events

*NDA has added another navy blue crewneck sweatshirt to the dress code. These can be purchased directly through the Bambootique.



GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (GAA) CO-PRESIDENTS ◀

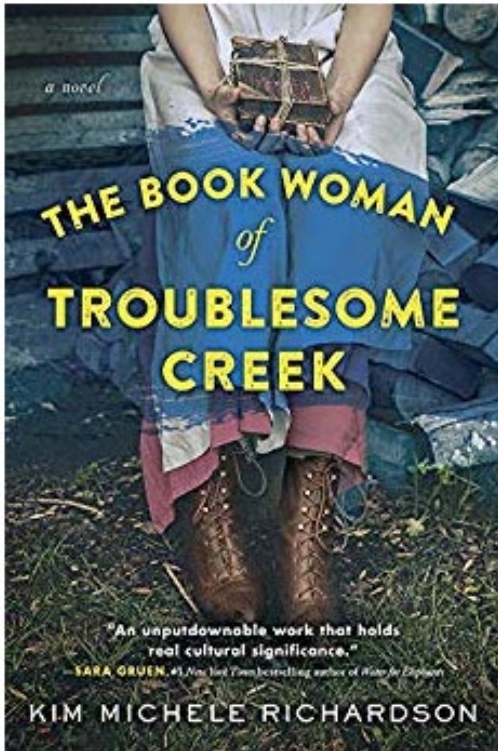
Congratulations to rising Seniors Ava Quigley and Olivia Voelker who will serve as GAA Co-Presidents for the 2020-2021 school year!



NEW WAY TO RECEIVE PANDA PRESS WEEKLY ◀

You may have noticed that in addition to receiving NDA's Panda Press Weekly from nda@ndapandas.org the past two weeks, you have also received a copy of it on Thursday mornings from info@ndapandas.org.

We have had issues with parent emails bouncing from nda@ndapandas.org in the last several months therefore moving forward, NDA will be distributing the Panda Press Weekly via info@ndapandas.org and SwiftReach in an effort to ensure that everyone is receiving it each week.



COMMON READER 20-21 SCHOOL YEAR ◀

Over the summer, NDA's faculty, staff and students will read our annual Common Reader Book. This year's book is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson which focuses on the historical blue people of Kentucky and the fierce and brave Kentucky Packhorse librarians. The book touches on issues of miscegenation, bigotry, poverty, the Depression, Roosevelt's WPA program, domestic abuse and the self-empowerment of women in the early 20th century, and we look forward to celebrating this book and its many themes in the fall!

In addition to the Common Reader information, summer reading assignments are posted on NDA's website [HERE](#).



IMPORTANT LONGSHORE DINING HALL NOTICE ◀

ATTENTION PARENTS: Please check your daughter's account balance and pay any outstanding balances.

SENIOR PARENTS: Please check your daughter's account balance and let Cafeteria Manager Karen Brungs know if you would like a refund or transfer your balance. Thank you! Contact information: Karen Brungs at brungsk@ndapandas.org.



BAMBOOTIQUE SALE! ◀

Looking for a graduation gift for a graduating senior or incoming freshman? You can shop at NDA's online Bambootique for your favorite Panda and receive **20% off all purchases over \$10** through the end of June. You can access the online Bambootique [HERE](#).

CLASS OF 2020 INFORMATION



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS AND SENIOR PARENTS ◀

It was wonderful to see our seniors and Mrs. Stratman today for our Senior Send Off Drive By Celebration. We can't wait to see our seniors in their caps and gowns on graduation day!

- **Senior Send Off** videos were released today at 4:00 p.m. If you haven't already seen them, you can find them here:

*Good Luck Mrs. Stratman: <https://vimeo.com/417618407>

*Student Council Senior Send Off Video: <https://vimeo.com/417708950>

*Publications Senior Send Off Video:

<https://vimeo.com/417778349/076a37ae73>

- **Baccalaureate Mass** - The Mass will be live-streamed from the Cathedral on Monday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. Seniors will receive a links to NDA's Salutatorian's Speech and a special performance by our Honor Choir on Monday so that they can watch those prior to the Baccalaureate Mass.
- **Senior Celebration** - July 17-18, 2020 - Details regarding the events of this weekend will follow at a later date.

For more information/updates regarding graduation activities [CLICK HERE](#).



CLASS OF 2020 ACADEMIC SIGNING ◀

Due to COVID-19 and restrictions in place, Notre Dame Academy is unable to host an academic signing this year but we would still like to celebrate our incredible seniors. Please join us in congratulating our Class of 2020 seniors who are receiving at least half the cost of tuition through scholarships and grants at the institution she plans to attend in the fall!

[2020 Academic Signing Designee List](#)

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH ◀

Congratulations to the 126 members of the Class of 2020 on being selected as our Students of the Month for May!

SENIORS: FINAL TRANSCRIPTS FOR COLLEGES ◀

Seniors: Your "Final Transcripts" will automatically be sent to the college you submitted to Ms. Burgei. This will happen around June 15. You do not need to take any further action. If you change your college decision or have questions about Final Transcripts, email Ms. Burgei.

PLEASE NOTE!
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NDA GRAPHIC DESIGN

THE PANDEMIC PROJECT ◀

Mrs. Benkert recently shared the following projects from the Graphic Design Class. They class was assigned the Pandemic Project in which artist Kadir Nelson challenged students to create something that helped them and others to get to the next moment, the next hour, to the next day, to the next week. They were challenged to create a piece to show where they've been, who they are and how they are going to move forward.

Ali Donnelly

In this project I decided to use my laptop as a background because basically everything we do right now is online.



Ella Padgett

I used a puzzle that my mom and I did together as a background. I then made all the images of fun things we did during quarantine into puzzle pieces.



Ellen Barlage

Throughout my neighborhood, people have been putting stuffed bears and rainbows in the windows as a fun hunt activity for children. Parents can drive their children around and search for the bears as a fun way to get out of the house and bring joy during the quarantine.





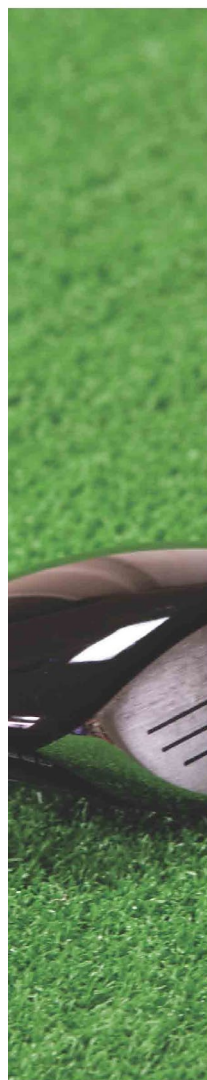
NDA TEACHER “WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE” ◀

NDA’s Ms. Proudfit was recently nominated for the University of Kentucky’s Teachers Who Made a Difference program. Unfortunately, they are not able to hold a ceremony but they were able to share Angela Huston’s nomination letter. Angela wrote, “I want to nominate Ms. Proudfit, who I had the luxury of having for chemistry and AP Bio in high school. She is a teacher who always goes above and beyond for her students! She always made you feel welcome in the class, even when you were confused on the presented material. She would be more than willing to come in early before school or stay after just to ensure you understand what is going on in the class. I have nothing but good things to say about her! She would always find a way to ensure we were keeping our critical thinking skills sharp, as they get you far in life. She would not only teach us the information needed to learn for class, but also valuable life lessons that would allow the transition to the real world a little easier. She was not only a teacher but a mentor and role model to me. She deserves this recognition more than anyone I know! She is the one who sparked my interest in the science field and I can’t thank her enough! Although I struggled in her class sometimes, she continued to encourage me and keep my head up. Thanks to her, I am getting ready to go to grad school to pursue my Masters of Athletic Training! :)”

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

NDA GOLF OUTING ◀

Mark your calendar for the OrthoCincy - Notre Dame Academy 2020 Golf Outing on Friday, July 31, 2020 at Summit Hills Country Club! You can find registration and sponsorship information [HERE](#).



ORTHO CINCY NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

2020 Golf Outing

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020

SUMMIT HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

22nd Annual NDA Golf Outing

All proceeds benefit NDA
Athletics

4 Person Scramble
\$150/player

7:15a Registration

8a Shotgun Start

1p Lunch, Ball Drop,
Auction Baskets

Register at www.ndapandas.org



FROM THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME ◀

Dear Friends,

Before sharing an update about our annual festival, I want to let you know that we are praying daily for the health and [intentions](#) of our partners in mission.

Our face-to-face interactions are limited, but your presence is felt in our hearts. We are grateful for all of the outreach and offers of help we've received since the COVID-19 outbreak began. Thank you from all of us at the Sisters of Notre Dame.

I hope you will read on for a first-of-its-kind announcement regarding our Fourth of July Festival. Please do not hesitate to contact us (info at bottom) with questions and ideas.

With gratitude,

Sister Mary Ethel Parrott, SND
Provincial

FESTIVAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Fourth of July Festival has been held annually since 1922.

It is a day we celebrate with our friends and families while supporting SND ministries near and far.

➤➤ Due to the worldwide COVID-19 outbreak, we have made the decision not to host an in-person Festival on July 4, 2020. ◀◀

We will, however, carry on with the following initiatives:

- Grand Raffle (online sales only)
- Sponsorship and Donations
- Online Auction

You can bid from anywhere this year. The online auction will open a week before July 4.

- Facebook Live Updates

Proceeds benefit local and global SND ministries and our retired sisters.
We hope you will be a part of reaching our fundraising goal! (\$105,000)

As Sisters of Notre Dame, we strive to always look to the signs of the times and respond in a way that is relevant and to the benefit of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

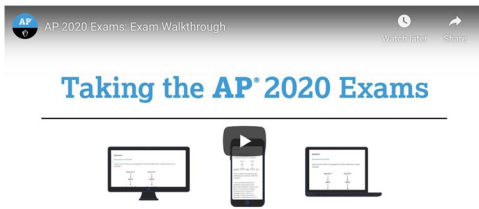
Thank you for your understanding and, we hope, your partnership in making the modified 2020 4th of July Festival a great success!

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COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



AP EXAMS ◀

AP® Exams began this week. Please review these important [AP Exam Updates](#) from Ms. Burgei.



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

- May Resources for Parents: [HERE](#)
- NDA [Parent Toolbox](#)



1N5 YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH INNOVATION CHALLENGE ◀

1N5's Youth Mental Health Innovation Challenge is a two-day workshop (August 8 & 9) where students from across the area come together and brainstorm solutions to various mental health challenge prompts. Students then pitch their ideas to a panel of expert judges. The top five teams that win receive grant funding to turn their ideas into a reality! To learn more and apply, [please click here](#). Applications are due July 10, 2020. Questions? Email erin_horn@1n5.org



► Important dates

April 20 - May 15

Remote Learning @ NDA will follow a "D" schedule beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:01 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Every Wednesday will be a Panda Prime Time (PPT) day

May 13

Senior Send Off! (virtual)

May 15

Last day of 2019-20 school year

May 18

Baccalaureate Mass live streamed

May 22

Graduation (virtual)